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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 G Leggett		Northampton Ward
Cr T Carson		Northampton Ward
Cr B Cripps		Northampton Ward
Cr O Simkin		Northampton Ward
Cr S Stock-Standen		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	
Mrs Monica Sullivan	Assistant Town Planner	
Mr Glenn Bangay	EHO/Building Surveyor	
Mr Neil Broadhurst	Manager of Works and Technical Services	

**2.2.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

**2.2.2 APOLOGIES**

Nil.

**2.3 QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present.

**2.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**2.4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 22<sup>ND</sup>  
JANUARY 2010**

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr SIMKIN

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the following amendments:

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- Minutes 1.10.2 – Change the Mover from “SIMKIN” to “PARKER” and seconder from “CARSON” to “GLIDDON”.

CARRIED 10/0

2.4.1.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
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Nil.

<b>2.5 RECEIVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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Nil.

<b>2.6 WORKS REPORT</b>
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2.6.1 MAINTENANCE WORKS/PROGRAMMED WORKS (ITEM 6.1.1)
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Noted.

2.6.2 MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA – CHILIMONY ROAD (ITEM 6.1.2)
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Noted.

2.6.3 KALBARRI – GREY STREET CONSTRUCTION OF CARPARK OPPOSITE IGA SUPERMARKET (ITEM 6.1.3)
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Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr BOOTH

That the existing unsealed car park area to the west of the proposed site remains as it is until such time as a full plan of the Kalbarri foreshore area is completed to allow community input.

CARRIED 10/0

2.6.4 TENDER 09/2010 – SUPPLY OF ONE (1) FOUR WHEEL DRIVE STATION WAGON MANAGER OF WORKS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES (ITEM 6.1.4)
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Moved Cr SIMKIN, seconded Cr PENN

That Council accept the tender submitted by Mid West Auto's to supply a Nissan ST Patrol manual wagon 2010 series 7 at \$47,822.93 with trade at \$20,000.00 with the addition of the options as per tender specifications. Total price to Council \$ 32,072.93 (exc. GST)

CARRIED 10/0

**2.7 HEALTH & BUILDING REPORT**

**2.7.1 INFORMATION ITEMS – HEALTH/BUILDING (ITEM 6.2.1)**

Noted.

**2.7.2 KALBARRI WASTE COMPACTION AND TRANSFER STATION (ITEM 6.2.2)**

Moved Cr BOOTH, seconded Cr PARKER

That Council:

1. Accept the quotations from Murchison Concrete of \$43,508.30 for concrete works and Gantheaume Bay Electrics of \$9,900 for electrical works to complete the Kalbarri putrescible waste transfer station;
2. Reallocate the funding for the clay capping of the Kalbarri putrescible site in the 2009/2010 budget to the construction of the infrastructure and services for the waste compaction and transfer station at the rear of the Kalbarri Works Depot; and
3. Postpone the clay capping of the putrescible site at the Kalbarri transfer Station to the 2010/2011 budget.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/1

Mr. Jamie Criddle, Deputy Chief Executive Officer left the meeting at 1.23pm.

**2.8 TOWN PLANNING REPORT**

**2.8.1 PROPOSED EXTENSIONS TO SINGLE HOUSE – GARAGE, LIVING ROOM, AND BALCONY – LOT 69 (NO. 90) MITCHELL STREET, HORROCKS (ITEM 6.3.1)**

Moved Cr BOOTH, seconded Cr STOCK-STANDEN

That Council grant Planning Approval for extensions, consisting of a double garage / workshop with second storey living room and balcony, to a single house on Lot 69 (No. 90) Mitchell Street, Horrocks, subject to the following conditions:

1. Development shall be in accordance with the attached approved plans dated 19 February, 2010 and subject to any modifications required as a consequence of this approval. The endorsed plan(s) shall not be modified or altered without the prior written approval of the local government;

