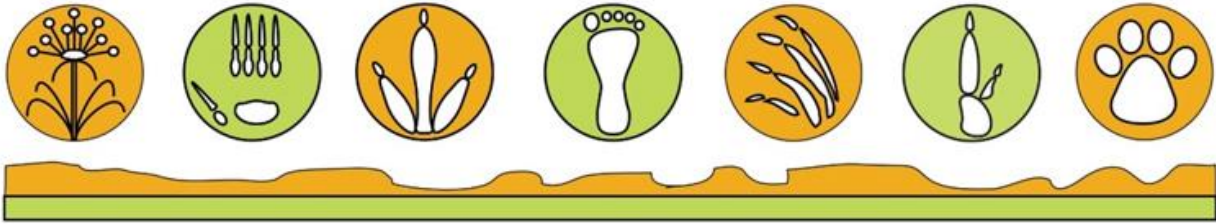


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES

### Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

The meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Friday 8 March 2024 at 2:00 pm.

#### **Ian Bodill**

Chief Executive Officer

#### **OUR VISION**

**We strive to be a responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens to and empowers the people to be strong.**

#### **The Way We Will Work**

**We will make it happen!**

**We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.**

**We will have strong policies and budgets to ensure our programs and services are progressive and sustainable.**

**Respect is shown in everything we do, and we have acceptance of all cultures in the Barkly Region and their practices through a culturally competent Council.**

**We are a responsible Council.**

**We will be a responsive Council.**

**We want to empower local decision making.**

**We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.**

**We want to be able to sustain our environment – our communities, our physical places, our people, and our organisational culture.**

**We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region.**

**We need to be realistic, transparent, and accountable.**

The meeting commenced at 20:5pm PM with Shane Smith as chair.

## 1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

### 1.1 Committee Members Present

- Shane Smith
- Karen Hayward
- Gareth Muchinguri
- Peter Holt

### 1.2 Staff Members And Visitors Present

Nil

### 1.3 Apologies

### 1.4 Absent Without Apology

- Noel Clifford

### 1.5 Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this Audit and Risk Committee Meeting.

## 2 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

## Actions from previous Minutes

### 2.1 Update on actions items

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##### MOTION

That the Audit & Risk Committee, (ARC) receives and notes information and updates on action items arising from the 22 February 2024 meeting.

##### RESOLVED

**Moved: AC Member Shane Smith**

**Seconded: Karan Hayward**

1. Progress report.

The committee noted the FY2024-2025 Annual Report

3. Community Project Funds

The committee noted the report, accepted the overspend by the governance table partners, pending the investigators report.

4. Procurement Policy.

It was noted that it be differed to next year 2025

7. Fair Matters-

None committal as there was none to report.

10. Works comp report-

Latest report from the insurer was noted as of March 29 2023.

**Specific Items Raised by Ruth Morley**-relating to 26 May 2022 minutes.

Outstanding acquittals- response was provided that the acquittals were submitted by 31 October 2022

On Acquittals, Audit and Risk Committee requested update that all acquittals were submitted.

That the Audit & Risk Committee was not re-established not until September 2023.

Barkly Local Community Fund. Inquiry was any outstanding projects. Peter responded that all projects approved by BRC. Some with significant overspending without governance table approval.

Ian explained that governance table membership is comprised of NTG, Commonwealth, Aboriginal corporation, BRC and TC members of about 20 in number.

Audit committee requested Peter to write to governance Table and recommend that BRC should not honor its 3-million-dollar obligation.

Ian advised that BRC will represent its request for ratification of the overspend to the governance Table and advise the Audit committee that Lachlan Wilins would talk to the investigator about the issue of the overspend.

Shane Smith requested BRC to continue discussion with governance Table partners regarding the local community project funds.

Ruth- Advised the committee that investigation report will be due on 12 March 2023 and advised BRC that it needs to consider a contingent liability regarding the 3 million dollars commitment to the Barkly Regional Deal.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 3 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

#### Confirmation Of Committee Meeting Minutes

##### 3.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

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###### MOTION

That Committee receives and confirms the minutes from the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting held on 22 February 2024 as true and accurate.

###### RESOLVED

**Moved: AC Member Shane Smith**

**Seconded: Karan Hayward**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 4 REGISTER OF MOTIONS

*Nil*

## 5 UPDATED COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM REPORTS

### Updated Committee Work Program Reports

#### 5.1 Draft A&R Committee Work Program.

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###### MOTION

That the committee receives and notes the Draft of BRC Audit & Risk Committee work program.

###### RESOLVED

**Moved: Karan Hayward**

**Seconded: Gareth Muchinguri**

The work program was noted. No comment was suggested.

**Term of reference for the Audit committee,**

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

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#### 6.1 Other Matters

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###### MOTION

That the Audit and Risk Committee discuss any other matters as may be relevant.

###### RESOLVED

**Moved: AC Member Shane Smith**

**Seconded: Gareth Muchinguri**

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General business

That the committee meet independent of the executive staff members.

Ruth suggested a probity audit relating to local committee projects

Contract management process review- that the audit committee be guided by section 87 of the Act.

Romeo clarified the distinction between the investigators work around the local community projects as opposed to audit and risk committee mandate towards the whole risks

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 14:48pm.

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