

# **SHIRE OF LEONORA**

## **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**



# **LEONORA**

*Star of the West*

**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
LEONORA ON TUESDAY,  
18<sup>th</sup> March, 2003**

## SHIRE OF LEONORA

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in Council Chambers, Leonora on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2003 commencing at 9:00am.

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

1.1 Deputy President Cr Johnson declared the meeting open at 9.00am.

1.2 Financial Interest Disclosure - Nil

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

#### 2.1 PRESENT

Deputy President  
Councillors

N.G Johnson  
T C Demasson  
M J Mulcahy  
S J Heather  
T P Hewson  
J F Carter  
P J Craig  
B S D Taylor  
J G Epis  
J F Rowe

Chief Executive Officer  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

#### 2.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

#### 2.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr G.R Dawes

### 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 MEETING

Moved Cr Taylor seconded Cr Hewson that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2003 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

*CARRIED (8 VOTES TO 0)*

Matt Chambers from Kalgoorlie Miner joined the meeting at 9.03am.

### 8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

## **9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

### **9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

#### **9.1(A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT / GEDC COMMUNICATIONS**

**SUBMISSION TO:** Meeting of Council  
Meeting Date: 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2003

**AGENDA REFERENCE:** 9.1 (A) MAR03

**SUBJECT:** Local Government / GEDC Communications

**LOCATION / ADDRESS:** Not Applicable

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Not Applicable

**FILE REFERENCE:** Goldfields Esperance Development Commission 2.13

#### **AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT**

**NAME:** James Gregory Epis

**OFFICER:** Chief Executive Officer

**INTEREST DISCLOSURE:** Nil

**DATE:** 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2003

#### **BACKGROUND**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2002 the Shire of Esperance provided to zone local governments a discussion paper regarding the future of the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission (GEDC). The purpose of their discussion paper was to consider the effectiveness over recent years of the GEDC in providing leadership, advice, advocacy and assistance to the Goldfields-Esperance Region, and to assess whether the GEDC was still meeting community expectations at a local level and whether there was a need to change and how this could best be achieved.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2002, Mrs Kathy Finlayson, Chairperson of the GEDC responded to various issues presented in the discussion paper and advised how disappointed she was with the manner and the process the documented eventuated.

At a meeting of the Esperance-Eastern Goldfields Country Zone of the Western Australian Local Government Association held on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2002 the Shire of Esperance reported that most local governments within the Region had responded to the discussion paper in a constructive manner. Whilst the feeling within Councils had been of a mixed reaction (both positively and negatively) the Shire of Esperance accepted that the proposed models and concepts of a Provincial Structure of the GEDC had not met with unanimous support. The Shire of Leonora did not provide written comment in regards the discussion paper and did not attend the Zone meeting due to prior commitments.

At the Zone meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2002, Councillor Graham Thompson representing the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder outlined a number of factors to be considered in relation to the Esperance Discussion Paper. General discussion was held on a number of issues raised by Cr Thompson in particular matters in relation to the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission and its function within the region. The outcome was that all members agree to the formation of a Task Force to look at issues outlined as per the following recommendations:

- (1) there be greater recognition of the need for better levels of cooperation and communication between local government and the GEDC.
- (2) a task force be formed, consisting of :
  - (I) two elected members from the Zone, one of whom to be from Esperance.
  - (II) two non-local government members from the GEDC Board, to be nominated from the GEDC Board.
  - (III) a CEO from one of the local governments.

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### 9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### 9.1(A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT / GEDC COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

The Task Force to have access to, for information and guidance purposes.

(IV) the CEO of the GEDC

(V) a senior officer from the Minister Griffith's Office.

(3) the Task Force be changed with the responsibility of pro-actively considering:

(I) the value and relevance of the current powers and/or structure of the Commission.

(II) the limitations experienced by the current powers and/or structure including funding, manpower, legislation or other impediments.

(III) the way any current or future functions or powers and/or structure of the Commission can better serve the purposes of government, local government and regional development.

(IV) identify structures, actions or agreements that can be implemented to better serve the needs of state and local government through the GEDC operation.

(V) identify the process that may be required for any proposed legislative changes to facilitate recommendations on operation, budget or other matters.

(VI) the preparation and presentation to the Zone and to the Board of GEDC, a proposal amplifying any such proposed changes, with a view to a joint approach to the Minister to facilitate the changes, where his authority may be required.

(VII) the degree to which the Esperance GEDC office is able to function with greater autonomy in relation to local decision making.

