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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHIRE OF MULLEWA HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 18 April 2007.****0407.01 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENTS OF VISITORS**

1:15pm The President declared the meeting open.

**0407.02 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 J Wainwright	(Central Ward) [2:26pm]

**OFFICERS:**

Mr T Hartman - Chief Executive Officer  
Ms N J Holmes – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**APOLOGIES:**

Nil

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Councillor N D Johnstone (South Ward)

**VISITORS**

Nil

**0407.03 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil

**0407.04 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

**0407.05 APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**0407.06 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Moved:** *J L Freeman*                      **Seconded:** *G M Steele*

**COUNCIL DECISION:**                      **THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21 MARCH 2007, AS PRINTED BE CONFIRMED.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

**Moved:** *J L Freeman*                      **Seconded:** *G M Steele*

**COUNCIL DECISION:**                      **THAT THE CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21 MARCH 2007, AS DETAILED BELOW BE MADE.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

The Minutes of the March 2007 meeting of Council require a correction to the following resolution.

**5. PERFORMANCE REVIEW ON CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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

**COUNCIL DECISION:**                      **THAT A COMMITTEE BE FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CEO. THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED IS TO CONSIST OF PRESIDENT, DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND CR STEELE.**

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0**

The resolution should read:

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

**COUNCIL DECISION:**                      **THAT A PANEL BE FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CEO. THE PANEL MEMBERS APPOINTED IS TO CONSIST OF PRESIDENT, DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND CR STEELE.**

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0**

**0407.07 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

Nil

**0407.08 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS**

Nil

**0407.09 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES / MEMBERS****Minutes of the Mullewa Community Trust Committee meeting held in the Mullewa Shire Council Committee Room on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007 commencing at 09.04am****PRESENT**

Councillor AJ Messina	Presiding Member
Mr Rob Mencil	Committee Member
Ms Noelene Holmes	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr Tom Hartman	Chief Executive Officer

**APOLOGIES**

Mr Stuart Potts	Committee Member
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**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved:** Mr Rob Mencil    **Seconded:** Mr Nino Messina

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Mullewa Community Trust Committee held 16<sup>th</sup> March 2007 be confirmed

**CARRIED 2/0**

**DISTRIBUTION OF MULLEWA COMMUNITY TRUST FUNDS**

The Presiding Member advised the Committee that council had resolved that the distribution of funds as listed by returned to the Committee for reconsideration of projects 2 and 14, as it was the opinion of the Council that the guidelines were not adhered to.

**Moved:** Mr Rob Mencil    **Seconded:** Mr Nino Messina

That the allocation of funds as detailed in the spreadsheet at Appendix 1 be re-presented to Council for their endorsement with the following considerations;

Project No. 2 Mullewa District High School P&C: was reconsidered by the Committee and it was in the opinion of the Committee that the project met the guidelines as required by the Mullewa Community Trust.

Project No. 14 Tardun Progress Association: was reconsidered by the Committee and it was in the opinion of the Committee that the project met the guidelines as required by the Mullewa Community Trust., subject to the subsequent compliance with the relevant legislation with regards to swimming pools.

Project No. 3 Pindar Progress Association: The allocation of funds be subject to satisfactory vesting arrangements of Lot 27 Pindar Townsite being secured by the Pindar Progress Association.

**CARRIED 2/0**

<u>MEETING CLOSED</u>
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Meeting closed 9.42am

**Moved:** *J L Freeman*                      **Seconded:** *M D Tierney*

**COUNCIL DECISION:**                      **THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MULLEWA COMMUNITY TRUST BE RECEIVED AND THAT THE 2007 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS AS PRESENTED BE ENDORSED WITH THE VARIOUS CONSIDERATIONS IMPOSED ON THE TARDUN AND PINDAR PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.**

**CARRIED 4/2**

## MULLEWA COMMUNITY TRUST 2007

PROJECT NUMBER	APPLICANT	PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED FROM MCT	OTHER FUNDING SOURCES	ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY TRUST COMMITTEE
1	MULLEWA TENNIS CLUB	REPLACEMENT OF 3 SYNTHETIC GRASS COURTS	OPTION 1 SPORTS SURFACES 63,404.00 OPTION 2 SYNTHETIC SPORTS SYSTEMS 52,657.00	10,000.00 10,000.00	150.00 1,297.00 1,350.00 450.00 14,410.00 25,000.00 42,657.00	DONATED ACCOMM. VOL. LABOUR SAND & CARTAGE PLANT HIRE DEPT SPORT & REC LOCAL GOVT 10,000.00
2	MULLEWA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P&C	YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM	TRAINING, WORKSHOPS TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED	18,300.00 5,000.00	3,300.00 10,000.00 13,300.00	STUDENT VOL. LABOUR FEDERAL GOVT SMALL GRANTS 5,000.00
3	PINDAR PROGRESS ASSOCIATION	PINDAR PROGRESS ASSOC. MEETING PLACE	HILINE SHEDS ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR LABOUR & MATERIALS	7,051.00 3,421.00 2,972.00 13,444.00	2,500.00 944.00 3,444.00	VOL. LABOUR DONATED MATERIALS 10,000.00
4	AUSTRALIAN AFRICAN CHILDRENS AID & SUPPORT ASSOC INC.	AFRICAN AIDE	REQUESTING TRUST TO MATCH RAISED FUNDS	2,000.00 2,000.00	250.00 250.00 500.00	A.A.C.A.S.A. VOL. LABOUR OLMC SCHOOL -
5	MULLEWA ARTS & CRAFTS	MULLEWA PROFESSIONAL QUILTING	QUILTING MACHINE & FRAME QUILTING WORKSHOP TRAVEL COSTS WORKSHOP ASSISTANT ADVERTISING CONSUMABLES	3,254.00 720.00 220.00 320.00 32.00 60.00 4,606.00	1,000.00 1,000.00 320.00 32.00 60.00 412.00	VOL. LABOUR ADVERTISING CONSUMABLES 4,194.00
6	MULLEWA DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY	LAPTOP, RADIOS, WOOD CHOPPING DISPLAY & MISC.	LAPTOP 2 X RADIOS BANNER	1,700.00 150.00 400.00		