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2. If the development/use the subject of this approval is not substantially commenced within a period of 2 years after the date of the determination the approval shall lapse and be of no further effect;
3. Development shall be in accordance with the amendments made in red on the attached approved plans dated 19 February, 2010 specifically notating the provision of permanent vertical screening to the portions of the balcony along the northern and southern elevations which fall behind the primary street setback line;
4. A building licence shall be issued by the local government prior to the commencement of any work on the site;
5. All stormwater is to be disposed of on-site to the specifications and approval of the local government;
6. Installation of crossing places to the standards and specifications of the local government;
7. Access and car parking areas to be paved / sealed and thereafter maintained to the approval of the local government;
8. Any soils disturbed or deposited on site shall be stabilised to the approval of the local government; and
9. All parking of vehicles such as boats and trailers is to be provided for within the property boundary and the street verge area is to be kept free of such vehicles.

CARRIED 10/0

2.8.2	PROPOSED LOCAL PLANNING POLICY – COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT OF PLANNING LAWS (ITEM 6.3.2)
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Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr CRIPPS

That Council, pursuant to clause 11.6.2 of *Town Planning Scheme No. 6*, clause 10.2.2 of *Town Planning Scheme No. 8* and clause 8.9.2 of *Town Planning Scheme No. 9*, adopt the "Compliance and Enforcement of Planning Laws" Local Planning Policy (attached to Item 6.3.2 of the February 2010 Town Planning Report) for the purposes of advertising.

CARRIED 10/0

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2.8.3 PROPOSED SCHEME AMENDMENT TO TOWN PLANNING SCHEME  
NO. 6 (NORTHAMPTON) – REZONING FROM ‘RURAL’ TO ‘SPECIAL RURAL’  
– LOT 820 (NO. 1) ISACHAR BACK ROAD, NORTHAMPTON (ITEM 6.3.3)

Moved Cr SIMKIN, seconded Cr LEGGETT

That Council

1. Initiate pursuant to Part Section 75 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* (as amended) and Regulation 25(1)c of the *Town Planning Regulations 1967* the proposed Scheme Amendment for Lot 820 (No. 1) Isachar Back Road, Northampton (as per Attachment 1 to the 19 February 2010 Town Planning Report) in accordance with the following:
  - (a) Amending the zoning of Lot 820 (No. 1) Isachar Back Road, Northampton from ‘Rural’ to ‘Special Rural; and
  - (b) Amending the Scheme maps accordingly;
2. Point 1 above is subject to the proponent preparing and submitting to the Local Government suitable scheme amendment documentation that adequately addresses all criteria outlined in Appendices B and C of the *Shire of Northampton Local Planning Strategy* and payment of the required planning fee.

CARRIED 10/0

2.8.4 SUMMARY OF PLANNING INFORMATION ITEMS (ITEM 6.3.4)

Noted.

Mrs Monica Sullivan, Assistant Planner left the meeting at 1.32pm.

**2.9 FINANCE REPORT**

2.9.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (ITEM 6.4.1)

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr BOOTH

That Municipal Fund Cheques 18187 to 18216 inclusive, totalling \$71,474.07, Municipal EFT payments numbered EFT7323 to EFT7404 inclusive totalling \$466,492.70, Direct Credit payments GJ05-01, GJ05-03 to GJ 05-06 totalling \$10,884.24 and Trust Fund Cheques 1741 to 1744 totalling \$1,440.00, be passed for payment and the items therein be declared authorised expenditure.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 10/0

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**2.9.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (ITEM 6.4.2)**

Moved Cr PENN, seconded Cr CARSON

That Council adopts the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31 January 2010 and notes any material variances greater than \$5,000.

CARRIED 10/0

**2.9.3 2009/2010 BUDGET REVIEW (ITEM 6.4.3)**

Moved Cr BOOTH, seconded Cr CARSON

That Council in accordance with Regulation 33A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 adopt the review of the 2009/2010 Budget and note any variances or recommendations.

CARRIED 10/0

Mr. Jamie Criddle, Deputy Chief Executive Officer entered the meeting at 1.38pm.

