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Northampton on the 18th May 2012.**

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5.1 OPENING

The President thanked all members present for their attendance, welcomed all Councillors and declared the meeting open at 1.03pm.

5.2 PRESENT

Cr G Wilson	President	Northampton Ward
Cr L Parker	Deputy President	Kalbarri Ward
Cr T Carson		Northampton Ward
Cr C Simkin		Northampton Ward
Cr B Cripps		Northampton Ward
Cr S Stock-Standen		Northampton Ward
Cr P Gliddon		Kalbarri Ward
Cr S Penn		Kalbarri Ward
Cr J Booth		Kalbarri Ward
Mr Garry Keeffe	Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Jamie Criddle	Deputy Chief Executive Officer (entered at 1.25pm)	
Mr Glenn Bangay	Principal EHO/Building Surveyor	
Mrs Hayley Williams	Principal Planner	

5.2.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

5.2.2 APOLOGIES

Nil.

5.3 QUESTION TIME

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

5.3.1 JACQUELINE WILLBOND– DISABLED ACCESS FISHING PLATFORM

Jacqueline Willbond

Jacqueline Willbond inquired as to why her correspondence to the Chief Executive Officer pertaining to the Disabled Access Fishing Platform was not raised in Council?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the issue was not raised in Council as he had not received such a request to do so, and that any issues raised via emails were adequately answered at the time, however will check council records to verify this.

Jacqueline Willbond asked why Council was pursuing with the platform when it was not for wheelchair use.

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CEO advised that her statement is incorrect and that the platform is designed for disabled and wheel chair use as per the Australian Standards.

Jacqueline Willbond inquired as to the current status of the Disabled Access Fishing Platform?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Disabled Access Fishing Platform was sitting in the Northampton Shire Depot as the original access path to where the Platform is to be located, was washed away with the tidal surge from a previous cyclone that passed the WA coastline. Council are currently costing an alternative path for the said platform.

5.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**5.4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 19th
APRIL 2012.**

Moved Cr PENN, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 19th April 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the following amendments:

Minute 4.10.3 – Change amount requested from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Minute 4.8.14 – Change voting to read 6/1.

Afternoon Tea Adjournment – Remove Brad Cripps from attendance list.

CARRIED 9/0

5.4.1.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

5.5 RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

5.5.1 RECEIPT OF BROCC MINUTES

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr CRIPPS

That the minutes of the Batavia Regional Organisation of Councils held on Friday 23RD March 2012 be received.

CARRIED 9/0

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5.5.2 RECEIPT OF KALBARRI AIRPORT JOINT VENTURE MINUTES

Moved Cr SIMKIN, seconded Cr BOOTH

That the minutes of the Kalbarri Airport Joint Venture Committee held on Friday 27th April 2012 be received.

CARRIED 9/0

5.6 WORKS REPORT

5.5.1 MAINTENANCE WORKS/PROGRAMMED WORKS (ITEM 6.1.1)

Noted.

5.7 HEALTH/BUILDING REPORT

**5.7.1 INFORMATION ITEM – CARAVAN PARK OVERFLOW FACILITY PCYC
KALBARRI – EASTER HOLIDAY WEEKEND (ITEM 6.2.1)**

Noted.

**5.7.2 CHEMICAL TOILET WASTE DUMP POINT, KALBARRI FORESHORE (ITEM
6.2.2)**

Moved Cr SIMKIN, seconded Cr CRIPPS

That Council include the relocation of the chemical toilet waste dump point in the Kalbarri Foreshore Strategy and when an appropriate position has been identified that the costs of the relocation be ascertained and presented for consideration in the Draft Budget; and that until the relocation can be carried out a small timber panel fence or similar barrier fence be placed on the eastern side of the unit to make the aesthetic outlook from the Kalbarri Beach Resort more acceptable; a sufficient length of hose be refitted to the tap and Council's contract cleaner be requested to monitor the cleaning of the unit when the adjoining ablution block is being cleaned.

CARRIED 9/0

**5.7.3 ZEST FESTIVAL – STILL LIFE/OUR LIFE EXHIBITION – LIGHTING (ITEM
6.2.3)**

Moved Cr BOOTH, seconded Cr PENN

That Council approve of the installation of the temporary lighting, by the licenced electrical contractor, and that following the exhibition, Council to inspect to determine if the lighting is to be removed.

CARRIED 9/0

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5.7.4 BUILDING STATISTICS (ITEM 6.2.4)

Noted.