(VIII) investigate means by which contributory funding of the Northern Goldfields Officer in Leonora by local governments can be alleviated on the basis of fairness and equity across the Region.

It was further recommended that Councillors Mickel and Thompson and CEO Fraser represent the Zone on the Working Party if the GEDC Board accepted the abovementioned recommendation.

The GEDC rejected the idea of a Task Force but recommended a sub-committee be formed consisting of the abovementioned persons together with the CEO of the GEDC, Mr Colin Purcell.

Cr Ian Mickel, Zone President, Cr Graham Thompson, Mr Jim Fraser and Mr Colin Purcell met on two occasions in an endeavour to prepare a draft agreement between all parties for consideration of the Zone and the Board of the GEDC.

Appendix 1 is a copy of the proposed draft agreement.

Cr Ian Michel has reinforced the words in the preamble of that draft agreement "The success of the document will be a reflection of the level of goodwill parties are prepared to contribute"

At the Zone meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2003 via teleconference, I expressed concerns in regards the Roles and Responsibilities contained within the agreement, in particular point 1.

Provisions about annual reporting and forward planning are designed to ensure local governments operate in accordance with modern management practices and to provide electors with detailed information on the local governments past and proposed activities.

It is my opinion to consult with "others" outside the local government district in regards proposed activities is a recipe for disaster.

In most cases, Principle Activity Plans are created as a result of local community consultation and resolve around issues that local people consider important.

Some local governments do not share my concerns. It is claimed that advising the GEDC of major projects allows that organisation to offer practical advice and in some instances financial assistance to complete projects.

Other local governments expressed concerns about the balance between regional and local priorities.

In fairness, it is stated in the agreement that local governments be encouraged to consult with the GEDC. It does not state that local governments must consult with the GEDC. I am a firm believer in the latter option however have no objection to Strategic and Principle Activity Plans being provided to the GEDC following adoption by Council.

**9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**9.1(A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT / GEDC COMMUNICATIONS (continued)**

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council resolve to accept the principles of the draft agreement as presented but with the proviso that the Shire of Leonora not necessarily consult with GEDC prior to adoption of Strategic and Principle Activity Plans.

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple majority required.

**Moved Cr Demasson seconded Cr Taylor**

*That Council resolve to accept the principles of the draft agreement as presented but with the proviso that the Shire of Leonora not necessarily consult with GEDC prior to adoption of Strategic and Principle Activity Plans.*

**CARRIED (8 VOTES TO 0)**

## 9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### 9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### 9.2 (A) MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FEBRUARY 2003

<b>SUBMISSION TO:</b>	Meeting of Council Meeting Date: 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2003
<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	9.2(A) MAR 03
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Monthly Financial Statements – FEBRUARY 2003
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	J F Rowe
<b>POSITION:</b>	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
<b>INTEREST DISCLOSURE:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> March, 2003
<b>COMMENT:</b>	Monthly statements submitted for adoption include:  (a) Financial Position as at 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 2003 (b) Operating Statement Summary – 28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2003 (c) Operating Statement - Detail – 28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2003 (d) Operating Statement - Nature/Type– 28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2003 (e) Balance Sheet as at – 28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2003 (f) Statement of Fixed Assets – 28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2003 (g) Statement of Outstanding Debtors – 28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2003

#### RECOMMENDATION

The monthly financial statements for the month ended 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2003 consisting of Operating Statements (3), Balance Sheet, Statement of Fixed Assets, Lists of Outstanding Debtors, and the Financial Position as at 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2003 showing balances of:-

	\$	
Municipal	406,384.42	Credit
Long Service Leave Reserve	54,541.69	Credit
Fire Disaster Reserve	2,122.62	Credit
Building Reserve	145,107.87	Credit
Plant Replacement Reserve	6,834.04	Credit
Community Amenities Reserve	18,497.92	Credit
Municipal Investment	700,000.00	Credit

be adopted.

#### VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

#### Moved Cr Demasson seconded Cr Craig

*That the monthly financial statements for the month ended 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2003 consisting of Operating Statements (3), Balance Sheet, Statement of Fixed Assets, Lists of Outstanding Debtors, and the Financial Position as at 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2003 showing balances of:-*

	\$	
<i>Municipal</i>	<i>406,384.42</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Long Service Leave Reserve</i>	<i>54,541.69</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Fire Disaster Reserve</i>	<i>2,122.62</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Building Reserve</i>	<i>145,107.87</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Plant Replacement Reserve</i>	<i>6,834.04</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Community Amenities Reserve</i>	<i>18,497.92</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<i>Municipal Investment</i>	<i>700,000.00</i>	<i>Credit</i>

