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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHIRE OF MULLEWA HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2006.**0306.01 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENTS OF VISITORS**

1:05pm The President declared the meeting open.

0306.02 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**PRESENT:**

Councillor A J Messina – President	(West Ward)	
Councillor B I N Thomas – Deputy President	(East Ward)	
Councillor G M Steele	(South Ward)	
Councillor J L Freeman	(Central Ward)	
Councillor M D Tierney	(Central Ward)	
Councillor M Kerkmans	(East Ward)	
Councillor L A Panting	(Central Ward)	
Councillor L J Wainwright	(Central Ward)	
Councillor N D Johnstone	(South Ward)	arrived 1:10pm.

OFFICERS:

Ms N J Holmes – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES:

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

VISITORS

Mullewa District High School
Teacher: Sharon Cussons
Students: Raymond Papertalk, Kiarni Maher

0306.03 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The visitors thanked Council for the opportunity to address them.

The students requested that thanks be directed to Christine Collard for opening the Youth Centre and requested an update on the position of the Youth Development Officer. The Deputy CEO advised that the process of recruitment of an officer would commence in the near future. The students enquired if the Youth Officer was in a position to organise trips out to Waterfall and cinema's in Geraldton. They were advised that there were processes in place to be followed to organise such outings.

The visitors thanked the Council for listening to their requests.
1:10pm The visitors left the meeting.

0306.04 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**COUNCIL DECISION: Item 0206.08 – Delapidated Houses**

The President recounted a meeting that had taken place on 14 March 2006 between himself and Duncan Armstrong of Altorfer & Stowe. The President advised that Mr Armstrong had promised that progress to the next stage would be made in the next two weeks.

0306.05 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FOR THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: *B I N Thomas* **Seconded:** *J L Freeman*

COUNCIL DECISION: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 15 February 2006, as printed be confirmed.

CARRIED 9/0

0306.06 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

1.45pm Cr Steele left the meeting

Moved: *B I N Thomas* **Seconded:** *M Kerkmans*

COUNCIL DECISION: That

- The report of the Mullewa Telecentre Tourism Committee be received,
- For budget purposes a quote be obtained for the installation of a new air conditioner in the computer room at the Telecentre, and
- The air conditioner vent in the meeting room be relocated to alleviate the problem of noise coming from the air conditioner system.

CARRIED 8/0

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the signs 'Mullewa – A Town of WA's Growing Quarter' be installed on the east and west side of the townsite replacing the townsite salinity signs.**

CARRIED 9/0

0306.12	FINANCIAL & GENERAL PURPOSE
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0306.13	MUNICIPAL SEAL – AFIXING OF
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Moved: *J L Freeman* **Seconded:** *L J Wainwright*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That authority be given to affix the Municipal Seal to the Transfer of Land document 'Application for a New Title' for the purpose of finalising the amalgamation process for part lots 18 Thomas Street, Mullewa, being land containing the Medical Centre**

CARRIED 9/0

0306.14	MULLEWA COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CENTRE – OFFER OF
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Moved: *B I N Thomas* **Seconded:** *J L Freeman*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That Council hold this item in abeyance.**

CARRIED 9/0

0306.15	OFFICER FOR CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS MORAWA – FUNDING AND EMPLOYMENT OF
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Moved: *J L Freeman* **Seconded:** *B I N Thomas*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That**

- **The Shire of Mullewa forms a partnership and agreement with the Shire of Morawa to jointly manage grant funding from the Department of Justice over the next two years, and**
- **The provision be made in the 2006/7 and 2007/8 budget for the purpose of leasing or purchasing and maintaining a suitable vehicle for use by the project officer.**

CARRIED 9/0

0306.16 REGIONAL ARTS PROJECT OFFICER – CONTRIBUTION TO**Moved:** *M D Tierney* **Seconded:** *L A Panting*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the Shire of Mullewa supports the Arts and Cultural Development Council and offers an in-kind contribution consisting of use of the Mullewa Youth Centre for projects relating to the Mid West Creative Arts Program.**

CARRIED 9/0**0306.17** COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN – COMPLETION OF**Moved:** *B I N Thomas* **Seconded:** *J L Freeman*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That**

- **The Compliance Audit Return be adopted as the official return for the Shire of Mullewa for the period 1 January to 31 December 2005 and certified by the Shire President and A/Chief Executive Officer as true and correct, to the best of their knowledge.**

CARRIED 9/0

2.20pm Bob Roden entered the meeting.

0306.18 WORKS, PLANT, PARK & GARDENS**0306.19** WORKS SUPERVISORS REPORT**Moved:** *N D Johnstone* **Seconded:** *L A Panting*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the Works Supervisor report including the Parks and Gardens report and the Plant Mechanic report for the month of March 2006 be received.**

CARRIED 9/0

Cr Thomas - advised that the southern end of Kelly Road requires attention.
 - requested status of outside staff.

