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2.1 OPENING

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

2.2 PRESENT

Cr G Wilson	President	Northampton Ward
Cr L Parker	Deputy President	Kalbarri Ward
Cr O Simkin		Northampton Ward
Cr T Carson		Northampton Ward
Cr S Stock-Standen		Northampton Ward
Cr G Leggett		Northampton Ward
Cr B Cripps		Northampton Ward
Cr S Penn		Kalbarri Ward
Cr J Booth		Kalbarri Ward
Cr P Gliddon		Kalbarri Ward
Mr Garry Keeffe	Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Jamie Criddle	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Neil Broadhurst	Manager of Works and Technical Services	
Mrs Hayley Williams	Principal Planner	
Mr Glenn Bangay	EHO/Building Surveyor	

2.2.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

2.2.2 APOLOGIES

Nil.

2.3 QUESTION TIME

There were members of the public present with the following questions put to Council:

2.3.1 JOANNE LOFTUS, NORTHAMPTON PHARMACY – 1.03PM – 1.40PM

To what extent, does the Shire of Northampton recognise the economic implications of not having a doctor?

In answer to the question the President advised that this was an extremely complex and difficult issue that must be handled in the right way to get the best result for the Northampton community. The Council are fully aware of the social and economic impacts of this situation and have been working tirelessly over the past six to eight months to ensure that an effective level of service is maintained in Northampton. Unfortunately a lot of the work/outcomes have been made confidential from the public because of the complex nature of the situation.

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It must also be noted that Council does not have any say in the way the practice is run, Council own the building only, Suncity Northampton/MAMS lease the premises and run it like any other business.

To what extent does the Shire of Northampton recognise the level of insecurity in our population and business community, due to the lack of doctors?

In answer to the question the President advised that he was fully aware of the insecurity this has placed on the population, in particular the elderly and advised that a resolution to the doctor issue was not far away. He did advise that Suncity Northampton/MAMS had been difficult to work with but could see some light at the end of the tunnel.

What is the Northampton Shire actively doing to help resolve the situation either in conjunction with or separate to Suncity Northampton/MAMS?

In answer to the question the President via the Chief executive Officer advised that as of this morning (18th February 2011) that three (3) new doctors had been secured, two (2) for Northampton with visiting rights to the hospital. He did advise that these promises had been made in the past and not eventuated so the jury is still out so to speak?

The Council can now also advise that it has spoken to other medical providers to see if they are interested in providing a service to Northampton if Northampton/MAMS fail to deliver.

2.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 21st JANUARY 2011.

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr CARSON

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 21st January 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the following amendments:

- Minute 1.10.1 – Change motion vote to 6/0; and
- Minute 1.13.2 – amend the text ‘hers’ to ‘his’.

CARRIED 10/0

2.4.1.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

2.5 RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

Nil.

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2.8 TOWN PLANNING REPORT

2.8.1 PROPOSED SCHEME AMENDMENT TO TOWN PLANNING SCHEME NO. 9 – KALBARRI – REZONING FROM “PARKS & RECREATION” TO “RESIDENTIAL R17.5” PORTION OF UNALLOCATED CROWN LAND ADJACENT TO LOT 786 CYGNET COURT, KALBARRI (ITEM 6.3.1)

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr STOCK-STANDEN

That Council:

1. Endorse the ‘Schedule of Submissions’ for Amendment No. 9 to Town Planning Scheme No. 9 – Kalbarri, as attached to Item 6.3.1 of the February 2011 Town Planning Report;
2. Pursuant to Part 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 (as amended) adopt for final approval Scheme Amendment No. 9 to *Town Planning Scheme No. 9 – Kalbarri* for the rezoning of a Portion of Unallocated Crown Land (275m²) adjacent to Lot 786 Cygnet Court, Kalbarri from “Parks and Recreation Reserve” to “Residential R17.5” subject to the land being amalgamated into Lot 786 Cygnet Court, Kalbarri; and
3. Seek final approval of the Scheme Amendment from the Minister for Planning.

