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3.1 OPENING

The President thanked all Councillors and staff members present for their attendance and declared the meeting open at 1.00pm.

3.2 PRESENT

Cr G Wilson	President	Northampton Ward
Cr C Simkin	Deputy President	Northampton Ward
Cr S Stock-Standen		Northampton Ward
Cr P Gliddon		Kalbarri Ward
Cr M Holt		Kalbarri Ward
Cr D Pike		Kalbarri Ward
Cr M Scott		Kalbarri Ward
Mr Garry Keeffe	Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Grant Middleton	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Neil Broadhurst	Manager Works & Technical Services	
Mrs Hayley Williams	Principal Planner	

3.2.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3.2.2 APOLOGIES

Cr T Carson, Cr D Stanich

3.3 QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present during question time.

3.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**3.4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 20th
FEBRUARY 2015**

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr PIKE

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 20th February 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record with the following changes.

- 2.3 - Replace Nola Burges with Nova Burges
- 2.4.1 - Replace Moved Cr GLIDON with Moved Cr GLIDDON
- 2.8.6 - Replace Moved Cr WISON with Moved Cr WILSON

CARRIED 7/0

3.5 RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

Nil

3.6 WORKS REPORT

**3.6.1 MAINTENANCE WORKS/CONSTRUCTION WORKS PROGRAM (ITEM
6.1.1)**

Noted

Mr Broadhurst left the meeting at 1.08pm.

3.7 HEALTH/BUILDING REPORT

3.7.1 BUILDING STATISTICS (ITEM 6.2.1)

Noted

3.8 TOWN PLANNING REPORT

**3.8.1 DRAFT SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON MUNICIPAL INVENTORY –
ADOPTION FOR CONSENT TO ADVERTISE (ITEM 6.3.1)**

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That Council endorse the February 2015 edition of the Shire of Northampton Municipal Inventory for advertising purposes.

CARRIED 7/0

**3.8.2 REQUEST TO MODIFY LOCATION OF BUILDING ENVELOPE – LOT 10
(NO. 10) RANCH COURT, KALBARRI (ITEM 6.3.2)**

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr HOLT

That Council resolve to approve the relocation of the building envelope on Lot 10 (No. 10) Ranch Court, Kalbarri subject to:

1. The subdivision guide plan being amended at the cost of the Applicant/Landowner; and
2. Payment of \$147.00 the required Application Fee.

CARRIED 7/0

**3.8.3 DRAFT KALBARRI AND HORROCKS BEACH COASTAL MANAGEMENT
STRATEGIES – CONCLUSION OF PUBLIC ADVERTISING & FINAL
ADOPTION (ITEM 6.3.3)**

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr SIMKIN

That Council

1. Endorse the Kalbarri Coastal Management Strategy and the Horrocks Beach Coastal Management Strategy (Final February 2015) subject to the recommended amendments included within the Schedule of Submissions Table attached as Appendix 1 to the Town Planning Report 20 March 2015; and subject the following amendments to the recommendations in each strategy:

Kalbarri Coastal Management Strategy

- Recommendation 4 reword to state “Fence off walk trails and construct Chinaman’s Point car park area as per Grey Street Road Improvement Plan previously adopted by Council.”
- Recommendation 7 delete the words “dry composting” toilets as option for water serviced toilets can be considered.
- Recommendation 9 remove recommendation as refuse bins are located at the northern boat ramp area and reword document to provide a access road similar to the National Park access where the road is diverted into the area with signage to make it obvious to people to slow down/stop and read signs before entry.
- Recommendation 14 remove reference to the Red Bluff toilets as new toilets have been installed.
- Recommendation 39 delete recommendation as Council will not pursue the development of a lap pool within the Murchison River.
- Recommendation 40 delete the recommendation as the relocation of the Sea Search and Rescue building has been determined by both Council and the Kalbarri community for it to remain in its current site and the Council has now entered into a lease agreement with the Kalbarri Sea Search and Rescue Group for them to remain at their current site.

