

SHIRE OF LEONORA

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING**



LEONORA

Star of the West

**HELD AT GOLF CLUB, LEINSTER
ON TUESDAY,
15th February, 2005**

SHIRE OF LEONORA

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Golf Club, Leinster on Tuesday 15th February, 2005 commencing at 9.30am.

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

- 1.1 Cr Dawes declared the meeting open at 9.30am and announced visitors at 9.30am, 10.00am and 10.45am as per agenda.

* **At 9.30am** standing orders were suspended to receive visitors in Mr Mark Zepner (Acting General Manager) and Mr Darrell Lynch (Commercial Manager) representing Goldfields Ltd. Cr Dawes invited the visitors to address the meeting. Mr Zepner asked of Council's position in regard to Agnew Townsite regarding things such as water supply responsibility. Power supplies to Agnew Townsite were also being investigated. Goldfields Ltd are interested in developing the historical aspect of Agnew. Council agreed to contact DOLA with intentions of arranging a meeting between interested parties once Goldfields Ltd plans are documented. Cr Dawes thanked the visitors for their information and they left the meeting at 10.10am.

* **At 10.11am** Cr Dawes welcomed Mr Barrie Hancock, Mine Manager, Cosmos Nickel Project – Jubilee Mines NL to meeting. Mr Hancock addressed the meeting on Jubilee's plans for the future and of current operations. Cr Dawes thanked Mr Hancock for his information and he left at 10.35am.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.35am and resumed at 10.50am with attendance identical to that at Item 2.1.

* **At 10.50am** Cr Dawes welcomed Mr Howard Dodderill representing Leinster Nickel Operations. Mr Dodderill presented a slide presentation of his company's developments and mine extensions. Following a question and answer session Cr Dawes thanked Mr Dodderill for his information and he left at 11.05am.

- 1.2 Financial Interests Disclosure –
Nil

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

2.1 PRESENT

President	GR Dawes
Deputy President	
Councillors	G R Kemp T C Demasson L Petersen BSD Taylor JF Carter PJ Craig
Chief Executive Officer	J G Epis
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	J F Rowe

2.2 APOLOGIES

Cr Heather

2.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Johnson

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

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Moved Cr Petersen seconded Cr Kemp that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 15th January, 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 that negotiations with the CEO regarding his contract had commenced.

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (A) CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION

SUBMISSION TO: Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 15th February, 2005

AGENDA REFERENCE: 9.1 (A) FEB05

SUBJECT: Corruption and Crime Commission

LOCATION / ADDRESS: Not Applicable

NAME OF APPLICANT: Not Applicable

FILE REFERENCE: Official Corruption 1.34

AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT

NAME: James Gregory Epis

OFFICER: Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 1st February, 2005.

BACKGROUND

The Corruption and Crime Commission (the CCC) commenced operation on the 1st January, 2004. The general purpose of the CCC is to oversight the reporting and investigation of misconduct in the Western Australian public sector and to reduce the incidence of misconduct and organised crime. The CCC accepts and can investigate allegations of misconduct by Western Australian public officers including police officers and officers employed in local government. The CCC also monitors the reporting and subsequent investigation of misconduct by public sector agencies. It also conducts education programs with public sector authorities and in the community, to increase the awareness of misconduct and how to prevent it.

In simple terms, misconduct occurs when a public officer abuses his or her authority for personal gain or generally acts contrary to the public interest.

It is a requirement, under the Act, that all public sector agencies notify the CCC of suspected misconduct within their agencies. Working together to build a corruption resistant public sector means just that. The CCC is working with both public sector agencies and the general community to reduce the incidence of corruption and continuously improve the integrity of the public sector.

Corruption hurts us all and the CCC is committed to fighting it. This cannot be done without the support, understanding and cooperation of everyone.

The duty to notify the CCC in writing of suspected misconduct is imposed by Section 28 of the Act. This duty is paramount, despite competing obligations under other legislation or other obligations to maintain confidentiality.

A public officer includes:

- a police officer
- a Minister of the Crown
- a Parliamentary Secretary
- a member of either House of Parliament

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (A) CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION (CONTINUED)

- a person authorised under a written law to execute or serve any process of a court or a tribunal
- a public service officer or employee
- a person who holds a permit to do high level security work
- a member, officer or employee of any authority, board, corporation, commission, local government, councils of a local government, council or committee or similar body established under a written law
- any other person holding office under, or employed by, the State of Western Australia, whether for remuneration or not.

