

by Mr James South. The amount was ordered to be paid.

From Secretary of Lands. Melbourne. Asking for Certificate of Title of allotment 46^a section 2 Parish of Sandana. On the motion of Mr Lethlean Sec^y by Mr James South. Secretary to apply to Messrs Brown & Ellison for same and forward to the Department.

Carried
From General Post Office. declining to extend mail service from Calivil to Nartham. The Secretary was instructed to make further application.

Shire of Shepparton. Asking Co-operation in taking question whether fees for renewal of publicans' licenses ought not to be paid into Municipal funds instead of the general revenue.

Mr Lethlean moved That co-operation be granted as desired and that the expenses be charged pro rata on the amount of revenues of each Shire agreeing to cooperate. Seconded by the President and

Carried
From Secretary of Railways. Stating that locomotives would be erected one mile north of Yallock Railway Station.

Received
From Secretary of Lands. Asking for certain certificates of Title.

Attended to
From H. J. Nixon, Solicitor. Acknowledging receipt of £3. 13. 0 on behalf of Mr Coffey.

Received
From Government Statist. Asking for a return of Live Stock slaughtered throughout the Shire to be attended to.

From Victoria Post office directory. asking for form to be filled in.

Left to Secretary
From Mr Dean Bros & Rigg. Stating that they sent a weighbridge to Dunge Station.

Reports

Received
Mr Lethlean reported having let earthwork in parish of Yallock at one Shilling per yard to J. Bennett. On the motion of Mr South seconded by Mr Laidlaw the action of the East Riding members was

Approved
The Engineer reported that in consequence of the holidays little progress had been made with Shire works. He reported that fair progress was being made by A. Jamieson, J. J. Old, J. M. Dixon & Peter Jacobson.

After considerable delay one of the weighbridges had been delivered at Dunge Railway Station. The erection of the works I have put in the hands of Mr John Gibbs who is proceeding with work as rapidly as possible. With regard to the other weighbridge for Milsams I have advised Messrs Dean Bros & Rigg to delay forwarding same till I could consult the Council further.

Mr Contractor Jamieson has given up his contract for cutting drains near Mr Fisher's and as instructed have called for fresh tenders for the execution of the work. I estimate the amount of work done by Jamieson at from £4 to £5. He asked for instructions as to the forfeiture of his deposits amounting to £3. 0. 0.

I am in receipt of an estimate of the cost of erecting the weighbridge at Dunge including office 6' x 8' at a cost of £29. 16. 3.

I have prepared plans for bridge over Welsh's Lagoon and have called for tenders, returned this day, as instructed. I beg to recommend certain repairs to road near Sackinans parish of Yallock. On the motion of Mr Lethlean

Seconded by Mr James Gault The engineer's report was received.

Mr Lethlean moved and Mr James Gault seconded. That the engineer's action in letting the work to erect the Weighbridge at Dunge to Mr J. Gibbs be approved - the price including office to be £29. 14. 3

Carried
On the motion of Mr Raleigh seconded by Mr J. Gault The Engineer was instructed to write Mr Lean Bros & Rigg to forward weighbridge to Mitiamo at once and to make the necessary arrangements to have the same erected with the least possible delay.

Carried
Mr James Gault moved. That Jamieson's deposit be returned and in the event of the incoming Contractor making any allowance for the work done the same to be handed over to Jamieson.
Seconded by Mr Raleigh and

Carried
For the motion Mr J. Gault, Mr Raleigh, Mr Marshall and the President. - Against Mr D. Gault, Mr Laird and Mr Lethlean.

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr James Gault One month's extra time was allowed to J. J. Old on Contract near Dunge Station.