CARRIED 10/0

2.8.2 SUMMARY OF PLANNING INFORMATION ITEMS (ITEM 6.3.2)

Noted.

2.6 WORKS REPORT

2.6.1 MAINTENANCE WORKS/PROGRAMMED WORKS (ITEM 6.1.1)

Noted.

2.6.2 DISPOSAL OF PLANT ITEM – P136 TRUCK BODY (ITEM 6.1.2)

Moved Cr PENN, seconded Cr SIMKIN

That Council confirms the acceptance the offer from Geraldton City Concrete for the purchase of the P136 tipper truck body for the sum of \$6,000 plus GST.

CARRIED 10/0

2.6.3 NORTHAMPTON – NORTH WEST COASTAL HIGHWAY MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA LAND REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE ROADWORKS (ITEM 6.1.3)

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Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr CARSON

That Council concurs to the dedication of the land, the subject of Main Roads WA drawings 1160-002, 1160-003, 1160-004 and 1160-005, as road under Section 56 of the Land Administration Act.

CARRIED 10/0

2.6.4 KALBARRI – MALEALUCA PATHWAY REPLACEMENT WORKS (ITEM 6.1.4)

Moved Cr SIMKIN, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That Council endorse the actions of Senior Management to replace areas of the Melaleuca dual use pathway as identified by the Manager of Works and Technical Services with cost approved as authorized expenditure. Funds required to be sourced from within the budget, savings from the Smith Street footpath works (approx \$10,000) as listed within the 2010/2011 budget.

CARRIED 10/0 BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

2.7 HEALTH & BUILDING REPORT

2.7.1 INFORMATION ITEMS – HEALTH AND BUILDING (ITEM 6.2.1)

Noted.

2.9 FINANCE REPORT

2.9.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (ITEM 6.4.1)

Moved Cr PENN, seconded Cr CRIPPS

That Municipal Fund Cheques 18691 to 18725 inclusive, totalling \$76,755.44; Municipal EFT payments numbered EFT8489 to EFT8569 inclusive totalling \$227,571.62, Trust Cheques 1804 to 1811 totalling \$9,216.32 and General Journals GJ06-01 to GJ06-05 and GJ07-01 to GJ07-08 totalling \$49,138.98, be passed for payment and the items therein be declared authorised expenditure.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 10/0

2.9.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (ITEM 6.4.2)

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr SIMKIN

That Council adopts the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31 January 2011 and notes any material variances greater than \$5,000.

CARRIED 10/0

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Moved Cr BOOTH, seconded Cr CRIPPS

That Council subject to the receipt of the Annual Audit Report hold a Special Meeting of Council prior to the March meeting in order to adopt the Audit Report and determine when the Annual Meeting of Electors is to be held.

CARRIED 10/0

2.10 ADMINISTRATION & CORPORATE REPORT

2.10.1 PETITION – NORTHAMPTON DOCTORS SITUATION (ITEM 6.5.1)

Noted.

2.10.2 NORTHAMPTON DOCTORS SITUATION (ITEM 6.5.2)

Noted.

Garry Keeffe, CEO declared an interest in item 2.10.3 as the matter involves his contract with Council and left the meeting at 2.25pm.

2.10.3 CEO EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT RENEWAL (ITEM 6.5.3)

Moved Cr SIMKIN, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That due to item 2.10.3 involving a staff contracts that Council proceeds “in-camera”.

CARRIED 10/0

Council proceeded “in-camera” at 2.26pm.

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr SIMKIN

That Council no longer proceeds “in-camera”.

CARRIED 10/0

Council ceased proceeding “in-camera” at 2.45pm.

Moved Cr PENN, seconded Cr SIMKIN

That Council renew the contract of the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Garry Keeffe for a further five (5) years and the annual cash remuneration as set out in section 6.2 of the Chief Executive Officer’s Contract document be set at \$145,000.