**2.10 ADMINISTRATION AND CORPORATE REPORT**

**2.10.1 2008/2009 ANNUAL REPORT (ITEM 6.5.1)**

Moved Cr PARKER, seconded Cr BOOTH

1. That the 2008/2009 Annual Report and Management report as presented be received.
2. That the Annual Electors meeting be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010 commencing at 4pm at the Northampton Council Chamber, Hampton Road, Northampton.

CARRIED 10/0

**2.10.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURAL REFORM (ITEM 6.5.2)**

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That Council:

1. Advise the Minister for Local Government that as three neighbouring local authorities are progressing an amalgamation, being the Shires of Chapman Valley, Mullewa and the City of Geraldton/Greenough, that the Minister at this stage exempt the Shire of Northampton having to be part of a Regional Transition Group until such time the above amalgamation has been resolved.



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2. Request the Minister for Local Government to consider funding the development of a Business Plan for the Shire of Northampton which will determine if this Council can remain on its own or amalgamate with the larger Council being created by the amalgamation of the City of Geraldton/Greenough and the Shires of Chapman Valley and Mullewa.
3. That Council undertake a letter drop consultation process with its residents requesting feed back if they support the Shire of Northampton being its own single identity, or if we should amalgamate with the greater Council as per item 2.
4. That Council approach the Shire of Shark Bay to gauge their interest in forming a Regional Collaborative Group (RCG) or Regional Transition Group (RTG) and advise the Minister for Local Government of this approach.

CARRIED 10/0

Cr SIMKIN declared an interest in Item 6.5.3 as he is a neighbour of the applicant and left the meeting at 2.23pm.

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr GLIDDON that Cr SIMKIN be invited back to the meeting for discussion.

CARRIED 9/0

Cr SIMKIN left the meeting for the casting of the vote at 2.38pm.

2.10.3 PORT GREGORY PUBLIC TOILET (ITEM 6.5.3)
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Moved Cr BOOTH, seconded Cr PENN

That Council defer any decision on the Port Gregory Toilets until such time as the old toilet block is removed and Council can assess the effect of future sand drift, if any on the toilet block and neighbouring property.

CARRIED 8/1

Cr SIMKIN re-entered the meeting at 2.39pm.

2.10.4 RLCIP FUNDING PROGRAM 2009/2010 – OVAL LIGHTING (ITEM 6.5.4)
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Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr CRIPPS

That Council to comply with the requirements of the RLCIP Grant allocation amend the 2009/2010 Municipal Budget by:

1. The \$30,000 RLCIP allocation for oval lighting be now for toilet facilities at Little Bay with the balance of cost to be financed from land sales fund.

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2. The \$30,000 initial RLCIP allocation for oval lighting be financed from land sales fund.

CARRIED 10/0

2.10.5	REQUEST FOR LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY (ITEM 6.5.5)
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Noted.

Cr's BOOTH and GLIDDON declared an interest in Item 6.5.6 as they own property neighbouring Peet Park and left the meeting at 2.45pm.

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr SIMKIN that Cr's BOOTH and GLIDDON be invited back to the meeting for discussion.

CARRIED 8/0

Cr's BOOTH and GLIDDON left the meeting for the vote at 2.53pm.

2.10.6	PEET PARK DEVELOPMENT (ITEM 6.5.6)
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Moved Cr PENN, seconded Cr PARKER

That Council supports the redevelopment of Peet Park as proposed and:

1. Allocate the \$8,261 held in trust for parkland development for the installation of automated reticulation and storage tank for Peet Park.
2. Provide Council plant and labour to assist with the development of the park.
3. Supports grant applications for additional infrastructure such as playground equipment.
4. Support the overall concept plan and request management to arrange for a scale drawing of the proposed redevelopment to allow the community to view the plan in true scale.
5. Advise via Media release that Council will only be funding the installation of reticulation at Peet Park with all other projects listed in the development plan to be financed via grants, sponsorship and community contributions/donations.