## MULLEWA COMMUNITY TRUST 2007

PROJECT NUMBER	APPLICANT	PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT		AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED FROM MCT	OTHER FUNDING SOURCES		ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY TRUST COMMITTEE
			INFORMATION SIGNS	460.00				
			WOOD CHOPPING DISPLAY	4,500.00		200.00	ACCOMMODATION	
			ACCOMMODATION	200.00	7,210.00	200.00		6,600.00
				7,410.00			MULLEWA SPORTS CLUB	
7	MULLEWA SPORTS CLUB	TENNIS HIT UP WALL	ADMIRATION HOMES	11,800.00		1,800.00		
				11,800.00	10,000.00	1,800.00		-
8	MULLEWA GOLF CLUB	GOLF CLUB RAKE	RAKE CONSTRUCTION	1,500.00				
			RADIATOR	500.00				
			FUEL TANK	500.00				
			HYDRAULICS	1,500.00				
			STEEL & SUNDRIES	1,000.00				
				5,000.00	5,000.00		VOL. LABOUR	3,500.00
9	MULLEWA POLOCROSSE CLUB	ABLUTION BLOCK	BUILDING MATERIALS	2,000.00				
			VOL. LABOUR	2,000.00		2,000.00	VOL. LABOUR	
			MULLEWA ENG BUILDING	2,000.00				
			GYPSUM SOIL CONDITIONER	500.00				
				6,500.00	4,500.00	2,000.00		-
10	MULLEWA ARTS DEVELOPMENT	MAD CAMERA CLUB	SLR DIGITAL CAMERA	3,594.00				
			INSTAMATIC DIGITAL CAMERAS	2,496.00				
			LAPTOP HIRE	540.00				
			WORKSHOP TUTORS	4,320.00		4,320.00	VOL. LABOUR	
			VENUE HIRE	720.00		720.00	M.A.D. CONTRIBUTION	
			CAMERA INSURANCE	374.00				
			MARKETING & PROMOTION	120.00		120.00	M.A.D. CONTRIBUTION	
				12,164.00	7,004.00	5,160.00		4,902.00
11	MULLEWA BOWLING CLUB	FURNITURE REPLACEMENT	STACKER CHAIRS	9,091.00				
			TRESTLE TABLES	2,727.30		17,209.45	MULLEWA SPORTS CLUB	
			RECTANGULAR TABLES	2,181.84				
			COFFEE TABLES	218.19				
			VISITORS CHAIRS	4,091.10				
			2 SEATER LOUNGE	1,268.19				
			3 SEATER LOUNGE	1,722.73				

MULLEWA COMMUNITY TRUST 2007

PROJECT NUMBER	APPLICANT	PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED FROM MCT	OTHER FUNDING SOURCES	ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY TRUST COMMITTEE
			BAR STOOLS	5,909.10	17,209.45	5,000.00
				27,209.45		
12	ST JOHN AMBULANCE	AIRCONDITIONING AND FLOOR COVERINGS	AIRCONDITIONER WALL REPAIR FLOOR COVERING	2,637.80 308.00 1,600.00	1,278.00	3,181.00
				4,545.80	1,278.00	
				3,181.81		
13	LIONS CLUB OF MULLEWA	MULLEWA LIONS GIFT	WEST COAST ATHLETICS LANE PAINT TROPHIES SASHES RAFFLE PRIZE SUNDRIES	5,050.00 500.00 120.00 180.00 500.00 200.00	2,500.00	2,855.00
				6,550.00	2,500.00	
				3,800.00		
				2,500.00		
14	TARDUN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION	SHADE SAIL AT CBAS SCHOOL	SHADE SAIL STRUCTURE VOL LABOUR	9,500.00 600.00	600.00	6,700.00
				10,100.00	600.00	
				9,500.00		

TOTAL COST OF PROJECTS: OPTION 1 182,286.25  
 TOTAL COST OF PROJECTS: OPTION 2 193,033.25  
 TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM TRUST: 90,389.81