Carried
The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £285. 7. 6

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr James Gault The report was

Received
The Rate Collector reported this month's collections as follows

18 Jan 1884

East Riding	357 .. 3 .. 8
North "	56 .. 19 ..
South "	352 .. 10 ..
Total	<u>£760 .. 12 .. 8</u>

The total Amount Collected during the year ending 31st December 1883 are

East Riding	849 .. 8 .. 5
North "	228 .. 4 .. 3
South "	533 .. 8 .. 10
Total	<u>£1611 .. 1 .. 6</u>

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Marshall the report was

Received

Tenders

On the motion of Mr Raleigh seconded by Mr Laird The following tenders were accepted

No 1 Formation and pipe drain near Obrien's Mitiamo and formation at North Angle of allotment 114 parish of Mitiamo

P. O'Loughlin 24 .. 10 .. 0

No 2 Formation and pipe drains between allotments 30 and 31 parish of Dunge

Thos S. Old 30 .. 17 .. 6

No 3 Fencing in Land at Bullock Creek parish of poorapook

Thos S. Old 13 .. 10 .. 0

No 4 Cutting 80 chains of side drains and filling in cuts from Mr Stok's to South boundary of the Shin

Mr Stok 72 .. 0 .. 0

No 5 Constructing pipe bridge and approaches over Welsh's Shin on boundary roads between Cardlaw and Mitiamo Post

Mr Stok 306 .. 9 .. 0

Mr D. Gault here left the meeting

General business

The letter from the Victorian Guaranty Society re the Rate Collector's guarantee.

Held over

Dr. Adams' application for the appointment of health officer for the Shire at a salary of £20 per annum and 5/- per mile, one way, for every case he was called on to attend, was considered and, after considerable discussion, was, on the motion of Mr. Laird, seconded by the President.

Agreed to
The President and Mr. Laird, Raleigh and Potter voting for the motion and Mr. James South, Lethlean and Marshall against.

Mr. Marshall reported having authorized Mr. Heib to remove a fence and fill in post holes at a cost of £2-0-0.

On the motion of Mr. Potter seconded by Mr. Lethlean, the action of Mr. Marshall was approved and the amount ordered to be paid.

The Engineer stated, in answer to Mr. Marshall, that he had seen Mr. H. H. Jenkins who promised to complete his clearing contract, but had been prevented by domestic affliction.

Instructions to Officers

By Mr. James South That the Engineer employ labor to repair approaches to Bullock Creek bridge on 3 chain road to Mitiamoo.

By Mr. Potter The Secretary to write to Messrs. Catterbanks & Co asking if they will consent to an exchange of roads leading to the Bridge at Kelsch's Lagoon and in the event of the answer being satisfactory the Engineer to inspect roads & report to next meeting.

Motions

Mr. Laird moved according to notice that the Rate Collector be informed that his services as collector will be dispensed with.
Seconded by Mr. James South who stated that he

seconded the motion for sale of obtaining a discussion on the matter.

A long discussion took place all the Councilmen taking a part in the question. Mr. South during the time again taking the seat. Mr. Laird ultimately withdrew his motion.

It was then agreed that the appointment of Dog by collector be considered and on the motion of the President an extra £25 per annum be offered to Mr. Burrows, the rate collector, to collect the Dog Tax, seconded by Mr. Potter.

Mr. South moved as an Amendment that application be called, to be in by next meeting, from persons willing to accept the office of Dog tax collector for the Shire at a salary of £20 per annum. Seconded by Mr. Laird.

For the Amendment Mr. South, Laird, Marshall and Lethlean.

Against The President, Mr. Raleigh, James South and Potter.

The motion was then put with a similar result. The President giving his casting vote in favor of the motion.

Mr. Burrows agreed to accept the appointment ^{and his present position as Rate Collector for Mudge} ~~into the office of appointment~~
Notice of Motions

No. 1 By Mr. Lethlean That the embankment running North and South on two chain road opposite James Jackman's be widened and the Culvert repaired.

No. 2 By Mr. Lethlean For earthwork and pipe drain on road known as Moorheads parish of Valambie.