CARRIED 8/0

Cr's BOOTH and GLIDDON re-entered the meeting at 2.55pm.

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**2.10.7 PATHWAY – HORROCKS RECREATION AREA (ITEM 6.5.7)**

Moved Cr SIMKIN, seconded Cr CRIPPS

That Council endorse the submitting of grant application for the construction of a pathway as proposed by the Horrocks Progress Association and the Horrocks Community and Recreation Committee on the western side of the Horrocks golf course and should the application be successful and that funding is for the current financial year, Council contribute \$10,000 from the sale of land fund.

Should funding be for the 2010/2011 financial year, Council budget for the project accordingly.

CARRIED 10/0

**2.10.8 UNALLOCATED CROWN LAND – BROOK STREET NORTHAMPTON  
(ITEM 6.5.7)**

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That Council accepts the Management Order for the Brook Street Unallocated Crown Land (UCL), Lot 456.

CARRIED 10/0

AFTERNOON TEA ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.02pm and reconvened at 3.15pm with the following in attendance:

Cr Wilson, Cr L Parker, Cr Carson, Cr Cripps, Cr Leggett, Cr Simkin, Cr Stock-Standen, Cr Booth, Cr Gliddon, Cr Penn, the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Garry Keeffe, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Jamie Criddle and the Principal Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor Mr Glenn Bangay.

**2.10.9 PROPOSED GROUYNE – KALBARRI BOAT RAMP (ITEM 6.5.7)**

Moved Cr PENN, seconded Cr LEGGETT

That Council;

1. Abandon the groyne concept idea.
2. Request the Midwest Gascoyne Area Consultative Committee if the funds can be used to undertake upgrades to the boat ramp facilities located at the boat pen area, i.e. placement of a concrete ramp, placement of gravel to form a car park to assist users.

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Cr STOCK-STANDEN declared an interest in Item 6.5.10 as she is employed by the applicant and left the meeting at 3.25pm.

**2.10.10 APPLICATION TO CLEAR NATIVE VEGETATION (ITEM 6.5.7)**

Moved Cr SIMKIN, seconded Cr PARKER

That Council advise the Department of Mines and Petroleum that it supports the clearing as proposed.

CARRIED 9/0

Cr STOCK-STANDEN re-entered the meeting at 3.26pm.

**2.10.11 BINNU HALL (ITEM 6.5.7)**

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr CARSON

That Council approve the re-design of the kitchen bar area incorporating option 2 for the Binnu Community Hall and any costs to be incurred over the grant allocation of \$524,000 be sourced from the balance of Royalties for Regions funding for the Kalbarri Oval redevelopment as the first option and if any further funds are required then sale of land proceeds be used.

CARRIED 10/0

**2.11 PRESIDENTS REPORT**

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

- Australia Day celebrations.
- Radio interview with 6PR in Perth.
- Oakajee Port & Rail meet and greet.
- Local Government Reform forum.
- Geraldton Combined Universities.
- Regional Road Group meeting.
- Opening of the Northampton Works Depot.

**2.12 DEPUTY PRESIDENTS REPORT**

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

- Kalbarri Sport & Recreation meeting.
- Local Government Reform forum.

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- Opening of the Northampton Works Depot.
- Kalbarri Local Planning Strategy information session.
- Kalbarri District High School – Presentation on the River Road Project.
- Onsite inspection of the Port Gregory Toilets.

**2.13 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

**2.13.1 Cr LEGGETT**

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

- Northampton Tourist Bureau meeting.
- Australia Day celebrations.
- Opening of the Northampton Works Depot.

**2.13.2 Cr PENN**

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

- Opening of the Northampton Works Depot.
- Onsite inspection of the Port Gregory Toilets.

**2.13.3 Cr STOCK-STANDEN**

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

- Australia Day celebrations.

**2.13.4 Cr CRIPPS**

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

- Opening of the Northampton Works Depot.
- Onsite inspection of the Port Gregory Toilets.

**2.13.5 Cr SIMKIN**

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

- Opening of the Northampton Works Depot.
- Onsite inspection of the Port Gregory Toilets.

