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Monday 22nd June 2020**

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6.1 OPENING

The Deputy President thanked all Councillors, staff and gallery present for their attendance and declared the meeting open at 1.00pm

6.2 PRESENT

Cr C Simkin	President	Northampton Ward
Cr S Krakover	Deputy President	Kalbarri Ward
Cr R Suckling		Northampton Ward
Cr T Hay		Northampton Ward
Cr S Smith		Kalbarri Ward
Cr P Stewart		Kalbarri Ward
Cr D Pike		Kalbarri Ward
Cr L Sudlow		Northampton Ward
Cr S Stock-Standen		Northampton Ward
Mr Garry Keeffe	Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Grant Middleton	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	
Mrs Michelle Allen	Planning Officer	

6.2.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6.2.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

6.3 QUESTION TIME

Nil

6.4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cr STOCK-STANDEN declared a financial interest in item 7.5.12 as she is employed by the applicant and may incur a financial gain or loss from the decision of Council.

6.5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 15th MAY 2020

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr SUDLOW

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 15th May 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 9/0

6.5.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

6.6 RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

6.6.1 ANNUAL BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – 27th MAY 2020

Moved Cr HAY, seconded Cr SUDLOW

That the minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee held on the 27th May 2020 be received.

CARRIED 9/0

6.6.2 ENDORSEMENT OF BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING CHANGES – 27th MAY 2020

Moved Cr SUDLOW, seconded Cr SUCKLING

That the following changes be adopted for 2020/2021 as recommended by the Bush Fire Advisory Committee:

1. Implement the following restricted and prohibited burning times:

Restricted Period	1/09/2020 – 14/10/2020
Prohibited Burning	15/10/2020 – 14/02/2021
Restricted Burning	15/02/2021 – 7/04/2021

2. Appoint the following Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Deputy Bush Fire Control Officers:

Mr Rob McKenzie as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr Len Simmons as Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – North
Mr Scott Bridgeman as Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – South

3. Appoint the following Fire Control Officers:

Rob McKenzie - Chief Bush Fire Control Officer/Captain Isseka BFB
Len Simmons - Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer/Lieutenant Kalbarri
VFRS
Scott Bridgeman - Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer/Captain – Sandy
Gully/Alma BFB
Dean (Greg) Teakle - Captain - Northampton VFRS
Stan Sutherland - Lieutenant - Kalbarri VFRS
Greg Poett - Captain - Port Gregory/Yallabatharra BFB
Lindsay Rowe - Captain - Horrocks BFB
Matt Johnson - Captain – Ogilvie BFB
Kyle Carson - Captain - Ajana/Binnu BFB
Todd Henville - Lieutenant - Ajana/Binnu BFB
Glen Reynolds - Lieutenant - Ajana/Binnu BFB
Damian Harris - Lieutenant - Ajana/Binnu BFB
Jerome Drew – Admin Officer - Ajana/Binnu BFB

4. Appoint the following Permit Issuing Officers:

Garry Keeffe – Chief Executive Officer
Grant Middleton - Deputy CEO
Rob McKenzie - Chief Bush Fire Control Officer/Captain Isseka BFB
Ric Davey – Kalbarri Ranger
Len Simmons - Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer/Lieutenant Kalbarri
VFRS
Scott Bridgeman - Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer/Captain – Sandy
Gully/Alma BFB
Dean (Greg) Teakle - Captain - Northampton VFRS

Stan Sutherland - Lieutenant - Kalbarri VFRS
Greg Poett - Captain - Port Gregory/Yallabatharra BFB
Lindsay Rowe - Captain - Horrocks BFB
Matt Johnson - Captain – Ogilvie BFB
Kyle Carson - Captain - Ajana/Binnu BFB
Todd Henville - Lieutenant - Ajana/Binnu BFB
Damian Harris - Lieutenant - Ajana/Binnu BFB

CARRIED 9/0

6.7 WORKS & ENGINEERING REPORT

6.7.1 INFORMATION ITEMS - MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION WORKS PROGRAM (ITEM 7.1.1)

Noted

6.7.2 ERWOOD STREET / THORNTON STREET – PLACEMENT OF ADDITIONAL CONCRETE KERBING (ITEM 7.1.2)

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr HAY

That Council approve the works to install concrete kerbing and associated works to the eastern side of Thornton Street, as discussed with local adjoining residents and in accordance with the attached report. Works to the value of \$4,811 be authorised as approved expenditure within the Municipal Road Maintenance (Schedule 12) 2020/2021 budget.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

6.8 HEALTH & BUILDING REPORT

6.8.1 BUILDING APPROVALS (ITEM 7.2.1)

Noted.