The Works Supervisor gave a brief update on road works program.

MEETING ADJOURNED FROM 2.44PM – 3.10PM

0306.20 MEETING RECONVENED**PRESENT:**

Councillor A J Messina – President (West Ward)
Councillor B I N Thomas – Deputy President (East Ward)
Councillor G M Steele (South Ward)
Councillor J L Freeman (Central Ward)
Councillor M D Tierney (Central Ward)
Councillor M Kerkmans (East Ward)
Councillor L A Panting (Central Ward)
Councillor L J Wainwright (Central Ward)
Councillor N D Johnstone (South Ward)

OFFICERS:

Ms N J Holmes – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

0306.21 RATES – WRITING OFF

Moved: J L Freeman **Seconded:** L J Wainwright

COUNCIL DECISION: That the amount of \$30.09 being for Interest, and \$4.05 being for ESL penalty interest be written off.

CARRIED 9/0

0306.22 DAYLIGHTSAVING – FEEDBACK SOUGHT

Moved: M Kerkmans **Seconded:** B I N Thomas

COUNCIL DECISION: That Council opposes the introduction of daylight saving times in Western Australia and advises the Association accordingly.

CARRIED 8/1

0306.23 FINANCE REPORT 28 FEBRUARY 2006

Moved: G M Steele **Seconded:** B I N Thomas

COUNCIL DECISION: That the Finance Report for the period ended 28 February 2006 be received.

CARRIED 9/0

0306.24 MULLEWA COMMUNITY TRUST – ALTERATION TO GUIDELINES

2.30pm Cr Panting left the meeting

2.31pm Cr Panting returned to the meeting

Moved: *J L Freeman* **Seconded:** *B I N Thomas***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That the item be held over until the next Ordinary meeting of Council****CARRIED 9/0****0306.25** RECREATION CENTRE CHARGES – WAIVER OF**Moved:** *L A Panting* **Seconded:** *M Kerkmans***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That Mr Hammersley be provided free usage of the Mullewa Recreation Centre Dining on 1 April 2006 subject to the following:**

- **The venue is left clean and tidy at the conclusion of hire.**
- **The Council is indemnified for any accident or injury arising from this undertaking, and**
- **The contribution of the Council to this undertaking is promoted.**

CARRIED 9/0**0306.26** STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – FEBRUARY 2006**Moved:** *J L Freeman* **Seconded:** *N D Johnstone***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That the Statement of Financial Activity for the month of February 2006 be received.****CARRIED 9/0****0306.27** DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**Moved:** *N D Johnstone* **Seconded:** *B I N Thomas***COUNCIL DECISION:** **That**

- **The Deputy Chief Executive Officer's report for the month of March 2006 be received.**
- **A letter be forwarded to Christian Bros Agricultural School recommending that they investigate having a dedicated water source for fire fighting purposes.**

the views of the Mullewa Shire Council with the media and other third parties as appropriate.

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| 9 | 9909.08 | Authority to approve the installation of satellite dishes in accordance with the policy. |
| 10 | 9910.24 | Authority to make payments from the Municipal, Trust and Reserve Accounts. |
| 11 | 9910.24 | Authority to donate Council's resources on small community works. |
| 12 | 9910.24 | Authority to approve consumption of liquor at Council facilities. |
| 13 | 9910.24 | Authority to implement expenditure in accordance with the budget and other matters. |
| 14 | 9910.24 | Authority to issue building stop work orders. |
| 24 | 0010.23 | Authority to make payments from the Municipal Fund or the Trust Fund Bank accounts up to \$20,000.000. |
| 29 | 0202.45 | Authority to affix Municipal Seal and enter contracts on behalf of the Municipality. |
| 34 | 0112.28 | Authority to allocate tenancy of the single persons units in Burges Street in accordance with CHA conditions and at such rental to provide maximum benefit to Council. |
| 36 | 0802.38 | The CEO is authorised to issue permits to take flora from lands under the care and control of the Mullewa Shire Council. |

CARRIED 9/0

0306.33	PAYMENT – DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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Moved: *J L Freeman*

Seconded: *M Kerkmans*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That a once only payment of \$5,000 be paid to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer in lieu of higher duties carried out in the absence of a Chief Executive Officer**

CARRIED 9/0

0306.34	HOUSING AND PROPERTY INSPECTION
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The President advised that a housing and property inspection would take place on 27 March 2006.

0306.35 **TABLED CORRESPONDENCE**

Moved: *B I N Thomas*

Seconded: *M D Tierney*

COUNCIL DECISION: **That the tabled correspondence for the month of February 2006 be received.**

CARRIED 9/0

0306.36 **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Queries were made on the progress of:

- Rural Street Addressing
- Shire maps

0306.37 **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The President closed the meeting at 4.28pm

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting on 19 April 2006

Signed:

A J Messina, President

Date: 19 April 2006