61,932.00



**0407.10 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE****1. RURAL ACTION MOVEMENT – SURPLUS FUNDS**

DATE OF MEETING:	18 April 2007
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	-
NAME OF APPLICANT:	-
FILE REFERENCE:	-
PREVIOUS MINUTE/S & REFERENCE:	-
DATE AND AUTHOR:	12 April 2007, Tom Hartman, Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Author has no disclosure of interest.
SUMMARY	The defunct Rural Action Movement has forward surplus funds to the Shire to invest into the Community.
BACKGROUND:	The following letter has been received from the past chairman of the defunct Rural Action Movement.
	<p>MR. T. HARTMAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SHIRE OF MULLEWA. W A .</p> <p style="text-align: right;">02/04/2007</p> <p>DEAR SIR,</p> <p>In previous conversations to yourself, I have indicated the availability of surplus funds from the now defunct Rural Action Movement, R A M . Mullewa branch. These funds are to the value of \$3665.38, these funds were raised in the community, so we now invest them back in to the community.</p> <p>In our first conversation I did indicate sporting bodies, instead of the decision resting with myself ,the decision would best rest with the councillors making that decision.</p> <p>A brief history of the R A M is that the movement was formed to help the interest of farmers in the extreme interest period of the early 1990 s &amp; the seemingly bastardry of the banking system, namely Wespac &amp; Commonwealth banks , we were very successful and went on to form the United Farmers Cooperative co. bringing cheaper fertiliser and chemicals to the farming community, putting many millions of dollars back into the communities. this company is now in financial difficulties through bad management.</p> <p>Lindsay Olman, past chairperson of the R A M Mullewa branch. Ponderosa Estate Box 99 Mullewa W A 6630</p>
COMMENT:	Initially Mr Olman indicated that he would prefer to see the funds invested in a sporting body in Mullewa. His letter now indicates that he would prefer that Councillors now make that decision on where the money is spent.
	Some suggestions could be –
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invest the money into the Mullewa Community Trust;</li> <li>▪ Contribute towards the cost of an inflatable for the swimming pool;</li> <li>▪ Community function, similar to the recent “End of a disastrous season” celebration.</li> </ul>
CONSULTATION:	-
STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:	There are no known statutory implications at this time.
POLICY	There are no known policy implications at this time.
IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL	There are no known financial implications at this time.
IMPLICATIONS: STRATEGIC	There are no known strategic implications at this time.
IMPLICATIONS:	
VOTING REQUIREMENT:	Simple majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:** THAT COUNCIL DETERMINE WHERE TO SPEND THE \$3,665.38 RECEIVED FROM THE DEFUNCT RURAL ACTION MOVEMENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

**Moved:** *M D Tierney*                      **Seconded:** *J L Freeman*

**COUNCIL DECISION:** **THAT COUNCIL DETERMINE WHERE TO SPEND THE \$3,665.38 RECEIVED FROM THE DEFUNCT RURAL ACTION MOVEMENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

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

**COUNCIL DECISION:** **THAT THE FUNDS BE LEFT IN COUNCIL'S FUND UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A PURPOSE HAS BEEN DETERMINED.**

**CARRIED 4/2**

<b>2. NORTH EASTERN FARMING FUTURES</b>
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DATE OF MEETING: 18 April 2007  
 LOCATION/ADDRESS: -  
 NAME OF APPLICANT: -  
 FILE REFERENCE: -  
 PREVIOUS MINUTE/S & REFERENCE: -  
 DATE AND AUTHOR: 12 April 2007, Tom Hartman, Chief Executive Officer

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: OF Author has no disclosure of interest.  
 SUMMARY

The North Eastern Farming Futures (NEFF) is a newly formed regional farming network making up the areas of Morawa, Perenjori, Mullewa and Chapman Valley (Yuna). The establishment committee of NEFF are seeking seed capital and an annual financial contribution from each of the respective four Shires to assist in the commencement and ongoing operations of the organisation now and into the future.

BACKGROUND: The following letter has been received from the North Eastern Farming Futures Group Inc.

North East Farming Futures Group Inc  
 P O Box 41,  
 Mullewa WA 6630  
 Ph (08) 99615297 fax (08) 99615298

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ACTION	

6th April 07

The Executive Officer  
 Shire of Mullewa

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of the North East Farming Futures Group (NEFF) to request the support of the Mullewa Shire for our group. The Aims and Objectives of the NEFF Group are to support farmers and Farming groups to:

1. Foster understanding of the importance of development and adding value to ensure a sustainable agricultural industry across the North Eastern agricultural area.
2. Establish a network of producers who provide support to each other as they develop and value add.
3. Support the development of business cases for new farming options.
4. Support research and education programs that increase capacity for development and adding value.
5. Create and maintain links across industry sectors, with current organisations and with all levels of government to maximise benefits to members of the group.
6. Support the development of co-operative ventures where the creation of critical mass may be required.

Currently we are progressing toward incorporation and are also applying for funding to employ an Executive Officer and carry out our broad range of activities outlined above. We are confident that the NEFF Group will be of great benefit to the whole of the North Eastern Agricultural area, and will help us to survive and also prosper during low rainfall seasons similar to 2006.

We are asking each of the Shires in our area (Chapman Valley, Mullewa, Morawa and Perenjori) to each contribute \$10,000.00 before the end of this financial year to help us begin our essential work. After that we would greatly appreciate an annual contribution from each of the Shires of \$5000.00 each. We are optimistic that soon other sources of funding will also be forthcoming; however it is essential that we source funds now to begin our work.

We believe passionately in a bright future for the North East Agricultural region, and would greatly appreciate your support.

We thank-you in advance for considering our request and we look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

  
 Kylie Rowe ( Treasurer North East Farming Futures Group)

NEFF was formed following the completion of project specific work identified and carried out through the Agricultural Development Partnership (ADP). The ADP in itself was a joint Australian / State Government funded initiative established to investigate options for agricultural diversification within the north eastern agricultural area. The original ADP project produced only limited success with Morawa lead projects such as the Seaweed Feasibility and Morawa Education Alliance Strategic Plan the main contributors and benefactors.

The remaining funds held in balance following the completion of ADP studies was approved to be allocated towards a feasibility study into the possibility of establishing a 'grass routes' farming alliance made up of the farmers located in the four above mentioned Shires. The study itself was undertaken by Mr Cameron Weeks of Planfarm (formerly Executive Officer of the Mingenew Irwin Group). The study confirmed that subject to individual farmer take up a regional farming alliance would be feasible and offer significant strategic benefits to the farmers of the region.