6.9 TOWN PLANNING REPORT

6.9.1 SUMMARY OF PLANNING INFORMATION ITEMS (ITEM 7.3.1)

Noted

6.10 FINANCE REPORT

6.10.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (ITEM 7.4.1)

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr SUCKLING

That Municipal Fund Cheques 21898 to 21913 inclusive totalling \$40,879.32, Municipal EFT payments numbered EFT20724 to EFT20824 inclusive totalling \$450,063.15, Trust Fund Cheques 2515 to 2518, totalling \$611.33, Direct Debit payments numbered GJ1111 to GJ1117 inclusive totalling \$214,946.58 be passed for payment and the items therein be declared authorised expenditure.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

6.10.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – APRIL 2020 (ITEM 7.4.2)

Moved Cr KRAKOUER, seconded Cr STEWART

That Council adopts the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31st May 2020.

CARRIED 9/0

6.10.3 FEES & CHARGES (ITEM 7.4.3)

Moved Cr SMITH, seconded Cr STEWART

1. That Council review and adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2020/2021 financial year, as presented.
2. That Council adopts the minimum rate on rateable Gross Rental Value and Unimproved Value properties be set at \$565.00 per assessment for the 2020/2021 Financial Year.

CARRIED 9/0

6.11 ADMINISTRATION & CORPORATE REPORT

6.11.1 REVIEW OF DELEGATIONS AND POLICIES (ITEM 7.5.1)

Moved Cr KRAKOUER, seconded Cr SUCKLING

That Council:

1. Amend Policy 10.2 – Community bus by re-wording the paragraph:

Where the community bus is to be hired by seniors' groups based in Kalbarri, then the cost to transport the bus to and from Kalbarri to allow commencement of the bus use, to be at the cost of the Council.

to read:

Where both community buses are to be hired by seniors or school/youth groups based in either towns of the Shire, then the cost to transport a community bus to and from that town from its normal base to allow commencement of the bus use, to be at the cost of the Council.

2. Adopt the "Attendance at Events Policy" as presented.
3. Adopt the 'Information Technology Usage Policy' as presented.
4. Adopt the 'Financial Hardship Policy' as presented.

CARRIED 9/0

6.11.2 CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN (ITEM 7.5.3)

Moved Cr STEWART, seconded Cr SUCKLING

That Council:

1. Not include the reconstruction of the old asphalt pathway along the direct northern side of Grey Street, Kalbarri as part of the parallel parking project proposed within the 2020/21 Road Works Projects Program.

2. Adopts the revised Corporate Business Plan undertaken 15 May 2020, including the revised road works projects program as presented in its entirety at the 22 June 2020 Council meeting including the amendment as per recommendation 1.

CARRIED 9/0

6.11.3 2020/2021 BUDGET MEETING (ITEM 7.5.4)
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Moved Cr SMITH, seconded Cr SUDLOW

That Council holds a Special Meeting of Council to consider the 2020/2021 Budget on Wednesday 29th July 2020, commencing at 2.00pm at the Northampton Council Chambers.

CARRIED 9/0

6.11.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT REGULATIONS AMENDMENTS (ITEM 7.5.5)

Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr PIKE

That Council:

1. Objects to the CEO's remuneration package being publicised and that the status quo of the number of employees that receive a remuneration package of \$100,000 or more in \$10,000 blocks be retained due to the social impact it could have on a CEO in small rural towns.
2. Questions the need for the publication of who has lodged a Primary and Annual Returns for elected members and designated employees when it is a legislative requirement to undertake such returns which are available for public inspection.
3. Does not support the publication of diversity data for elected members as this has no relevance in smaller local governments and all such information is available on the nomination form of each candidate which is available for public inspection.

4. Objects to the need for the publication of the type and value of fees, expenses and allowances paid to each Council member, President and Deputy President as this information is publicly available within the budget and annual financial reports.

CARRIED 9/0

6.11.5 NORTHAMPTON BOWLING CLUB – SYNTHETIC GREEN INSTALLATION (ITEM 7.5.6)
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Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr SUDLOW

That Council consider the installation of synthetic green at the Northampton Bowling Club to be priority number one for Community Sport and Recreational Facility Grant and commit \$117,133 towards the project.

CARRIED 9/0

6.11.6 REFUSE SITE CHARGES (ITEM 7.5.7)

Moved Cr SMITH, seconded Cr SUCKLING

That Council recommence refuse site charges for disposal of materials as of 1 July 2020.

CARRIED 9/0

6.11.7 LOCAL ROAD & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME (ITEM 7.5.8)
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Cr PIKE, seconded Cr STEWART

That Council defer this matter for consideration to the 17 July 2020 Council meeting.

CARRIED 9/0

6.11.8 PROPOSED RELINQUISHMENT OF MANAGEMENT ORDER (ITEM 7.5.9)

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr SUDLOW

That Council advise the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage that it wishes to cancel the Management Order drawn in its favour for Crown Reserves 7671, being Lot 11448 and Crown Reserve 263, being Lot 12287, Drage Street, Northampton.