5.8 TOWN PLANNING REPORT

**5.8.1 DRAFT LOCAL PLANNING POLICY – DESIGN GUIDELINES HALFWAY
BAY COTTAGES, RESERVE 34945 (ITEM 6.3.1)**

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded CR SIMKIN,

That Council pursuant to Section 2.4 of the Shire of Northampton Local Planning Scheme No.10 resolve to:

- 1 Adopt draft Local Planning Policy ‘Design Guidelines - Halfway Bay Cottages, Reserve 34945’ for public comment and advertise it for a period of 21 days;
- 2 Should no written, author-identified objections be received during the 21 day advertising period, then adopt for final approval Local Planning Policy ‘Design Guidelines - Halfway Bay Cottages, Reserve 34945’ and proceed to publish a notice to this effect in the local newspaper; &
- 3 Should there be any written, author-identified objections received during the advertising period, require staff to present to Council a further report.

CARRIED 9/0

**5.8.2 PROPOSED SUBDIVISION GUIDE PLAN – LOTS 582, 830, 831 & 832
BRIDGEMAN ROAD, KALBARRI (ITEM 6.3.2)**

Moved Cr BOOTH, seconded CR PENN

That Council advise the Applicants and the WA Planning Commission that:

1. The proposed Subdivision Guide Plan is not supported in its current form;
2. Council strongly supports the need for effective “rejuvenation” of the tourism opportunities of the location including the need to provide for smaller tourist ventures and cheaper / family based accommodation; and
3. In terms of Items 1 to 3 above and the Owners be invited to discuss further the progression of a Structure Plan under TPS 9 over the area with Council Officers.

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4. Council Officers to determine what landowners want to continue progressing the Subdivision Guide Plan and should the Subdivision Guide Plan not be progressed immediately liaise with WA Planning Commission to examine what opportunity there may be for the owner of Lot 830 to progress with an independent subdivision in the interim.

CARRIED 7/2

Cr's BOOTH and PENN requested to have their votes recorded as against the motion.

5.8.3 SUMMARY OF PLANNING INFORMATION ITEMS (ITEM 6.3.3)

Noted.

Mrs Hayley Williams, Principal Planner left the meeting at 2.13pm.

5.9 FINANCE REPORT

5.9.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (ITEM 6.4.1)

Moved Cr PENN, seconded Cr SIMKIN

That Municipal Fund Cheques 19271 to 19305 inclusive, totalling \$123,282.92, Municipal EFT payments numbered EFT9935 to EFT10028 inclusive totalling \$498,498.78, Direct Debit payments GJ10-01 to GJ10-06 totalling \$2,347.14, Trust Fund Cheque 1851 to 1852 inclusive, totalling \$10,808.53, be passed for payment and the items therein be declared authorised expenditure.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

5.9.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (ITEM 6.4.2)

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr CARSON

That Council adopts the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 30 April 2012 and notes any material variances greater than \$5,000.

CARRIED 9/0

5.9.3 RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES GRANT (ITEM 6.4.3)

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr SIMKIN

That Council commits a provision of \$58,687 within the 2012/13 Budget for the development of the northern boat ramp, Kalbarri.

CARRIED 9/0

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5.9.4 HERITAGE GRANT – MARY STREET RAILWAY PRECINCT (ITEM 6.4.4)

Moved Cr BOOTH, seconded Cr PARKER

That Council commits a provision of \$34,748 within the 2012/13 Budget for conservation works to the buildings at the Mary Street Railway precinct.

CARRIED 9/0

Cr GLIDDON declared a proximity interest in item 6.4.5 as she is a life member and volunteer of the Kalbarri Development Association.

5.9.5 2011-12 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS (ITEM 6.4.5)

Moved Cr CRIPPS, seconded Cr STOCK-STANDEN

That the following items be listed in the draft 2012/13 Budget for further consideration:

1. Kalbarri Visitors Centre

Operational grant for the 2012/2013 financial year - \$25,000
Provision of \$12,000 for computer/furniture upgrade with the group to seek external funding.

