

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Council held at the Council Chambers, Hampton Road Northampton on 15th May 2015

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5.1 OPENING

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

5.2 PRESENT

Cr G Wilson	President	Northampton Ward
Cr C Simkin	Deputy President	Northampton Ward
Cr T Carson		Northampton Ward
Cr D Stanich		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	

5.2.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5.2.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

5.3 QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present during question time.

5.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 22nd APRIL 2015

Moved Cr PIKE, seconded Cr STANICH

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 22nd April 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record with the following changes.

Item 4.5.2 Change “seconded Cr Satnich” to “seconded Cr Stanich”
Item 4.15.1 Change text from "proposed by Cr Holt" to "proposed by Cr Pike"

CARRIED 9/0

5.5 RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

Nil

5.6 WORKS REPORT

5.6.1 MAINTENANCE WORKS/CONSTRUCTION WORKS PROGRAM (ITEM 6.1.1)

Noted

Mr Broadhurst left the meeting at 1.15pm.

5.7 HEALTH/BUILDING REPORT

5.7.1 BUILDING STATISTICS (ITEM 6.2.1)

Noted

5.8 FINANCE REPORT

5.8.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (ITEM 6.4.1)

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr HOLT

That Municipal Fund Cheques 20557 to 20574 inclusive, totalling \$35,205.93, Municipal EFT payments numbered EFT13694 to EFT13756 inclusive totalling \$352,300.07, Direct Debit payments GJ1011 to GJ1017 totalling \$3,557.52, Trust Fund Cheques 2040-2044, totalling \$7,462.91 be passed for payment and the items therein be declared authorised expenditure.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

5.8.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – APRIL 2015 (ITEM 6.4.2)

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr SIMKIN

That Council adopts the Monthly Financial Reports for the period ending 30 April 2015.

CARRIED 9/0

5.8.3.1 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS 2015-2016 (ITEM 6.4.3, 6.4.6)

Moved Cr HOLT, seconded Cr CARSON

That Council list the following projects for inclusion within the draft 2015/2016 Budget.

1. Kalbarri Specified Area Rate, allocation of \$28,988 for a promotional campaign based on the theme “KALBARRI – NATURES PLAYGROUND”.
2. Kalbarri Specified area Rate – for an allocation of \$45,000 for new entry signage.
3. Northampton Visitor Centre - \$25,000 operational grant.
4. Kalbarri Visitor Centre - \$30,000 operational grant.
5. Northampton Old School Site - \$5,000 conservation works and seed funding
6. Men’s Shed Kalbarri - \$5,000 for house number painting
7. Kalbarri Occasional Child Care - \$1,570 for fitting window locks and security screens to the building.

CARRIED 9/0

5.8.3.2 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS 2015-2016 (ITEM 6.4.3, 6.4.6)

Moved Cr CARSON, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That Council do not list the following projects for inclusion within the draft 2015/2016 Budget.

1. The Kalbarri Skate Park Electric BBQ - \$6,000
2. Northampton Community Centre - Security system purchase & installation \$4,187 and Balcony extension \$91,096
3. Northampton Historical Society - \$10,000 for Cemetery works at the Gwalla Cemetery, Horrocks stabilise & replace plaque and stabilise & preserve cemetery stone wall.
4. Men's Shed Kalbarri - Operational Loan \$5,000
5. Zest Festival - \$5,000
6. Northampton Botanic Line - \$5,000 for Car parking along Brook Street

CARRIED 9/0

5.8.4 REFUND OF RUBBISH REMOVAL FEES – A1017 (ITEM 6.4.4)

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr SIMKIN

That Council defer item 6.4.4 pending further information in relation to rubbish lifts at the property.

CARRIED 9/0

5.8.5 BANK OVERDRAFT (ITEM 6.4.5)

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr CARSON

That Council authorise the use of the overdraft facility of \$500,000 with the National Bank.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

5.8.6	BUDGET SUBMISSIONS 2015-2016 (ITEM 6.4.6)
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Item 6.4.6 determination included in resolution for item 6.4.4

5.8.7	ACCOUNTING POLICY CHANGE (ITEM 6.4.7)
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Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr SCOTT

That Council approve the change for the depreciation of buildings from 30 to 50 years to 10 to 50 years and the Significant Accounting Policy is updated accordingly.

CARRIED 9/0

5.9 ADMINISTRATION & CORPORATE REPORT

5.9.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK CONFERENCE 2015 (ITEM 6.5.1)

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr STOCK-STANDEN

That Cr Wilson, Cr Simkin, Cr Holt, Cr Scott and the Deputy CEO attend the 2015 WA Local Government Convention.

CARRIED 9/0

5.9.2 REVIEW OF DELEGATIONS & POLICIES (ITEM 6.5.2)

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr SCOTT

1. That all current delegations as reviewed to remain in force.
2. That all current policies as reviewed remain.
3. That Council adopt the new policy in regards to the verge side refuse collection as per the following:

Residential Verge Side Rubbish Collection

It is the policy of Council that a residential verge side rubbish collection will be undertaken each year in the town-sites of Northampton, Kalbarri and Horrocks, the collection of the verge side rubbish is to be undertaken two weeks preceding the Easter long weekend holiday break.

