

**MINUTES OF THE KALBARRI AIRPORT JOINT VENTURE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE NORTHAMPTON COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FRIDAY 27 APRIL 2012**

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**1. PRESENT**

Shire of Northampton	Cr Gordon Wilson	Chairperson
	Cr Lou Parker	Member
	Mr Garry Keeffe	Member
City of Greater Geraldton	Mayor Ian Carpenter	Member
	Mr Bob Urquhart	Member

**2. OPEN**

Chairperson declared the meeting open at 9.38am.

**3. APOLOGIES**

Cr Neil McIlwaine	City of Greater Geraldton
Cr Graeme Bylund	City of Greater Geraldton

**4. MINUTES**

**Moved G Keeffe seconded Cr L Parker**

**That the minutes of the previous committee meeting held 3 April 2009 as presented be confirmed.**

**CARRIED 5/0**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

**6. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**6.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Noted.

**6.2 RPT OPERATIONS**

Noted.

Mr Keeffe advised that in April 2012 Skippers have not flown into Kalbarri due to no passengers and their continued service to Kalbarri is of concern. Main contributing factor is the low numbers of tourism to Kalbarri.

**7.0 OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**7.1 RPT SUBSIDY**

Mr Urquhart suggested that the Department of Transport be requested to reconsider a subsidy to allow RPT operations to Kalbarri to reduce costs and therefore increase passenger numbers.

**Moved Mayor Carpenter seconded Cr L Parker**

**That it be recommended to the joint owners, the Shire of Northampton and City of Greater Geraldton, that the Department of Transport be requested to consider subsidizing the RPT service into Kalbarri to reduce operating costs and subsequently reducing the cost for airfares as current costs for RPT compliance requirements for the Kalbarri airport are exceeding income which is resulting in the airport operating at an ongoing and growing deficit.**

**CARRIED 5/0**

**7.2 FLY IN FLY OUT**

Discussion took place on the options of trying to encourage Fly in Fly Out operations to mine sites from Kalbarri.

Mr Keeffe advised that the Northampton Shire had approached a number of large mining companies on this proposal however no response was ever received. Further approaches are being considered

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting of the Joint Venture Kalbarri Airport Committee to be held at a date and time to be determined.

**9. CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Chairperson, Cr Wilson declared the meeting closed at 10.05am.