CARRIED 9/0

6.11.9 AFL FIGURES (ITEM 7.5.10)

Moved Cr SIMKIN, seconded Cr SUDLOW

That Council endorses the location of the AFL figures/statues on the extremity of the Northampton Lions Park carpark and on the north side of Essex Street in front of the RSL Hall and request the Northampton Tourist Association that both locations to have AFL figures located at them to encourage visitors to traverse through the central business district area whilst visiting the two AFL statue sites.

CARRIED 8/1

Cr SUCKLING wished for her name to be recorded as voting against the motion.

6.11.10 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (ITEM 7.5.11)

Moved Cr KRAKOUER, seconded Cr STEWART

That Council approves the request from the Northampton Arts and Crafts Group to pay the electricity costs associated with their use of the Northampton Roads Board Office building at Lot 31 (No. 201) Hampton Road, Northampton.

CARRIED 9/0

6.11.11 APPLICATION TO CLEAR NATIVE VEGETATION (ITEM 7.5.12)

Cr STOCK-STANDEN declared a financial interest in this item as she is employed by the applicant and may incur a financial gain or loss from the decision of Council. Cr STOCK-STANDEN left the meeting at 2.29pm

Moved Cr HAY, seconded Cr STEWART

That Council advise Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety that it has no objection to the application to clear native vegetation from the GMA Garnet Pty Ltd site but provides comment that dust suppression measures should be enforced to address potential dust issues for traffic on George Grey Drive and Port Gregory and that rehabilitation of new mine areas be undertaken in a timely manner to also prevent dust emissions.

CARRIED 9/0

Cr STOCK-STANDEN returned to meeting at 2.35pm.

6.11.12 KALBARRI AERODROME GENERATORS (ITEM 7.5.13)

Moved Cr STEWART, seconded Cr PIKE

That Council approve the replacement of the two generators located at the Kalbarri Aerodrome with Able Sales 22kva 3 phase diesel generators at a total estimated cost of \$22,500 and this be declared authorised expenditure.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

6.11.13 SENIOR STAFF PERFORMANCE REVIEWS (ITEM 7.5.2)

Moved Cr STEWART, seconded Cr PIKE

That Council discuss this item “*in-camera*” at 2.55pm.

CARRIED 9/0

Mr Garry Keeffe departed the meeting at 2.56pm.

Moved Cr PIKE seconded Cr SUCKLING

That Council continue the meeting “out of camera” at 3.06pm

CARRIED 9/0

Mr Garry Keeffe returned to the meeting at 3.08pm.

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr KRAKOUER

That Council:

1. Adopt the Performance Review Panel’s recommendations for the Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Manager for Works and Technical Services.
2. Adopt the Performance Review Panel’s recommendation to extend the Building Surveyor’s contract until June 2021; and
3. Accept the CEO’s proposal to install a solar power system to the CEO’s residence to a maximum of \$8,000 in lieu of accepting a 2.5% salary increase as at 1 July 2020 and that all future electricity accounts will be the responsibility of the CEO.

CARRIED 9/0

6.12 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

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

12/6/2020 Opening of Kalbarri Skywalk, Kalbarri
15/6/2020 Senior Staff Performance Review Meeting, Northampton

6.13 DEPUTY PRESIDENT’S REPORT

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

12/6/2020 Opening of Kalbarri Skywalk, Kalbarri
15/6/2020 Senior Staff Performance Review Meeting, Northampton

6.14 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

6.14.1 CR SUDLOW

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

- 3/6/2020 Electronic meeting organised by Ms Kirrilee Warr, Deputy Shire President, Shire of Chapman Valley relating to electricity reliability concerns in the rural areas

6.14.2 CR PIKE

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

- 5/6/2020 A meeting with Vince Catania MLA and Shane Love MLA, in Kalbarri to discuss health services
12/6/2020 Opening of Kalbarri Skywalk, Kalbarri

6.14.3 CR STEWART

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

- 12/6/2020 Opening of Kalbarri Skywalk, Kalbarri
15/6/2020 Senior Staff Performance Review Meeting, Northampton

6.14.4 CR HAY

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

- 26/5/2020 Meeting involving WA Fishing Industry Council and professional fishing representatives to discuss concerns with the silting of the Port Gregory Jetty
12/6/2020 Opening of Kalbarri Skywalk, Kalbarri

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6.14.5 CR SMITH

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

- 2/6/2020 Meeting with WA Country Health representatives to discuss medical services in Kalbarri
- 5/6/2020 Meeting with Vince Catania MLA and Shane Love MLA, in Kalbarri to discuss health services
- 12/6/2020 Opening of Kalbarri Skywalk, Kalbarri
- 15/6/2020 Senior Staff Performance Review Meeting, Northampton

6.15 NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil

6.16 NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Friday 17th July 2020 commencing at 1.00pm at the Northampton Shire Council Chambers.

6.17 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3.19pm.

THESE MINUTES CONSISTING OF PAGES 1 TO 20 WERE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD ON FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2020.

PRESIDING MEMBER: _____

DATE: _____