A public officer also includes any person in public employment who exercises authority under a written law, whether paid or unpaid. For example, this would include volunteer workers and foster parents.

We live and work in a time of unprecedented accountability with a number of watchdog agencies, the media and Parliament scrutinising the actions of public sector organisations. Ultimately, this accountability is good for organisations. Likewise, properly dealing with misconduct helps create better organisations.

Good reputations that have taken years to build can be destroyed in an instant by misconduct. It can affect the lives of other employees and have a devastating impact on staff morale.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

In accordance with the Corruption and Crime Commission Act 2003.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council Members note the contents of the report and their obligations to notify the Corruption and Crime Commission if they have formed a reasonable suspicion that misconduct may have occurred, or is likely to occur.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority required.

moved Cr Craig

seconded Cr Taylor

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CARRIED (7 VOTES TO 0)

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (B) BROADBAND DEMAND AGGREGATION PROGRAM

SUBMISSION TO: Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 15th February, 2005

AGENDA REFERENCE: 9.1 (B) FEB05

SUBJECT: Broadband Demand Aggregation Program

LOCATION / ADDRESS: Not Applicable

NAME OF APPLICANT: Not Applicable

FILE REFERENCE: Telecommunications 5.44

AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT

NAME: James Gregory Epis

OFFICER: Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 1st February, 2005.

BACKGROUND

The city of Kalgoorlie-Boulder believes that the availability of satellite based information technology is a key to the regions economic growth. The City looks forward to a future when knowledge and information, conveyed through computers and telecommunications networks, will play a major role in the economy of the Goldfields region.

Their "Vision" is to create the underlying infrastructure and develop the new skills required for communities to survive and prosper in a twenty first century knowledge-based economy. By building on the regions historical strengths, it's can-do culture and ability to collaborate with industry, government and commerce, they will establish an environment that secures existing jobs and creates new employment opportunities, while maintaining the traditional values and lifestyle that makes the region unique.

Four years in the making, the first stage of the journey is underway with a \$9 million Australia wide funded project, building an advanced high speed secure network that will connect all the GP's in an area covering one third of the State, designed to bring state of the art healthcare to all the communities across the region.

The second stage, which has already begun, extends the network to industry, business and communities through a funded Demand Aggregation project that will open up the region to affordable secure high speed global communications and the benefits of emerging technologies like low cost phone and video calls.

Many additional projects have been identified that will develop the overall capacity of the region to take advantage of its newfound ability to better manage its own destiny.

Broadband is the common term for a high speed internet connection – one that can transmit or download data many times faster than a standard telephone line. Broadband is capable of carrying multiple voice, video and data channels simultaneously and is "always on", which means there is no need to dial-up every time you want to connect to the internet, saving time and money. Broadband services in regional areas can be delivered in different ways – via satellite, cable, wireless (radio technology), or ADSL.

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 (B) BROADBAND DEMAND AGGREGATION PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

The purpose of Broadband Demand Aggregation is to coordinate demand at a regional level creating a viable business case for rolling out infrastructure to areas that would not otherwise receive broadband services. The level of demand may be sufficient to allow competitive market pricing, but lack of coordination of demand creates sufficient enough risk to commercial suppliers that regional users are not in a position to negotiate with providers on the same terms as a user in a larger market.

Aggregating demand can improve the responsiveness of Broadband supply, investment in infrastructure and competitive pricing to regional users.

Industry and services such as mining, small and medium sized enterprises and government can serve as key anchor tenants for demand aggregation. These anchor tenants support investment in infrastructure by broadband suppliers, therefore, improved connectivity may be achieved for the wider community.

A Broadband Broker who is independent of any telecommunication carrier has been appointed by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder on behalf of the Goldfields-Esperance region to promote broadband use and market the region to potential broadband suppliers.

