

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



OUR VISION

We strive to be responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens 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 policy 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.

MINUTES AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, 2 JUNE 2016

The Audit Committee Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Tennant Creek on Thursday, 2 June 2016 at 11:00am.

Marion Smith
Chief Executive Officer

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

Meeting commenced at 11:15am

Cr. Bob Bagnall acknowledged Traditional Owners of the Warumungu

1.1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Rex Mooney Chairperson
Cr. Bob Bagnall Committee Member
Cr. Narelle Bremner Committee Member (Teleconference)
President Barb Shaw Committee Member

1.2 STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Wright; Director Corporate Services
Theresa Nicolussi; Finance Manager
Marilyn Wright; Minute Taker

1.3 APOLOGIES

Nil

1.4 ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGIES

Nil

1.5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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

2 CONFIRMATION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

2.1 AUDIT MEETING MINUTES - 16 MARCH 2016

MOTION

That the Audit Committee

- a) Receive and note the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held 16 March 2016 as a true and accurate record

Moved: Cr. Bremner

Seconded: Cr. Bagnall

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved AC 7/16

3.1 AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM

MOTION

That the Audit Committee

- a) The Audit Committee advise Council that it has reviewed and endorsed an updated Audit Committee Work Program and that this program will be attached to the Audit Committee minutes for adoption as part of the minutes.
- b) The Audit Committee advise Council that items 2.2, 6.1, 7.2, 7.3 & 7.4 were due to be discussed at the June 2 meeting however due to significant recently high turnover of senior staff these items have not been actioned. The Audit Committee Work Program will be updated to transfer these items to the October 2016 Audit Committee meeting.
- c) Pursuant to item 2.2 of the Audit Committee Work Program; the Audit Committee recommend to Council that all future Council meeting agenda reports be required to include a compulsory section to assess the level of risk attached to the proposed recommendation in the Council meeting report as well a separate compulsory section that clearly identifies any budget implications resulting from the recommendation. Elected members should not be asked to make decisions on matters without having been fully briefed of the risk and financial ramifications associated with such decisions.
- d) The Audit Committee advise Council that item 7.1 of the Audit Committee Work Program has not been actioned. The Audit Committee recommend to Council that a project plan be prepared and actioned as a matter of urgency, as resolved in resolution of Council 410/15 passed at Ordinary Council meeting held 10 December 2015.

Moved: Cr. Bremner
Seconded: Cr. Bagnall

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved AC 8/16

5 GENERAL BUSINESS AND MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS

5.1 AUDITORS VISIT - JUNE 2016

MOTION

That the Audit Committee

- a) Receive and note the report.

Moved: President Shaw
Seconded: Cr. Bagnall

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved AC 9/16

5.2 DRAFT COPY OF THE REGIONAL PLAN FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

MOTION

That the Audit Committee

- a) Receive and note the draft 2016 – 2017 Regional Plan.
- b) Section 7 of capital works expenditure is segregated into two separate lists being those that are currently funded in the Annual Budget and those that are reliant on the receipt of government funding.
- c) That the Long Term Financial Plan included in section 14 be redrafted to demonstrate that Council is intending to transition into a financially sustainable future position by budgeting to achieve a break even or better operating result.

Moved: Cr. Bagnall

Seconded: Cr. Bremner

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved AC 10/16

5.3 BUDGET REVIEW 2 2015/16 YEAR

MOTION

That the Audit Committee

- a) Receive and note the Budget Review (2).

Moved: Cr. Bagnall

Seconded: President Shaw

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved AC 11/16

5.4 MOVE FROM CIVICA TO TECHONE PLATFORM

MOTION

That the Audit Committee

- a) Recommend to Council that a project plan be prepared as a matter of urgency, as resolved in resolution of Council 410/15 passed at Ordinary Council meeting held 10 December 2015.
- b) Support in principal Council Resolution OCCS 21/16, for the need to move immediately to an accounting system and associated Chart of Accounts that will enable management to prepare meaningful and timely reports to both internal and external users of financial information

Moved: Cr. Bagnall

Seconded: Cr. Bremner

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved AC 12/16

5.5 MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION

That the Committee

- a) Recommend to Council that the Audit Committee meets 2 days prior to the October 2016 and December 2016 scheduled Ordinary Council meetings, with minutes to be adopted at the December 2016 and February 2017 Council meetings

Moved: Cr. Bremner

Seconded: President Shaw

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved AC 13/16

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1:10 pm

Next schedule Audit Committee Meeting is 15 September 2016, although noting that Committee's recommendation for the date changes, it is hoped that the next meeting be held 18 October 2016

Rex Mooney
Chairperson

Marion Smith
Chief Executive Officer