**CARRIED (8 VOTES TO 0)**

## 9.0

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS

## 9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## 9.2 (A) MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FEBRUARY 2003

<b>SHIRE OF LEONORA</b>		
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2003</b>		
		<b>MUNICIPAL</b>
		\$
Balance as at 28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2003		430,838.88CR
Receipts to 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 2003		60,000.15CR
<b>Balance</b>		<b>490,839.03CR</b>
Less Accounts since 28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2003		84,454.61DR
<b>Balance 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2003</b>		<b>406,384.42CR</b>
<b>AMOUNT HELD ON TERM DEPOSIT - NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK</b>		
		\$
A) PLANT REPLACEMENT RESERVE	6,834.04	CREDIT
B) LONG SERVICE LEAVE	54,541.69	CREDIT
C) FIRE DISASTER RESERVE	2,122.62	CREDIT
D) BUILDING RESERVE	145,107.87	CREDIT
E) COMMUNITY AMENITIES RESERVE	18,497.92	CREDIT
F) MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT	700,000.00	CREDIT

**9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**9.2 (B) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – FEBRUARY 2003**

**SUBMISSION TO:** Meeting of Council  
Meeting Date: 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2003

**AGENDA REFERENCE:** 9.2(B) MAR 03

**SUBJECT:** Accounts for Payment

**AUTHOR:** J F Rowe

**OFFICER:** Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**INTEREST DISCLOSURE:** Nil

**DATE:** 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2003

**COMMENT:**

Attached statement consists of Vouchers 720 to 825 plus Direct Bank Transactions and totalling \$523,067.89 attached.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That accounts as represented by Vouchers 720 to 825 inclusive plus Direct Bank Transactions and totalling \$523,067.89 be authorised for payment.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

**Moved Cr Hewson seconded Cr Demasson**

*That accounts as represented by Vouchers 720 to 825 inclusive plus Direct Bank Transactions and totalling \$523,067.89 be authorised for payment.*

**CARRIED (8 VOTES TO 0)**

**9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS**  
**9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**9.2 (C) PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY PLAN**

**SUBMISSION TO:** Meeting of Council  
Meeting Date: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2003

**AGENDA REFERENCE:** 9.2(C)MAR 03

**SUBJECT:** Principal Activity Plan

**LOCATION/ADDRESS:** Not Applicable

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Not Applicable

**FILE REFERENCE:** Financial Statements 1.8

**AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT**

**NAME:** John F Rowe

**OFFICER:** Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**INTEREST DISCLOSURE:** Nil

**DATE:** 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2003

**BACKGROUND**

Section 5.56 of the Local Government Act requires a Local Government each financial year to prepare a plan for the next 4 (four) or more financial years.

The next plan for the years 1<sup>st</sup> July 2003 until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007 has been prepared and circulated to all Councillors.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Section 5.57 of the Local Government Act requires 42 days local public notice of the plans availability to be given and public submissions thereto invited.

Section 5.58 of the Local Government Act requires Council to then consider any submissions received and may accept the plan with or without modification.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The draft plan presented adheres to all applicable Council policies.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The draft plan does not bind Council financially, however must form the basis of Council's 2003/2004 budget and any reasons for significant variations to this plan must be explained in full in that budget.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

As Council has now adopted a Strategic Plan due recognisance of that plan has been made in the preparation of this plan.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the draft Principal Activity Plan 2003 to 2007 as presented proceed to Local Public advertising with a view to consideration of submissions received and final adoption at the ordinary meeting of Council held in May 2003.

**9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**9.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**9.2 (C) PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY PLAN (continued)**

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

**Moved Cr Carter seconded Cr Hewson**

*That the draft Principal Activity Plan 2003 to 2007 as presented proceed to Local Public advertising with a view to consideration of submissions received and final adoption at the ordinary meeting of Council held in May 2003.*

**CARRIED (8 VOTES TO 0)**

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 9.58am and resumed at 10.25am with the attendance identical to that at Item 2.1.

**9.3 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER – TIM YOUNG**

Attended the meeting at 10.25am.

Deputy President Cr Johnson welcomed Mr Tim Young back to Leonora.

Mr Young advised the meeting of his employment detail over the past two years.

Mr Young departed at 10.32am.

**10.0 NEW BUSINESS OF 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 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2003 in the Council Chambers Leonora, commencing at 9.00am.

**12.0 CLOSURE**

Cr Johnson declared the meeting closed at 10.33am.

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**PRESIDENT**

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**DATE**