Horrocks Coastal Management Strategy

- Recommendation 1 remove the recommendation as the issue in repair pathways from stormwater damage is a maintenance issue to be addressed by Council and not an implementation action of the Coastal Strategy.

- Recommendation 18 reword recommendation that boardwalks be constructed in identified areas within the strategy however in regards to a board walk to provide disability access to the proposed Horrocks Community Centre as stated within the strategy as being on the western side of the North Court Strata is not supported as the shortest and most “legible” route to the Community Centre which would need to be via a dual use path down North Court which ensures safe disabled access to the new Centre.
- Recommendation 20 delete recommendation as coastal moorings are to be retained in a redevelopment for provision of car parking and better beach access in this area.
- Recommendation 26 reword as the area recommended for exercise equipment is within a car park redevelopment area as per Recommendation 20 and reword this recommendation to state that exercise equipment be located in grass park land areas.
- Recommendation 30 recommendation relates to the need for signs to identify boat launching area in the southern beach section (Whiting Pool area). As there are no such designated boat launching area within this section of the foreshores the recommendation be changed to warn boat users that the foreshore is predominantly a swimming area and highlight boat users of potential dangers and provide advice of other locations for boat launching.

2. Adopt the Kalbarri Coastal Management Strategy and the Horrocks Beach Coastal Management Strategy (Final February 2015) as a Local Planning Policy under the relevant Town Planning Schemes.

CARRIED 7/0

3.8.4 SUMMARY OF PLANNING INFORMATION ITEMS (ITEM 6.3.4)
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Noted

Hayley Williams left the meeting at 1.26pm.

3.9 FINANCE REPORT

3.9.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (ITEM 6.4.1)

Moved Cr HOLT, seconded Cr PIKE

That Municipal Fund Cheques 20485 to 20517 inclusive, totalling \$81,685.24, Municipal EFT payments numbered EFT13467 to EFT13577 inclusive totalling \$258,447.77, Direct Debit payments GJ0814 to GJ0818 totalling \$866.07, Trust Fund Cheques 2026-2033, totalling \$4,987.61 be passed for payment and the items therein be declared authorised expenditure.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

3.9.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FEBRUARY 2015 (ITEM 6.4.2)

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr STOCK-STANDEN

That Council adopts the Monthly Financial Reports for the period ending 28 February 2015.

CARRIED 7/0

3.9.3 2014/2015 BUDGET REVIEW (ITEM 6.4.3)

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr SCOTT

That Council in accordance with regulation 33A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 adopt the review of the 2014/2015 Budget and note any variances or recommendations.

That Council authorise the additional expenditure amount of \$55,576 for the construction of the four Light Industrial units in Northampton.

That Council authorise the use of \$55,576 of the funds received from the sale of the Hampton Road property to fund the additional costs associated with the Light Industrial Area.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

3.9.4 CREDIT CARD AUTHORISATION - DCEO (ITEM 6.4.3)

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr HOLT

1. That Council authorises the allocation of a \$5,000 credit card for the Deputy Chief Executive Officer.
2. That Council authorises the amendment of the “Corporate Credit Card Use Policy” as per the following.
 - a) Insert “and/or Deputy Chief Executive Officer” into section 1.0, 3.0, 4.1, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3
 - b) Change section 3.2 as follows: “The current limit on the Shire of Northampton credit cards is \$10,000 with \$5,000 allocated to the Chief Executive Officers credit card and \$5,000 allocated to the Deputy Chief Executive Officers credit card”

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

3.10 ADMINISTRATION & CORPORATE REPORT

3.10.1 REQUEST TO OPERATE FUN FAIR – TAYLOR’S CARNIVALS (ITEM 6.5.1)

Moved Cr HOLT, seconded Cr WILSON

That Council not approve the operation of Taylors Fun Fair on the Kalbarri foreshore/parkland area, however approves the use of the lawn area east (not on the actual oval) of the cricket practice wickets at the Kalbarri Recreation facilities located on Porter Street and is subject to the following conditions:

- Volume of music to be turned down and all speakers to be located where the music is projected eastward to ensure the music is not a hindrance to the caravan park and holiday resorts and residential areas along Porter Street.
- All electrical services/leads are secure and not to be in areas where pedestrian traffic is prominent.
- They are to provide own electrical power source.
- Use is for the period as requested, set up on 7th July and operate between the 8th and 12th July and move from site on 13 July 2015.