COMMENT:

There are ample examples of regional farming alliances proving successful i.e. Mingenew Irwin Group, LIEBE Group, etc. Essentially, these groups are made up of and act on behalf of all the farmers located

in their respective regions. Individually and even collectively on a shire per shire basis, farmers do not have the clout or voice to plan or influence key decision-makers. However, regionally the story is vastly different. The farming areas of Morawa, Perenjori, Mullewa and Chapman Valley (Yuna) all have something very much in common – low rainfall. This underlining climatic difficulty can in fact be turned around into a strategic advantage for the farmers of the region. The size of the NEFF region has the potential to be a large and very influential voice in an array of various departments and Government corridors of power. Given the size of the regional collective, NEFF will also demand serious consideration to corporate sponsorships and similar forms of organisational support.

An extensive amount of preliminary work has already been undertaken by an establishment committee which has culminated in the production of the following information:-

- NEFF Business Plan
- NEFF Constitution
- NEFF Workshop Outcomes Project Plan
- NEFF One Page Marketing Flyer
- Minutes of Management Committee meeting of the ADP

All documents have been attached for Council's information and reference at **APPENDIX A**

An important phase of the proposed NEFF establishment has also commenced with local farmers meeting with and promoting the new concept within the four respective shires.

It is vitally important that farmer ownership to the NEFF concept be taken up. It will not work as a Shire driven strategy. Initial contact held with the various farm improvement groups and farmers individually has been encouraging. Importantly, in approaches with meetings held with the Morawa and Yuna Farm Improvement Groups, the NEFF concept has been promoted as a structure which would compliment the local groups and assist to add value and support to their existing structures and operations.

The establishment committee is currently chaired by Mr Andrew Thomas (Mullewa) with secretarial support from Mrs Kylie Rowe (Mullewa). The establishment committee has also secured support from the Mid West Development Commission (CEO), Department of Agriculture, Shire of Morawa (CEO & EDO) and from individual farmers representing each of the four shires.

CONSULTATION:  
STATUTORY  
ENVIRONMENT:  
POLICY  
IMPLICATIONS:  
FINANCIAL  
IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known statutory implications at this time.

There are no known policy implications at this time.

In accordance with the Business Plan, NEFF is seeking an initial contribution of \$10,000 per Shire with an annual contribution of \$5,000 thereafter. It has been advised that it is essential that in order to keep the momentum going, the initial \$10,000 contribution is found immediately

with the first annual \$5,000 operational assistance contribution being provided during the 2007/08 financial year. This will enable the employment of a part-time Executive Officer to assist with NEFF planning and initial project activities.

Council has \$20,000, withheld from being allocated in the 06/07 budget for Landcare. This funding could be used if Council agree with this application for assistance.

STRATEGIC  
IMPLICATIONS:

NEFF has the potential to be the most important strategic farming initiative taken up by farmers in the region. With the incidence of low rainfall events arguably increasing, it will become increasingly important and indeed essential that a collective approach is given to the challenges and opportunities available to the farmers of the region.

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Absolute majority

OFFICER  
RECOMMENDATION

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:-

1. THE SHIRE OF MULLEWA CONTRIBUTES \$10,000 TO THE NORTH EASTERN FARMING FUTURES AS INITIAL SEED CAPITAL FROM THE CURRENT 2006/07 BUDGET ACCOUNT 2082, LANDCARE ALLOCATION.
2. THE SHIRE OF MULLEWA CONSIDERS CONTRIBUTING \$5,000 PER ANNUM TO THE NORTH EASTERN FARMING FUTURES FROM THE 2007/08 FINANCIAL YEAR AND ONWARDS.

**Moved:**

*B I N Thomas*

**Seconded:**

*G M Steele*

COUNCIL DECISION:

**THE SHIRE OF MULLEWA CONTRIBUTES \$10,000 TO THE NORTH EASTERN FARMING FUTURES AS INITIAL SEED CAPITAL FROM THE CURRENT 2006/07 BUDGET ACCOUNT 2082, LANDCARE ALLOCATION.**

**THE SHIRE OF MULLEWA CONSIDERS CONTRIBUTING \$5,000 PER ANNUM TO THE NORTH EASTERN FARMING FUTURES FROM THE 2007/08 FINANCIAL YEAR AND ONWARDS.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

<b>3. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</b>
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DATE OF MEETING: 18 April 2007

LOCATION/ADDRESS: -

NAME OF APPLICANT: -

FILE REFERENCE: -

PREVIOUS MINUTE/S & REFERENCE: -

DATE AND AUTHOR: Natalie Hope, Senior Admin and Finance Manager

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Author has no disclosure of interest.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this report is to provide details of cheques drawn and direct debit entries made to Council's bank account during the month, to be passed for payment by Council.

BACKGROUND: Clause 11 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations provides that a Local Government shall develop procedures for the authorisation of payments. Clause 12 of the Regulations requires a schedule of cheques drawn to be presented at the next Ordinary Meeting following preparations of the list.

COMMENT: Attached to this report is a list detailing all cheques drawn and direct debits since the last Council meeting.

The summary of the schedule of accounts to be passed for payment totalling \$ 266,945.52 covers the following:

Municipal Account

Cheque No.	9457 - 9488	\$ 86,196.14
Electronic Fund Trans	3209 - 3281	\$ 111,980.91
Payroll & Fees	Various	\$ 68,588.47

Trust Account

Cheque No.	300 - 301	\$ 180.00
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**Total: \$ 266,945.52**

CONSULTATION: Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Local Government Act and Regulations

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: There are no known policy implications at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no known financial implications at this time.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: There are no known strategic implications at this time.

VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT LISTED ON THE SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT.