The Broker, Ms Marlene Atiyeh will work with communities in the Goldfields-Esperance region to establish demand through Demand Aggregation Surveys and use this information to examine options for broadband delivery.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 3.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 states that “the general function of a local government is to provide for the good government of persons in its district”

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Many businesses have recognised the benefits of internet access, but are still using dial-up services which are slow and tie up a telephone line. High-speed Broadband connection allows quick and efficient access to information, goods and services, and customers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council support the Goldfields-Esperance Region Broadband Demand Aggregation Program and assist by spreading the word within business organisations and the community.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority required.

moved Cr Demasson seconded Cr Petersen

That Council support the Goldfields-Esperance Region Broadband Demand Aggregation Program and assist by spreading the word within business organisations and the community.

CARRIED (7 VOTES TO 0)

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.2 (A) MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – JANUARY, 2005

SUBMISSION TO: Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 15th February, 2005

AGENDA REFERENCE: 9.2(A) FEB05

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Statements – January, 2005

AUTHOR: J F Rowe

POSITION: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 4th February, 2005

COMMENT: Monthly Financial Statements submitted for adoption include:

- (a) Financial Position as at 4th February, 2005
- (b) Operating Statement Summary – 31st January, 2005
- (c) Operating Statement - Detail - 31st January, 2005
- (d) Operating Statement - Nature/Type - 31st January, 2005
- (e) Balance Sheet as at - 31st January, 2005
- (f) Statement of Fixed Assets - 31st January, 2005
- (g) Statement of Outstanding Debtors - 31st January, 2005

RECOMMENDATION

The Monthly Financial Statements for the month ended 31st January, 2005 consisting of Operating Statements (3), Balance Sheet, Statement of Fixed Assets, Lists of Outstanding Debtors, and the Financial Position as 4th February, 2005 showing balances of:-

	\$	
Municipal	\$1,209,736.09	Credit
Long Service Leave Reserve	\$60,434.54	Credit
Fire Disaster Reserve	\$4,501.56	Credit
Building Reserve	Nil	Credit
Plant Replacement Reserve	Nil	Credit
Community Amenities Reserve- Swimming Pool	\$916,868.66	Credit
Municipal Investment	Nil	Credit

be adopted.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

moved Cr Demasson seconded Cr Petersen

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	\$	
<i>Municipal</i>	<i>\$1,209,736.09</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Long Service Leave Reserve</i>	<i>\$60,434.54</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Fire Disaster Reserve</i>	<i>\$4,501.56</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<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- Swimming Pool</i>	<i>\$916,868.66</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Municipal Investment</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Credit</i>

be adopted.

CARRIED (7 VOTES TO 0)

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.2 (A) MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – JANUARY, 2005

SHIRE OF LEONORA		
FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 4th February, 2005		
		MUNICIPAL
		\$
Balance as at 31 st January, 2005		\$1,389,773.33
Receipts to 4 th February, 2005		\$ 15,785.30
Balance		\$1,405,558.63
Less Accounts since 31 st January, 2005		\$ 195,822.54
Balance 4th February, 2005		\$1,209,736.09cr
AMOUNT HELD ON TERM DEPOSIT - NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK		
		\$
A) PLANT REPLACEMENT RESERVE	Nil	CREDIT
B) LONG SERVICE LEAVE	\$60,434.54	CREDIT
C) FIRE DISASTER RESERVE	\$4,501.56	CREDIT
D) BUILDING RESERVE	Nil	CREDIT
E) COMMUNITY AMENITIES RESERVE	\$916,868.66	CREDIT
F) MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT	Nil	CREDIT

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.2 (B) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – JANUARY, 2005

SUBMISSION TO: Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: 15th February, 2005

AGENDA REFERENCE: 9.2(B) FEB05

SUBJECT: Accounts for Payment

AUTHOR: J F Rowe

OFFICER: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 4th February, 2005

COMMENT:

Attached statement consists of Vouchers **636 to 708 plus Direct Bank Transactions** and totalling **\$520,786.74** attached.

RECOMMENDATION

That accounts as represented by Vouchers **636 to 708 plus Direct Bank Transactions** and totalling **\$520,786.74** attached be authorised for payment.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

moved Cr Craig seconded Cr Demasson

That accounts as represented by Vouchers 636 to 708 plus Direct Bank Transactions and totalling \$520,786.74 attached be authorised for payment.

CARRIED (7 VOTES TO 0)

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.3 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

Nil

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

A. ELECTED MEMBERS

Nil

B. OFFICERS

Nil

11.0 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting was set for 9.30am on Tuesday 15th March at Council Chambers.
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12.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING

Cr Dawes declared the meeting closed at 11.25am