- Times of operation are from 3pm to 9pm on each day.
- A hire fee of \$500 for use of the area is to apply.

CARRIED 6/1

Cr Scott voted against the motion.

3.10.2 PROPOSED POLICY – PETROLEUM, MINING AND EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES (ITEM 6.5.2)
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Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr HOLT

That Council adopt the following policy on Petroleum, Mining and Extractive Industries.

PETROLEUM, MINING & EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES POLICY

Policy Statement

The Shire of Northampton supports the expansion of industry that helps deliver economic prosperity to its residents however, in providing this support Council supports every effort being undertaken to ensure that the initial assessment as well as compliance and monitoring of any activity is carried out at a level that protects the amenity of the natural and built environment and that of residents.

Objectives

- To ensure that local values relating to lifestyle and quality of life, including public health, amenity, biodiversity, water (both surface and ground), and other economic sectors (such as agriculture and tourism) are adequately considered and protected from the development or expansion of any extractive industry activity in the Shire of Northampton.
- To ensure that any future or existing extractive industry activity is thoroughly assessed, monitored and managed effectively to meet all conditions of development consent, and endeavour to continuously improve operational practices to reduce the environment impacts wherever practicable.
- To ensure petroleum and mining companies build a commitment to best practice standards for petroleum and mining activity in the Shire of Northampton, and actively participate in local communities.

Guidelines

The principal role for Council is to advocate on behalf of the Shire of Northampton and its communities. Council is not the determining authority for mining applications.

The primary economic land use within the Shire of Northampton is food production through agriculture.

The Shire of Northampton's communities and businesses are dependent on access to clean groundwater. The protection of water resources and infrastructure (including underground aquifers, catchment and recharge areas, rivers, creeks, lakes, wetlands, dams, wells and bores) from pollution of overuse is therefore of paramount importance to the sustainability of the local economy and communities in the region.

The Shire of Northampton contains areas of natural vegetation (including the Kalbarri National Park) that are unique and of global ecological significance. These areas not only provide a basis for nature-based tourism industries, but are worthy of protection in their own right in order to support the maintenance of ecosystem services including clean air, water and biological diversity.

In respect to current and future proposal for on-shore petroleum or other extractive industries, Council will;

- a. Effectively consult communities within the Shire regarding onshore petroleum or other extractive industries development and represents the concerns and interests of these communities in decision making on all matters relating to these developments;
- b. Assume a leadership role in negotiating with the State Government and resources companies to ensure that any petroleum or mineral resource projects in the Shire provide benefit to the community, and individuals within the community where appropriate;
- c. Ensure that the protection of the health of communities and the protection of groundwater resources is afforded the highest priority in decision making by the Council;
- d. Support and advocate for the rights of communities and residents within the Shire to clean water, clean air and enjoyment of land without pollution or nuisance;
- e. Support and advocate for the existing economic land uses within the Shire to continue to operate unhindered by impacts of petroleum or extractive industries;

- f. Facilitate an open dialogue and discussion within the community of all stakeholders, based on the sharing of accurate information to encourage an informed debate about issues relating to mining;

Council support for specific onshore petroleum development or exploration proposals

- a. Council does not support petroleum resource development within the Shire (including exploration) which has not first undergone thorough and independent assessment of environmental, health, agricultural and socio-economic impacts (including cumulative impacts) by the Environmental Protection Authority, Department of Health and other relevant agencies.
- b. The Shire of Northampton will consider each proposal for petroleum resource development or exploration within the Shire by applying the following criteria for decisions making. To be supported by the Shire, exploration and development must:
- Undertake thorough community consultation and achieve demonstrated broad community support for development;
 - Maintain and protect the amenity and character of the Shire, and its existing communities and land uses;
 - Ensure zero impact on groundwater resources used for drinking, agriculture and other existing uses, including the catchment and recharge areas for these resources;
 - Ensure zero impact on the health of communities or individuals within the Shire;
 - Ensure that the impacts on Council infrastructure are adequately compensated for in the immediate and future life of that asset, and that the full costs are recovered for any additional infrastructure required;
 - Provide full transparency to the community regarding all environmental compliance and monitoring data, including air quality and groundwater monitoring results, chemicals used, and any other relevant information which must be disclosed in a timely manner;
 - Accept a “presumption of liability” for any groundwater pollution that is detected in the vicinity of oil and gas extraction operations and which can reasonably be associated with those operations;
 - Provide guarantees of full reparation and remediation of groundwater, land, infrastructure, public health or other unplanned impacts that arise from the development.