Municipal Account

Cheque No.	9457 - 9488	\$ 86,196.14
Electronic Fund Trans	3209 - 3281	\$ 111,980.91
Payroll & Fees	Various	\$ 68,588.47

<u>Trust Account</u>		
Cheque No.	300 – 301	\$ 180.00
	Total:	\$ 266,945.52

**Moved:** J L Freeman      **Seconded:** M D Tierney

**COUNCIL DECISION: THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT LISTED ON THE SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT.**

<u>Municipal Account</u>		
Cheque No.	9457 - 9488	\$ 86,196.14
Electronic Fund Trans	3209 - 3281	\$ 111,980.91
Payroll & Fees	Various	\$ 68,588.47

<u>Trust Account</u>		
Cheque No.	300 – 301	\$ 180.00
	Total:	\$ 266,945.52

**CARRIED 6/0**

#### 4. PERFORMANCE REVIEW – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE OF MEETING: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2007

LOCATION/ADDRESS: -

NAME OF APPLICANT: -

FILE REFERENCE:

PREVIOUS MINUTE/S & REFERENCE: March 2007

DATE AND AUTHOR: Noelene Holmes, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: OF Author has no disclosure of interest.

SUMMARY: Report advises of CEO review outcome by Panel

BACKGROUND: A Performance Review Panel was formed at the March 2007 meeting for the purpose of conducting a performance review of the Chief Executive Officer.

COMMENT: The Performance Review Panel met on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007 and their report and associated documents are attached at **APPENDIX B**

CONSULTATION:

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: There are no known statutory implications at this time.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Local Government Act .

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There is allowance in the 2006/07 Budget for salary increase.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: There are no known strategic implications at this time.

VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION** THAT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL THAT THE SALARY OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE INCREASED BY 8% BE ENDORSED AND THAT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CEO BE RECORDED AS SATISFACTORY.

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

**COUNCIL DECISION:** THAT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL THAT THE SALARY OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE INCREASED BY 8% BE ENDORSED AND THAT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CEO BE RECORDED AS SATISFACTORY.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**NOTE:**

The CEO advised that although appreciative of councils offer, he will only accept the CPI and national wage increase as per consideration under clause 12.2.1 of his contract.

5. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – MARCH 2007
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DATE OF MEETING: 18 April 2007

LOCATION/ADDRESS: -

NAME OF APPLICANT: -

FILE REFERENCE: -

PREVIOUS MINUTE/S & REFERENCE: -

DATE AND AUTHOR: 12 April 2007, Noelene Holmes, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Author has no disclosure of interest.

SUMMARY: -

BACKGROUND: Financial Management Regulation 34 requires a Local Government to prepare a "Statement of Financial Activity" reporting on the sources and applications of funds on a monthly basis.

COMMENT: Attached at **APPENDIX C** is the Statement of Financial Activity for March 2007.

CONSULTATION: STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: There are no known statutory implications at this time.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: There are no known policy implications at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no known financial implications at this time.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: There are no known strategic implications at this time.

VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION** THAT THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2007 BE RECEIVED.



**Moved:** G M Steele**Seconded:** B I N Thomas**COUNCIL DECISION: THAT THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2007 BE RECEIVED.****CARRIED 6/0****6. FINANCE REPORT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2007**

DATE OF MEETING: 18 April 2007  
 LOCATION/ADDRESS: -  
 NAME OF APPLICANT: -  
 FILE REFERENCE: -  
 PREVIOUS MINUTE/S & REFERENCE: -  
 DATE AND AUTHOR: 12 April 2007, Natalie Hope, Senior Admin and Finance Manager

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Author has no disclosure of interest.  
 SUMMARY  
 BACKGROUND:  
 COMMENT:

**BANK RECONCILIATION**

The Bank Reconciliation for the month of March 2007 is listed below. The CDA account is a Cash Deposit Account where excess Municipal funds are transferred to obtain maximum interest. This account attracts an interest rate of 5.75%.

ACCOUNT	MUNICIPAL	CDA	TRUST	COMMUNITY TRUST	RESERVE	ROAD RESEAL
<b>BANK STATEMENT BALANCE</b>	62,406.22	1,471,978.00	43,614.86	114,031.25	357,000.00	291,668.42
ADJUSTMENTS	-3,209	0.00	3,209.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADD O/S DEPOSITS	962.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LESS O/S CHEQUES	27,504.75	0.00	921.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>32,655.02</b>	<b>1,471,978.00</b>	<b>45,902.13</b>	<b>114,031.25</b>	<b>357,000.00</b>	<b>291,668.42</b>
<b>CASH BALANCE 01.07.06</b>	932,103.44	911,978.00	104,340.44	112,296.26	357,000.00	283,333.00
<u>ADD</u>						
RECEIPTS YTD	3,230,505.38	1,765,000.00	17,038.72	3,334.99	0.00	8,335.42
RECEIPTS THIS MONTH	310,821.59	240,000.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>LESS</u>						
PAYMENTS TO DATE	2,567,076.25	1,140,000.00	75,427.04	1600.00	0.00	0.00
PAYMENTS THIS MONTH	401,721.11	305,000.00	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>1,504,633.05</b>	<b>1,471,978.00</b>	<b>45,902.12</b>	<b>114,031.25</b>	<b>357,000.00</b>	<b>291,668.42</b>

Note: The CDA funds are included in the Municipal Cash Balance

**STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2007**

CASH ON HAND	200.00
MUNICIPAL FUND	32,655.02
INVESTED MUNICIPAL FUNDS	1,471,978.00

MULLEWA COMMUNITY TRUST	114,031.25
RESERVE FUNDS	357,000.00
ROAD RESEAL FUNDS	291,668.42
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<b>2,267,332.69</b>
THIS IS REPRESENTED BY:	
LEAVE RESERVE	83,000.00
SERVICE GRATUITY RESERVE	12,000.00
BUILDING RESERVE	137,000.00
AERODROME RESERVE	26,000.00
MEDICAL CENTRE RESERVE	67,000.00
EFFLUENT SCHEME RESERVE	32,000.00
MULLEWA COMMUNITY TRUST	114,031.25
ROAD RESEAL FUNDS	291,668.42
WILDFLOWER COUNTRY REGIONAL COUNCIL FUNDS	109,436.37
AVAILABLE FUNDS	1,395,196.65
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>2,267,332.69</b>

## CONSULTATION:

STATUTORY

There are no known statutory implications at this time.