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- Northampton Community Centre meeting.

**2.13.6 Cr BOOTH**

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

- Onsite inspection of the Port Gregory Toilets.
- Kalbarri Local Planning Strategy information session.

**2.13.7 Cr GLIDDON**

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

- Kalbarri Visitor Centre meeting.
- Opening of the Northampton Works Depot.
- Kalbarri Local Planning Strategy information session.
- Kalbarri Development Association meeting.

**2.14 INFORMATION BULLETIN**

Noted.

**2.15 NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**2.15.1 MIDWEST AERO MEDICAL SERVICES**

Council have received the following request from the Midwest Aero Medical Services Group.

“We are asking the Shire to consider financial support for a new innovative team based staffing plan, so that we can maintain continuity of care to the community. Our practice understands this is beyond the ‘typical brief’ of a Shire, however our commercial practice has been subsidizing Northampton and we do not have the capital base to continue to do so. If we get tangible support from the Shire, we can ‘match’ this with other government agency and related grants swiftly. Also, if we can attract a new full time doctor, we can be transparent with accounts and reduce any financial support requests.

Currently, our prior overseas trained doctor is leaving Northampton for another commercial practice in a city, and his proposed replacement has seen both his medical registration, and permanent residency, revoked only two months prior to his scheduled exams. Efforts to recruit a new doctor for this posting have failed, and in the absence of financial support we will have no choice but to simply close the practice, and withdraw permanently from support of the hospital (Obviously we are trying hard to find a doctor, but all rural communities are aware that over

150 overseas trained doctors have been ejected from WA alone, with only 18 new ones available).

The 'gap' in funding, however, is not terribly large, thus we would ask you to consider:

- Support form in a financial amount, and in-kind support (e.g. rent abatement on the practice). This can be organised around milestones, with the appropriate disclosures, governance and transparency as your organisation would expect. The benefits to the community are very large, and that alternatives will be a reversal for an important regional hospital;
- We have given considerable thought to utilising this money in an efficient, and innovative way, and would be investing some \$30,000 of in-kind support for the effort in creating an Innovative Model for a Rural General Practice. This model does leverage 'nurse practitioners' and also we have designed and used effectively on mine sites and other remote areas (where medics, based on an agreed protocol, with telephone support from a GP, undertake some routine tasks, but have other tasks such as narcotics dispensing restricted to more detailed and stringent requirements). We would make this model, or any variation of same, available to other rural practices in a similar predicament to the Northampton Community.
- We can very likely 'leverage' shire support to receive some additional 'matching' support from other government agencies, and potentially other stakeholders. We certainly would not expect the Shire to undertake the full burden. Our discussions to date have been on a without prejudice basis with a number of parties, but we expect to find some financial support concurrent to any assistance from you.
- We have significant support from the local pharmacy and the community to make this 'work'.
- If this model becomes commercially viable in its own right, we are happy to share the financials and – if numbers justify – see a reduction in funding required in future years. Our GP practice seeks to continue to care for the community, at either break even or at a small profit if this can be achieved, and if profit is achieved we are happy to see subsidies from reduced or eliminated. However Midwest Aero Medical simply cannot continue to support a non-commercial venture which loses money.

Moved Cr STOCK-STANDEN, seconded Cr LEGGETT

That Council:

1. Provide the Midwest Aero Medical Service with a letter of support outlining Council's support in introducing a new innovative approach to treating patients while seeking a permanent replacement doctor for the Northampton Surgery.

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2. Provide the Midwest Aero Medical Service with rent abatement and utility subsidy to the Northampton Doctors Surgery and residence located at Lot 42 Bateman Street until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 or prior if a permanent doctor is found.
3. Where no doctor is found as at 30 June 2010, it is to be reviewed for the 2010/2011 Budget for consideration.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 10/0

**2.16 NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Northampton Council Chamber, Hampton Road, Northampton on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

**2.17 CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the President thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 4.10pm.