2. Northampton Tourist Association

Operational grant for the 2012/2013 financial year - \$25,000

CARRIED 9/0

5.9.6 TOURISM SPECIFIED AREA RATE (ITEM 6.4.6)

Moved Cr PARKER, seconded Cr CARSON

That the following items be listed in the draft 2012/13 Budget for further consideration:

1. Kalbarri Visitors Centre

“Re-Discover Kalbarri” Television & Print campaign - \$20,000

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AFTERNOON TEA ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.43pm and reconvened at 2.58pm with the following in attendance:

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5.10 ADMINISTRATION & CORPORATE REPORT

5.10.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK CONFERENCE 2012 (ITEM 6.5.1)

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded CR PARKER

That Cr's Wilson, Parker Cripps, Simkin and the Chief Executive Officer attend the 2012 WA Local Government Conference.

CARRIED 9/0

5.10.2 REVIEW OF POLICIES & DELEGATIONS (ITEM 6.5.2)

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr PENN

1. That all current delegations as reviewed to remain in force.
2. That Council adopts the following policy.

Where Council funds a community group for the operation of a community event and that funding is for more than one year, then it is the policy of Council that no further funding after three years will be provided as it is considered that over that period the event should have reached an income level to allow the continuation of that event on its own finances.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

5.10.3 SALE OF COMMUNITY BUS (ITEM 6.5.3)

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr STOCK-STANDEN

That Council, as per Section 5.42 of the Local Government Act, gives delegated authority to determine tenders received for the sale of the existing community bus.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

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5.10.4 JET SKIS IN SWIMMING AREAS – HORROCKS (ITEM 6.5.4)

Moved Cr SIMKIN, seconded Cr STOCK-STANDEN

That Council request the Department of Transport to investigate the creation of a recreation area for Jet Ski and use of recreational vessels for water activities (ie skiing) in an area where there is no danger to the general public, or alternatively a recreational lane where such vessels can be used.

It is requested that any such area to be considered is north of the current boat launching area.

CARRIED 9/0

5.10.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM (ITEM 6.5.5)

Moved Cr PARKER, seconded Cr CRIPPS

That Council forward the correspondence received from the Shire of Chapman Valley in relation to Council's attempt to commence structural reform negotiations to the Minister for Local Government.

CARRIED 9/0

5.10.6 STATE AVIATION STRATEGY – ISSUES PAPER (ITEM 6.5.6)

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr CARSON

That Council:

1. Provide comment on the WA State Aviation Strategy Issues Paper, specifically Section 5.7, as per comments made within the report.
2. Forward these comments to the State Premier, Minister for Transport and the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development to take particular notice of future FIFO operations, in particular the opportunity for smaller rural towns with adequate services, such as airports, to have further growth from FIFO operations.

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5.10.7 NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT (ITEM 6.5.7)

Noted.

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**5.10.8 CHANGE TO FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR BATAVIA RURAL GROUP
(ITEM 6.5.8)**

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr SIMKIN

That Council endorses the revised timetable and funding allocation for the Batavia Rural Group as presented within the officer's report.

CARRIED 9/0

5.11 PRESIDENTS REPORT

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

- Informal meeting with members of the Horrocks Progress Association.
- Anzac Day ceremony in Northampton where he laid a wreath on behalf of Council.
- Attended the Annual Road Transport Forum in Perth.
- Attended the Kalbarri Airport Joint Venture committee meeting.

5.12 DEPUTY PRESIDENTS REPORT

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

- Informal meeting with members of the Horrocks Progress Association.
- Attended the LEMC & CERM meetings for Local Emergency Management.
- Attended the Annual Road Transport Forum in Perth.
- Attended the Kalbarri Airport Joint Venture committee meeting.

5.13 COUNCILLORS REPORT

5.13.1 Cr BOOTH

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

- Various meetings to organise the Zest Festival.

5.13.2 Cr GLIDDON

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

- Anzac Day ceremony in Kalbarri where she laid a wreath on behalf of Council.
- Attended Canoe and Cray Carnival and Zest Festival Committee meetings.

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- Attended a Kalbarri Visitors Centre meeting.
- Attended the Murchison Advisory Committee.

5.13.3 Cr STOCK-STANDEN

Since the last Council meeting Cr Stock-Standen reported on her attendance to the following:

- Attended a Pioneer Lodge meeting. Advised that over \$31,000 had been raised to date.

5.14 INFORMATION BULLETIN

Noted.

5.15 NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5.15.1 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The President tabled correspondence he received from the Department of Local Government regarding concerns with the 2010/2011 Annual Report, Annual Audit and Councillor & designated Staff Annual Returns.

Council has previously considered and responded to the concerns raised by the Department.

Noted

5.16 NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Allen Centre, Grey Street, Kalbarri on Friday the 15 May 2012.

5.17 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 4.00pm.