ENVIRONMENT:

POLICY

There are no known policy implications at this time.

IMPLICATIONS:

FINANCIAL

There are no known financial implications at this time.

IMPLICATIONS:

STRATEGIC

There are no known strategic implications at this time.

IMPLICATIONS:

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple majority

OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2007 BE RECEIVED.**Moved:***J L Freeman***Seconded:***B I N Thomas*

COUNCIL DECISION:

**THAT THE FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2007 BE RECEIVED.****CARRIED 6/0****7. FEES & CHARGES – CONSIDERATION FOR DRAFT BUDGET**

DATE OF MEETING: 18 April 2007

LOCATION/ADDRESS: -

NAME OF APPLICANT: -

FILE REFERENCE: -

PREVIOUS MINUTE/S &amp; REFERENCE: -

DATE AND AUTHOR: 11 April 2007, Noelene Holmes, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Author has no disclosure of interest.

INTEREST:

SUMMARY

Report lists Fees &amp; Charges

BACKGROUND:

All minor rates, charges, fees and other payments charged by Council

are to be reassessed by Council in the March/April of each year for inclusion in the next draft budget.

COMMENT: Attached at **APPENDIX D** is the table of fees and charges to be considered. Most fees have been increased minimally to avoid a major increase in future years.

Consideration has been given to the pricing of fees where this service is duplicated within the community.

Plant hire rates have been compared with neighbouring shires' with similar plant.

No increase has been applied to the following fees & charges:

Caravan Park  
Cemetery Fees  
Swimming Pool Fees

CONSULTATION:

STATUTORY There are no known statutory implications at this time.

ENVIRONMENT:

POLICY There are no known policy implications at this time.

IMPLICATIONS:

FINANCIAL There are no known financial implications at this time.

IMPLICATIONS:

STRATEGIC There are no known strategic implications at this time.

IMPLICATIONS:

VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple majority

OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE ATTACHED LIST OF FEES AND CHARGES BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2007/2008 DRAFT BUDGET

**Moved:**

*J L Freeman*

**Seconded:**

*B I N Thomas*

COUNCIL DECISION:

**THAT THE ATTACHED LIST OF FEES AND CHARGES BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2007/2008 DRAFT BUDGET**

**CARRIED 6/0**

2:24pm Bob Roden, Works Supervisor entered the meeting

2:25pm Tom Hartman, Chief Executive Officer left the meeting

Cr Thomas – requested progress on the intersection of Wubin – Morawa, Maley – Waldeck roads. Mr Roden advised that a plan had been presented to, but not approved by Main Roads or Railways. Bob to follow up with MRWA.

2:26pm Tom Hartman, Chief Executive Officer entered the meeting

2:26pm Cr Linda Wainwright entered the meeting

Cr Thomas – reported the dangerous situation on the Morawa Rd (5km from railway line)

2:35pm Bob Roden, Works Supervisor left the meeting

## 8. PROVISION OF LICENSING AND REGISTRATION SERVICE – COLLECTIVE REPRESENTATION

DATE OF MEETING: 18 April 2007

LOCATION/ADDRESS: -

NAME OF APPLICANT: Department for Planning & Infrastructure

FILE REFERENCE: 705

PREVIOUS MINUTE/S & REFERENCE:

DATE AND AUTHOR: Noelene Holmes, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Author has no disclosure of interest.

SUMMARY: Reports requests confirmation of WALGA resolution

BACKGROUND: The Shire of Mullewa provides an On-Line Licensing and Registration Service on behalf of the Dept for Planning & Infrastructure on a commission based reward. This contract expires on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

COMMENT: In August 2006 the WA Local Government Association held its Annual General Meeting where an item on the Agenda was to collectively negotiate on behalf of all licensing Councils with the Department for Planning & Infrastructure.

The agenda item presented to that meeting and the resolution is as follows:

### 4.2 Vehicle Licensing Services (05-001-03-0004/DJT)

Shire of Wongan-Ballidu  
Delegate to move:

#### MOTION

1. That WALGA be requested to seek a copy of the Department for Planning and Infrastructure's (DPI) reviews into regional licensing services and commissions and undertake an independent review of the cost of service provision versus commission income of participating Councils.

#### **IN BRIEF**

- Councils delivering vehicle licensing services on behalf of the State Government have been offered a contract extension of 12 months by the Department for Planning and Infrastructure (DPI).
- Wongan-Ballidu Council is seeking to have WALGA negotiate an MoU with DPI to establish community service obligations and determine appropriate commissions/ revenue for delivering the service.
- WALGA has inputted to the review of regional licensing services but not the commission review.

2. That upon completion of this review, WALGA negotiate an MOU with DPI prior to 30 June 2007 on the basis that:

- a) **the licensing services delivered under the agency arrangements are services of the State Government and not Local Government, and the role that Local Government offers is one of service provision where the State Government's alternatives are otherwise cost prohibitive; and**
- b) **the Department seek to establish and implement accepted benchmark commissions and reimbursements for allowable expenditure such as training, software, hardware and telecommunication costs such that the 'gap' that many Local Governments currently incur in providing licensing services at a loss is reduced or eliminated (the gap being the net cost between income retained and eligible benchmark expenses incurred).**

#### **MEMBER COMMENT**

The Department for Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) has written to this Council and an estimated 100 other Local Governments that provide vehicle licensing services, advising that the contract for the provision of Online Licensing and Registration Services is due to expire on 30 June 2006 and a 12 month contract extension has been offered.