- c. The Shire of Northampton is not willing to provide its support or assistance to proponents or other parties (including the State Government) who seek to undertake or promote petroleum or mining activities within the Shire that do not meet these standards.

CARRIED 6/1

Cr Pike voted against the motion

3.10.3 KALBARRI PHOTOVOLTAIC STATION (ITEM 6.5.3)
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Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr SIMKIN

That Council advises Synergy that it does not require the management of Reserve 43170 to be transferred to the Shire of Northampton and does not want a portion of the photovoltaic system to be retained for historical purposes.

CARRIED 7/0

AFTERNOON TEA AND SITE VISIT ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for afternoon tea and site visit to the "Old School Site" at 2.30pm.

Meeting reconvened at 2.52pm with the following in attendance:

Cr Wilson, Cr Simkin, Cr Gliddon, Cr Stock-Standen, Cr Scott, Cr Pike, Cr Holt, Chief Executive Officer Garry Keeffe, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Grant Middleton

3.10.4 NORTHAMPTON OLD SCHOOL SITE (ITEM 6.5.4)
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Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr SIMKIN

That Council not undertake any major redevelopment of the old basketball court and associated areas however undertake ripping up of the old court area to allow natural regrowth and plant native plant species within the area.

CARRIED 7/0

3.10.5 PROPOSED KALBARRI TO SHARK BAY ROAD (ITEM 6.5.5)

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr SCOTT

That Council determines that CR Wilson, CR Simkin, Cr Gliddon and CR Scott with the CEO are to meet with the Shire of Shark Bay to discuss the proposed Kalbarri to Shark Bay Road project.

CARRIED 7/0

3.10.6 LEAD TAILINGS RESULTS – COUNCIL PROPERTIES (ITEM 6.5.6)

Noted

3.11 SHIRE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Since the last Council meeting Cr Wilson reported on his attendance at the following:

23/2/15 WALGA Zone meeting in Geraldton
25/2 RSL Hall works meeting in relation to future hall improvement works with the President RSL Western Australia in attendance

3.12 DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Since the last Council meeting Cr Simkin reported on his attendance at the RSL Hall works Meeting on 25/2/15 with the President RSL Western Australia in attendance.

3.13 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

3.13.1 CR GLIDDON

Since the last Council meeting Cr Gliddon reported on her attendance at the following:

4/3/15 Kalbarri Visitor Centre Committee Meetings
9/3/15 Midwest Tourism Alliance Meeting in Geraldton
10/3/15 Men's Shed Meeting – Kalbarri
19/3/15 Met with representative from RoadWise Group, Community Resource Centre and Shaun Peters OIC Kalbarri Police in relation to RoadWise funding application.

3.13.4 CR SCOTT

Since the last Council meeting Cr Scott reported on his attendance at three meetings with Shaun Peters the OIC of Kalbarri Police.

3.14 INFORMATION BULLETIN

Noted

3.15 NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Cr Stock-Standen inquired who is the actual owner of the land where Bovell Park playground equipment is located as there are concerns with the condition of that equipment.

CEO advised that the land is unallocated crown land, therefore under the control of the state government and has no knowledge or record on how "Bovell Park was developed or who developed it.

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That Council remove all playground equipment and signage from Bovell Park in Northampton.

CARRIED 7/0

3.16 NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on the 22nd April 2015 commencing at 1.00pm at the Council Chambers, Hampton Road Northampton.

3.17 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3.37pm.