MOTION LOST 3/7

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Moved Cr PARKER, seconded Cr CARSON

That Council renew the contract of the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Garry Keeffe for a further five (5) years and the annual cash remuneration as set out in section 6.2 of the Chief Executive Officer's Contract document be set at \$140,000.

CARRIED 9/1

Cr LEGGETT wished to have his vote recorded as voting against the motion.

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr SIMKIN

That Council correspond with the Department of Local Government to request that the Shire of Northampton be placed in either band 3 or 4 of the Salaries and Allowances Act 1975 as bands 3 or 4 closely reflect the Shire of Northampton's size, budget, population and elector base.

CARRIED 10/0

Garry Keeffe, CEO re-entered the meeting at 2.50pm.

2.10.4 REVIEW OF STRUCTURE & EFFECTIVENESS OF STATE COUNCIL AND ZONES (ITEM 6.5.4)
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Moved Cr BOOTH, seconded Cr STOCK-STANDEN

That Council responds to WALGA on the review of Structure and Effectiveness of State Council and Zones as per the comments provided by the Northern Zone contained in this report.

CARRIED 10/0

2.10.5 REVIEW OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS (ITEM 6.5.5)
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Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr CRIPPS

That Council supports the Northern Zone comments and respond to the Hon Wendy Duncan MLC accordingly.

CARRIED 10/0

2.10.6 PROPOSED DOCTORS RESIDENCE – KALBARRI (ITEM 6.5.6)

Moved Cr PENN, seconded Cr CRIPPS

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1. The Chief Executive Officer along with the Kalbarri Councillors, inspect the two properties listed in Kalbarri;
2. The Chief Executive Officer negotiate a purchase price within an agreed range;
3. The Chief Executive Officer approach Dr Findlay to consider the level of payment of rent in accordance to commercial rental values;
4. Upon negotiation, the Chief Executive Officer progress with the requirements of the Local Government Act and advertise the loan proposal.

CARRIED 10/0

AFTERNOON TEA ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.25pm and reconvened at 3.36pm with the following in attendance:

Cr G Wilson, Cr L Parker, Cr Carson, Cr Leggett, Cr Booth, Cr Gliddon, Cr Simkin, Cr Cripps, Cr Penn, Cr Stock-Standen, the Chief Executive Officer, Garry Keeffe and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr Jamie Criddle.

2.10.7	PROPOSED EASEMENT EXTENSION – RESERVE 44619, KALBARRI (ITEM 6.5.7)
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Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr STOCK-STANDEN

That Council advises the Department of Regional Development and Lands that it has no comment to make or any concerns regarding the extension of Reserve 44619 for an emergency underground storage adjacent to the Sewer Pump Reserve 44619.

CARRIED 10/0

2.10.8	NAIDOC WEEK – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (ITEM 6.5.8)
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Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr CRIPPS

That Council contribute \$400 towards the 2011 NAIDOC Week School Initiatives and this be declared authorised expenditure.

CARRIED 10/0

2.10.9	300 TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHIP WRECK ZUYTDORP (ITEM 6.5.9)
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Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr CRIPPS

That Council advise the VOC Historical Society Inc that it supports the holding of an event to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the ship wreck Zuytdorp and will consider the housing of the ships artefacts subject to specific needs being provided to house and display those artefacts.

CARRIED 10/0

Cr G Leggett declared a financial interest in Item 6.5.10 as he owns the Northampton Caravan Park and therefore may incur a financial gain or loss from the decision of Council and left the meeting room at 3.44pm.

2.10.10 LEASE – HORROCKS CARAVAN PARK (ITEM 6.5.10)

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr STOCK-STANDEN

That Council re-iterate its previous decision that the term of the lease on Crown Reserve 29151, Lot 12158, Horrocks, be for a term of 21 years with the initial term to be for 7 years together with two options to renew each of 7 years.

