

SHIRE OF LEONORA

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING**



LEONORA

Star of the West

**HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
LEONORA ON TUESDAY,
20th DECEMBER, 2005**

SHIRE OF LEONORA

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in Shire Chambers, Leonora on Tuesday 20th December, 2005 commencing at 1.00pm.

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENTS OF VISITORS / FINANCIAL INTEREST DISCLOSURES

- 1.1 Cr Dawes declared the meeting open at 1.05pm and announced visitors at 2.30pm and 3.00pm
- 1.2 Visitors or members of the public in attendance -
At 2.30pm – John and Margaret Hawkins, Australian Citizenship.
At 3.00pm - Mr Lloyd Morley and Mr Alan Shepherdson, Telstra Country Wide.
- 1.3 Financial Interests Disclosure –
Nil

2.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE (previously approved)

2.1 PRESENT

President	GR Dawes
Deputy President	BSD Taylor
Councillors	PJ Craig
	JF Carter
	L Petersen
	TC Demasson
	D Grills
Chief Executive Officer	JG Epis
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	JF Rowe

2.2 APOLOGIES

Cr Kemp and Cr NG Johnson

2.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3.0 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5.0 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6.0 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

moved Cr Petersen **seconded** Cr Taylor that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th November, 2005 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED (7 VOTES TO 0)

8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Cr Dawes advised of the official opening of the swimming pool on the 17th December, 2005 by MLA Mr JM Bowler. Cr Dawes reported that the day was a huge success with a good public attendance.

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (A) WILDLIFE CARERS

SUBMISSION TO: Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 20th December, 2005

AGENDA REFERENCE: 9.1 (A) DEC05

SUBJECT: Wildlife Carers

LOCATION / ADDRESS: Leonora

NAME OF APPLICANT: Peter and Chrissy Mitchell

FILE REFERENCE: State Planning – Leonora Scheme – 5.33

AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT

NAME: James Gregory Epis

OFFICER: Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 13th December, 2005

BACKGROUND

As you are aware, Peter and Chrissy Mitchell volunteer much of their time attending to general maintenance issues within the Gwalia Precinct area.

Their recent purchase of Lot 936 Gwalia St from St Barbara Mines Limited demonstrates their willingness to become permanent residents and long term volunteers within the community.

In recent times Mr and Mrs Mitchell have involved themselves in the rescue and release of native wildlife from their property in Gwalia.

The Department of Conservation and Land Management support and have provided approval to Mr and Mrs Mitchell to act as wildlife carers. St Barbara Mines Ltd have offered to assist by providing material for fences etc. A viewing area is proposed so that tourists have the opportunity of seeing various animals, reptiles and birds.

It is not intended that their proposal is operated as a business however donations will be accepted to assist with animal food and general care and maintenance costs.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The Shire of Leonora Town Planning Scheme would permit such an activity within the Gwalia Historic Precinct Zone under Class “Public Amusement” which means land and buildings used for the amusement or entertainment of the public, with or without charge.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (A) WILDLIFE CARERS

RECOMMENDATION

That permission be granted to Mr and Mrs Mitchell to operate a Rescue and Release of Native Wildlife activity from their property at Gwalia provided any structure including fencing complies with the Precinct's character and environment and that local government approval be obtained before any development commences.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

moved Cr Demasson

seconded Cr Grills

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CARRIED (7 VOTES TO 0)

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.2(A) MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – NOVEMBER, 2005

SUBMISSION TO: Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 20th December, 2005

AGENDA REFERENCE: 9.2(A) DEC05

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Statements –November, 2005

AUTHOR: John Francis Rowe

POSITION: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 12th December, 2005

COMMENT: Monthly Financial Statements submitted for adoption include:

- (a) Financial Position as at 12th December, 2005
- (b) Statement of Financial Activity – 30th November, 2005
- (c) Statement of Financial - Details – 30th November, 2005
- (d) Statement of Financial Position – 30th November, 2005
- (e) Capital Expenditure – 05/06
- (f) Statement of Outstanding Debtors – 30th November, 2005
- (g) Statement of Material Variances – 30th November, 2005

RECOMMENDATION

The Monthly Financial Statements for the month ended 30th November, 2005 consisting of Statement of Financial Activity(2), Statement of Financial Position 30th November, 2005, Capital Expenditure 05/06, Statement of outstanding Debtors and Statement of Material Variances as at 12th December, 2005 showing balances of:-