A notice is to be placed in all notice boards and in both local newspapers two months prior to the proposed verge pickup and the notice to advise the following:

- Rubbish is to be placed on verges no sooner than two weekends prior to the collection date i.e. maximum 16 days before the proposed collection date.

If materials are placed on the verge before the two week period then the resident be instructed to relocate that material onto their property. Failure to adhere to the request could result in further action under the Litter Act being undertaken.

- Rubbish placed on verges after the stated collection date will not be removed by Council staff;
- The following items will not be collected:

Chemicals
Paint
Acids
Poisons
Animal carcasses
Wet or rotten refuse
Explosives
Ammunition
Asbestos or asbestos containing materials
Bricks and or pavers
Sand, rubble and rocks
Tyres
Broken glass
Used oil
Commercial or industrial waste

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

5.9.3 PROPOSED ABOLITION OF WATER RESERVES (ITEM 6.5.3)

Moved Cr SCOTT, seconded Cr STOCK-STANDEN

That Council has no further comment and supports the request to abolish the water reserves.

CARRIED 9/0

5.9.4 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER (ITEM 6.5.4)

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr STANICH

That Council appoints Robert McKenzie as the Shires Chief Bush Fire Control Officer to exercise the powers pursuant to the Bush Fires Act 1954 and that the previous appointment of Stephen Williams be cancelled.

CARRIED 9/0

5.10 SHIRE PRESIDENTS REPORT

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

23/4/15	Meeting with Midwest Development Commission in Northampton Chambers
23/4/15	Midwest Development Commission Dinner function in Kalbarri
25/4/15	Anzac Ceremony (100 years) represented Shire
8/5/15	MV Oearch - Shark Tagging Vessel
15/5/15	Royalties for Regions Grant presentation function at Horrocks Beach

5.11 DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENTS REPORT

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

23/4/15	Meeting with Midwest Development Commission in Northampton Chambers
23/4/15	Midwest Development Commission Dinner function in Kalbarri

5.12 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

5.12.1 CR CARSON

Since the last Council meeting Cr Carson reported on his attendance at the meeting with Midwest Development Commission in Northampton Chambers on 23/4/2015.

5.12.2 CR GLIDDON

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

1/5/15	Meeting with Debbie Carson and Tracey Grosvenor in relation to Tourism information signage for Northampton, Horrocks Beach, Kalbarri and Gregory
6/5/15	Kalbarri Visitor Centre Committee Meeting
6/5/15	Webinar for Tidy Towns Submission
11/5/15	Midwest Tourism Alliance Meeting in Geraldton
15/5/15	Royalties for Regions Grant presentation function at Horrocks Beach

5.12.3 CR PIKE

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

23/4/15	Midwest Development Commission Dinner function in Kalbarri
15/5/15	Royalties for Regions Grant presentation function at Horrocks Beach

5.12.4 CR HOLT

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

23/4/15	Midwest Development Commission Dinner function in Kalbarri
15/5/15	Royalties for Regions Grant presentation function at Horrocks Beach

5.12.5 CR SCOTT

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

23/4/15	Midwest Development Commission Dinner function in Kalbarri
25/4/15	Anzac Ceremony represented Shire - Wreath laying
13-14/5/15	Attended Councillor Training - Planning/Strategic Management
15/5/15	Royalties for Regions Grant presentation function at Horrocks Beach

5.12.6 CR STOCK-STANDEN

Since the last Council meeting Cr Stock-Standen reported on her attendance at the Royalties for Regions Grant presentation function at Horrocks Beach on 15/5/15

AFTERNOON TEA ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.46pm and reconvened at 3.00pm with the following in attendance:

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

5.13 INFORMATION BULLETIN

Noted

5.14 CEO BRIEFING - FIRE EVENT

The CEO (Mr Garry Keeffe) briefed Councillors on the status of the clean-up works associated with the Woodcock's fire. The brief included all aspects that Council has been involved in, with the three main areas being:

1. Clean up of the contaminated drainage line at the rear of the premises which included the Lions Park and Northampton Caravan Park. These works have resulted in 50,000 litres of contaminated water/chemicals now having to be disposed of in Melbourne, and the transfer of an estimated 2,000 M³ of contaminated soil from the Northampton Refuse site to the Meru disposal site in Geraldton.
2. Accommodating evacuees from the Caravan Park.
3. Oversee the cleanup of the two business sites to ensure compliance with Department of Environment and Regulation requirements.

The CEO outlined the estimated costs for all clean up works and indicated that further clarification on costs are yet to be received, once received the community will be advised accordingly.

In recognition of the considerable time and effort the CEO had put into restoration works including out of hours work Cr Holt proposed the following motion.

Moved Cr HOLT, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That Council relay a vote of thanks to the CEO (Mr Garry Keeffe) for his actions on behalf of Council in dealing with the fire issue.

CARRIED 9/0

5.15 NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil

5.16 NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on the 19th June 2015 commencing at 1.00pm at the Allen Centre, Grey Street Kalbarri.

5.17 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 4.01pm.