CARRIED 9/0

Cr Leggett returned to the meeting at 3.46pm.

2.10.11 PROPOSED UPGRADE OF GUIDE PARK – NORTHAMPTON (ITEM 6.5.11)

Moved Cr BOOTH, seconded Cr LEGGETT

That Council

1. Supports the submitting of a grant application for the redevelopment of Guide Park and that a provision for these works be included within the draft 2011/2012 Budget.
2. Transfer the 2011/2012 Northampton Townscape provision of \$10,000 to a reserve fund for the purpose of "Redevelopment of Guide Park".

CARRIED 10/0

2.10.12 PROPOSED GOLF MANAGER/MERCHANDISE STORE (ITEM 6.5.12)

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr PARKER

That Council supports "in principle" the construction of a Golf/Manager Merchandise Store at the Kalbarri Golf and Bowling Club as per submitted plans.

CARRIED 10/0

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2.10.13 SECURITY CAMERAS – KALBARRI OVAL (ITEM 6.5.13)

Moved Cr SIMKIN, seconded Cr CARSON

That Council utilises the community based security system for the current holidays and assess their effectiveness prior to making any further decisions on what type/if any security system to be installed at the Kalbarri oval.

CARRIED 10/0

2.10.14 NORTHAMPTON BOTANIC LINE –COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE (ITEM 6.5.14)

Moved Cr PENN, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That Cr STOCK-STANDEN be nominated as a Council representative on the Northampton Botanical Line committee providing the meetings are held after 5.30pm with Cr's PARKER and WILSON elected as proxy members.

CARRIED 10/0

2.10.15 PRINCIPAL PLANNER – MATERNITY LEAVE (ITEM 6.5.15)

Moved Cr BOOTH, seconded Cr STOCK-STANDEN

That Council note the information to the position of Principal Planner or Planning Officer whilst the current employee is on maternity leave and that Council approve an extension on the current employment contract of Hayley Williams to expire 30 April 2012.

CARRIED 10/0

2.10.16 BINNU HALL (ITEM 6.5.16)

Moved Cr CRIPPS, seconded Cr CARSON

That Council approve the installation of gutters and downpipes to the Binnu Hall at cost of \$5,600 GST exclusive and this be declared authorised expenditure.

CARRIED 10/0 BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

2.11 PRESIDENTS REPORT

Since the last Council meeting the President, Cr Wilson reported on his attendance to the following:

- Northern Zone meeting of WALGA.
- Geraldton University Centre graduation ceremony.

2.12 DEPUTY PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report.

2.13 COUNCILLORS REPORT

2.13.1 Cr LEGGETT

Since the last Council meeting Cr Leggett reported on his attendance to the following:

- Australia Day function in Northampton.

2.13.2 Cr CARSON

Since the last Council meeting Cr Carson reported on his attendance to the following:

- Binu Hall Committee meeting with the CEO.

2.13.3 Cr BOOTH

Since the last Council meeting Cr Booth reported on her attendance to the following:

- Foreshore development meeting.
- Peet Park ground works.
- Pelican Feeders Meeting.

2.13.4 Cr GLIDDON

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

- Kalbarri Visitor Centre meeting.

Moved Cr PARKER, seconded Cr BOOTH

That Council correspond to the Kalbarri Visitor Centre committee and express Council's concerns into the current operations of the centre after receiving numerous complaints from local residents into the running of committee meetings, staff employment and possible breaches of the constitution.

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- Kalbarri Development Association meeting.
- Foreshore Development meeting.

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2.13.5 Cr SIMKIN

Since the last Council meeting Cr Simkin reported on his attendance to the following:

- Australia Day function in Northampton.
- Northampton Community Centre Planning & Building committee meeting.

2.14 INFORMATION BULLETIN

Noted.

2.15 NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil.

2.16 NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Northampton Council Chambers, Hampton Road, Northampton, on Friday the 18 March 2011.

2.17 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 4.30pm.