DPI indicates that the extension will allow the Department time to consider the implementation of two reviews that they have undertaken with respect to regional licensing services and also commissions. Council is not privy to the outcomes of these reviews, although comment has been provided on the regional licensing services review.

As far as can be ascertained (certainly what DPI have verbally confirmed), the commissions offered per Council is the same across the board with the exception of a differential increased price offered to approximately eight shires in the 'remote' areas of the state. This in itself gives justification for a recommendation to request WALGA to negotiate on the sector's behalf as a collective.

It is estimated that most Councils throughout the State would make a loss on the vehicle licensing services they perform and only do so because of a Community Service Obligation (CSO) that Councils believe they have to ensure that communities retain local services.

This Council is only providing these licensing services due to the fact that its community desires services that the State Government offers and in the absence of the State providing the service, the Council has agreed to provide an 'agency service'. Businesses and residents of larger towns and, certainly in the metropolitan region, receive such services as a matter of course without ratepayer subsidy.

There are approximately 100 Councils providing licensing services in WA and it is suggested that WALGA could negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding defining that the responsibility of vehicle licensing rests with the State, and that the State has certain obligations such as notification requirements if change is proposed (to services or fees) and to negotiate commissions and revenue positions as a collective, or at least acknowledging greater costs per unit in smaller Councils, rather than Councils potentially 'being picked off one at a time'.

It is proposed that WALGA's assistance be sought in reviewing the DPI commissions and that authorisation be provided to enable WALGA to determine (agree) the CSO obligations (through an MoU) with DPI in respect to the provision of licensing services throughout the State and to collectively bargain on our behalf for greater commissions and revenue, thus minimising the cost of service expectation versus provision gap.

### **SECRETARIAT COMMENT**

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) is understood to be undertaking two reviews that could impact on the vehicle licensing services provided by Councils in many rural communities.

The first review is of the regional licensing services and DPI has sought feedback from all rural Councils and the Association on this review. From the Association's perspective, the following principles were submitted to DPI as part of the review to address holistic Local Government issues:

- Every endeavour should be made to ensure that the licensing service levels currently available to rural communities are maintained.
- If there is a need to enhance licensing services in particular communities that will result in an increased responsibility for the respective Local Governments, these responsibilities should be accompanied by adequate funding.
- If the review identifies a need to modify licensing services in particular communities that are delivered by the respective Local Government, transitional provisions should be put in place to enable Councils to adjust their budgets and human resource requirements within the appropriate timeframes.
- Councils should have input into the appropriate level of licensing services and delivery mechanisms based on the needs of their respective communities.
- Responsibility for driver assessment is not considered an appropriate one for Local Government to undertake, and particularly not without appropriate training and funding support.

Recent feedback from DPI indicates that the regional licensing review recommendations are expected to be completed by the end of July 2006 and subsequently provided to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure. Despite requests to ascertain details of the recommendations, DPI has indicated that they will not be available prior to consideration by the Minister.

The Association has not had any involvement in the review of commissions that are paid to Councils for the provision of vehicle licensing services. While in the past the Association has been requested by some Councils to intervene when problems were encountered, such as during the introduction of the TRELIS system and late payment of commissions, there has not previously been any requests for the Association to negotiate commissions on behalf of all Local Governments that deliver licensing services.

It is envisaged that there are potential benefits to be gained by negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department on behalf of all Councils for the delivery of vehicle licensing services. There are, however, two contingency factors to be taken into consideration – one is the way in which licensing services will be delivered in rural areas

following the completion of the regional licensing service review, and the second is the willingness of DPI to negotiate a collective agreement.

RESOLUTION (Cr Holme / Cr Hood)

1. That WALGA be requested to seek a copy of the Department for Planning and Infrastructure's (DPI) reviews into regional licensing services and commissions and undertake an independent review of the cost of service provision versus commission income of participating Councils.

2. That upon completion of this review, WALGA negotiate an MOU with DPI prior to 30 June 2007 on the basis that:

a) the licensing services delivered under the agency arrangements are services of the State Government and not Local Government, and the role that Local Government offers is one of service provision where the State Government's alternatives are otherwise cost prohibitive; and

b) the Department seek to establish and implement accepted benchmark commissions and reimbursements for allowable expenditure such as training, software, hardware and telecommunication costs such that the 'gap' that many Local Governments currently incur in providing licensing services at a loss is reduced or eliminated (the gap being the net cost between income retained and eligible benchmark expenses incurred).

CARRIED

Over the past few years this Council has expressed concern at the lack of action from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure regarding their partnership with licensing agencies. As the majority of agencies are receiving the same commission base a collective approach seems logical as the outcome would be identical for all agencies.

In order to formally recognise this arrangement The Department are seeking written confirmation that the Shire of Mullewa either agrees or disagrees to the above resolution.

CONSULTATION:

STATUTORY  
ENVIRONMENT:  
POLICY  
IMPLICATIONS:  
FINANCIAL  
IMPLICATIONS:  
STRATEGIC  
IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known statutory implications at this time.

There are no known policy implications at this time.

There are no known financial implications at this time.

There are no known strategic implications at this time.

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple majority

OFFICER  
RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE BE ADVISED THAT THE SHIRE OF MULLEWA AGREES WITH THE RESOLUTION OF WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION.