	\$	
Municipal	\$154,153.80	Credit
Long Service Leave Reserve	\$63,112.53	Credit
Fire Disaster Reserve	\$5,724.11	Credit
Building Reserve	Nil	Credit
Plant Replacement Reserve	Nil	Credit
Community Amenities Reserve	Nil	Credit
Municipal Investment	\$1,009,152.37	Credit

be adopted.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

moved Cr Craig

seconded Cr Grills

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<i>Building Reserve</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Plant Replacement Reserve</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Community Amenities Reserve</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Municipal Investment</i>	<i>\$1,009,152.37</i>	<i>Credit</i>

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CARRIED (7 VOTES TO 0)

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.2 (A) MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – NOVEMBER, 2005

SHIRE OF LEONORA		
FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 12th December, 2005		
		MUNICIPAL
		\$
Balance as at 30 th November, 2005		\$ 212,577.79cr
Receipts to 12 th December,2005		\$21,563.62
Balance		\$ 234,141.41cr
Less Accounts since 30 th November, 2005		\$79,987.61
Balance 12th December, 2005		\$ 154,153.80cr
AMOUNT HELD ON TERM DEPOSIT - NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK		
		\$
A) PLANT REPLACEMENT RESERVE	Nil	CREDIT
B) LONG SERVICE LEAVE	\$63,112.53	CREDIT
C) FIRE DISASTER RESERVE	\$5,774.11	CREDIT
D) BUILDING RESERVE	Nil	CREDIT
E) COMMUNITY AMENITIES RESERVE	Nil	CREDIT
F) MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT	1,009,152.37	CREDIT

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.2 (B) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – NOVEMBER, 2005

SUBMISSION TO: Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 20th December, 2005

AGENDA REFERENCE: 9.2(B) DEC05

SUBJECT: Accounts for Payment

AUTHOR: John Francis Rowe

OFFICER: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 12th December, 2005

COMMENT:

Attached statement consists of Vouchers **475 to 591 plus Direct Bank Transactions** and totalling \$ **474,330.81** attached.

RECOMMENDATION

That accounts as represented by Vouchers **474 to 591 plus Direct Bank Transactions** and totalling \$ **474,330.81** attached be authorised for payment.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

moved Cr Demasson seconded Cr Craig

That accounts as represented by Vouchers 474 to 591 plus Direct Bank Transactions and totalling \$ 474,330.81 attached be authorised for payment.

CARRIED (7 VOTES TO 0)

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS
9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
9.2 (C) ANNUAL REPORT 2005

SUBMISSION TO: Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 20th December, 2005

AGENDA REFERENCE: 9.2(C) DEC05

SUBJECT: Annual Report 2005

AUTHOR: J F Rowe

OFFICER: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 14th December 2005

COMMENT:

In each financial year a local government is to prepare an Annual Report.

The draft Annual Report for the year ended 30th June 2005 is attached for consideration and adoption, and a date for the annual meeting of electors should be set.

BACKGROUND

Section 5.54(1&2) of the Local Government Act states that the Annual Report for a financial year is to be accepted by the Local Government no later than 31st December in that year, or where the auditor's report is not available until after that date, no later than two (2) months after the auditor's report becomes available.

The auditor's report was received on 7th November, 2005.

Section 5.27 of the Local Government Act states that at least fourteen (14) days public notice must be given and the meeting must be held no later than 56 days after Council accepts the Annual Report.

Therefore the earliest this meeting could be held is 4th January, 2006 and it must be held prior to 15th February, 2006, should this report be adopted.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the Annual Report as presented for the year ended 30th June, 2005 be accepted and the General Meeting of Electors be scheduled for Tuesday 17th January, 2006 commencing at 2:00pm in the Council Chambers, Leonora.

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS
9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
9.2 (C) ANNUAL REPORT 2005 (continued)

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

moved Cr Taylor seconded Cr Petersen

That the Annual Report as presented for the year ended 30th June, 2005 be accepted and the General Meeting of Electors be scheduled for Tuesday 17th January, 2006 commencing at 2:00pm in the Council Chambers, Leonora.

CARRIED (7 VOTES TO 0)

The meeting was adjourned for afternoon tea at 1.51pm and resumed at 2.20pm with the attendance identical to that at Item 2.1.

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.3 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

Nil

10.0 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING.

A. ELECTED MEMBERS

Nil

B. OFFICERS

Nil

At 2.30pm Cr Dawes conducted a Naturalisation Ceremony.

At 3.00pm standing orders were suspended to receive visitors Mr Lloyd Morley and Alan Shepherdson from Telstra. The visitors outlined the delivery of Mobile G3 Broadband. Following a question and answer session the visitors departed at 4.05pm.

11.0 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 17th January in the Council Chambers, Leonora commencing at 9.30am.

12.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING

Cr Dawes declared the meeting closed at 4.05pm.