**Moved:**

*J L Freeman*

**Seconded:**

*M D Tierney*

**COUNCIL DECISION: THAT THE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE BE ADVISED THAT THE SHIRE OF MULLEWA AGREES WITH THE RESOLUTION OF WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION.**  
**CARRIED 7/0**

**9. MULLEWA TELECENTRE & TOURIST INFORMATION – BUDGET SUBMISSION**

DATE OF MEETING: 18 April 2007

LOCATION/ADDRESS:

NAME OF APPLICANT: Mullewa Telecentre & Tourist Information

FILE REFERENCE: 206

PREVIOUS MINUTE/S & REFERENCE: 1204.27

DATE AND AUTHOR: Noelene Holmes, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Author has no disclosure of interest.

SUMMARY: Reports requests consideration for funding in the 07/08 budget

BACKGROUND: In December 2004 Council resolved:

*That the Mullewa Shire Council offer the following support to the Mullewa Telecentre and Mullewa Tourist and Promotion Committees.*

- *Agrees to the relocation of the committee to its premises on the corner of Maitland Road and Jose Street, Mullewa for the purposes of establishment and operation of a joint facility,*
- *Authorises alterations to the premises on the corner of Maitland Road and Jose Street in accordance with appropriate scope of works and as constructed plans,*
- *Agrees to assist in the preparation, and undertake sponsorship of grants for the purpose of assisting with building renovation and establishment,*
- *Agrees to provide free rental and to cover the cost of insurance for the term of occupancy of the premises by the respect of, and any new, body,*
- *Agrees to provide an audit of grant funding as part of the acquittal process, and*
- *Agrees to a salary contribution of up to \$17,000 per annum for a period of two years only with a request that support for non-salaried items be sought from the Mullewa Community Trust.*

COMMENT: Correspondence has been received from the Telecentre requesting that consideration be given to including a contribution of \$10,000 in the forthcoming budget. The funds would be used solely for co-ordinators wages in 2007/2008. The request is attached at **APPENDIX E**

CONSULTATION:

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: There are no known statutory implications at this time.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: There are no known policy implications at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no known financial implications at this time.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: There are no known strategic implications at this time.



VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION THAT THE REQUEST FROM THE MULLEWA TELECENTRE & TOURIST INFORMATION TO SUBSIDISE WAGES TO THE VALUE OF \$10,000 BE CONSIDERED DURING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS.

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

COUNCIL DECISION: **THAT THE REQUEST FROM THE MULLEWA TELECENTRE & TOURIST INFORMATION TO SUBSIDISE WAGES TO THE VALUE OF \$10,000 BE CONSIDERED DURING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

## **0407.11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

<b>1. WANDANOOKA COMMUNITY LAYOUT PLAN - DRAFT</b>
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DATE OF MEETING: 18 April 2007

LOCATION/ADDRESS: -

NAME OF APPLICANT: -

FILE REFERENCE: -

PREVIOUS MINUTE/S & REFERENCE: -

DATE AND AUTHOR: 13 April 2007, Tom Hartman, Chief Executive Officer

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Author has no disclosure of interest.

SUMMARY Report submits a rough draft of the Wandanooka Community Layout Plan and recommends Council familiarise with the process for future comment.

BACKGROUND: In May 2006, GHD consultants conducted some preliminary work for a Community Plan for Wandanooka. At the time a draft was being developed and would be submitted to Council following approval of the community members. The draft has just been received and a copy is attached at **APPENDIX A**. No covering letter was enclosed with the draft which would normally indicate the process to be followed.

COMMENT: There are a number of concerns I have with this document and also the prevailing condition at the site. I raised many issues following a visit to the site last May, in company with a Health Department officer. The poor condition of the houses, waste disposal, general litter and other environmental health issues were some of these concerns. Other matters that have come to my attention relate to the apparent lack of service and maintenance agreements and who is responsible for any action to rectify problems as they arise. These matters, and compliance with the existing lease conditions, would need to be resolved prior to the necessary approvals for any future developments at this location.

At this stage I consider Council peruse the document, discuss, and note any concerns to be raised with those responsible for further developing

the plan.

CONSULTATION: GHD, EHO – Health Department, City of Geraldton

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: There are no known statutory implications at this time.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: There are no known policy implications at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no known financial implications at this time.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: There are no known strategic implications at this time.

VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION **THAT COUNCIL NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE WANDANOOKA COMMUNITY LAYOUT PLAN AND MAKE COMMENT AS NECESSARY FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RELEVANT ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED.**

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

COUNCIL DECISION: **THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE CONTENTS OF THE WANDANOOKA COMMUNITY LAYOUT PLAN AND MAKES THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:**

- 1. LAND TENURE RELATIONSHIPS REQUIRE TO BE FORMALISED AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE LEASE ADDRESSED.**
- 2. THE PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE OBJECTIVES BY THE INCORPORATED BODY NEEDS TO BE ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE.**
- 3. ALTHOUGH THE DRAFT SHIRE OF MULLEWA LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY RECOGNISES THE WANDANOOKA ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME REQUIREMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS BE BROUGHT UP TO AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD REGARDING HOUSING, WASTE DISPOSAL, ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH AND ADHERENCE TO EXISTING MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE AGREEMENTS.**
- 4. PRIOR TO SUGGESTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR SERVICES, IT NEEDS TO BE RECOGNISED THAT THE DRAFT SHIRE OF MULLEWA LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY DISCOURAGES GROWTH OF TOWNS OTHER THAN MULLEWA TO ENSURE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE USE OF COUNCIL RESOURCES**

**CARRIED 7/0**

**0407.12 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING**

Nil

**0407.13 DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Nil

**0407.14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The President closed the meeting at 2:55pm.

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting on 16 May 2007:

Signed:

A J Messina, President

Date: 16 May 2007