No. 3 By Mr. Potter That tenders be called for drains and embankments on West side of Kelsch's Lagoon on road leading to the new Bridge over Lagoon.

No. 4 By Mr. Raleigh That all rates be paid before the 30th of September in each year.

Mr. South moved that applications be called from persons willing to take charge of the weighbridges at Mitiamoo and Quigley. The same to be addressed

to and opened by the President and members
for the East Meeting
Seconded by the President and
Laird

Accounts

On the motion of Mr Potter seconded
by Mr Laird the following accounts were
passed for payment

Engineer	20	16	8
Secretary	12	10	0
G. H. Burrows	5	0	0
Wright & Jackson	1	18	0
J. G. Abbotts & Co	8	4	6
Charles Hutton, Treasurer &c	34	2	5
McLean Bros & Rigg	90		
MacKay & Co	1	1	0
Thomas S. Old	10		
A. Jamieson	75		
W. E. Lethlean	1	7	6
C. Medcalf		15	0
James Farrell	2	10	0
Wm. A. Coffey	2	2	0
Total	280	7	0

The Meeting then closed and the Council
adjourned to Friday February 15th 1884

Forfeited
Shire Hall
Serpentine
February 14 1884

Davis & Co
Chairman

15 Feb 1884

Ordinary

Minutes of the

Serpentine
February 15th 1884

Print

Mr. Laird, Messrs. Potter, W. Gault, Marshall
& Co. and J. Gault
Minutes of Mr. Gault was added to the Chair

On the motion of Mr. Gault seconded by
Mr. Gault the minutes were
confirmed

Correspondence

From Under Treasurer, Melbourne, re duty on matches
stating the suggestion was referred to Secretary for
Trade and Customs

Received

From Secretary for Lands re paper and reserves
stating request would be considered by a Local
Lands Board

Received

From Department of Trade and Customs re duty on
matches and stating that a duty was already
levied on all matches imported

Received to be considered when

General business called on

From Clerk of Courts asking for signature of
Treasurer to account for half years rent of Shire
Hall

Attended to

From Brown & Ellis asking for forwarding certificates
of title

Received

From H. Whigmore asking for further information
re defaulting ratepayers

To be attended to

to and opened by the President and members
for the East Meeting
Seconded by the President and

Accounts

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by Mr Linder the following accounts were
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J. G. Abbott & Co	8.	4.	6 ⁿ
Charles Hutton, Treasurer &c	34.	2.	5 ⁿ
McLean Bros & Rigg	90.	"	"
MacKay & Co	1.	1.	"
Thomas S. Old	10.	"	"
A. Jamieson	75.	"	"
W. E. Lethlean	1.	7.	6 ⁿ
C. Medcalf	"	15.	"
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Confined

Thine Hall
Secretary
February 14 1884

David Lott
Chairman

15 Feb 1884

Ordinary Minutes

Perpetual
February 15th 1884

Present

Mr Laid, Bissett, Potter, D. Gault, Marshall
Lethlean and J. Gault
Minutes Mr D. Gault was asked to the Chair

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by
Mr J. Gault the minutes as read were
Confirmed

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Hall

Attended to

From Brown & Ellison forwarding Certificates
of Title

Received

From H. Whigson. Asking for further information
re defaulting ratepayers -

To be attended to

From Secretary of Victorian Intercolonial
Exhibition 1884 of Wine & Fruit, Grain &c
Forwarding parcel of circulars to be distributed
Received

From Government Statist. Asking for return
of Stock estimated to be in Municipality
in March 1883

From M. P. Whittle. Attended to
Asking for more
weigh bills books.

From Government Statist. Attended to
Acknowledging
receipt of Statist for 1883

From John O'Donoghue. Received
Informing that he only came into possession of the lands
rates for on the first of December last and
enclosing 'memo' to that effect from District lands
offices

On the motion of Mr J. Coult's seconded by
Mr Marshall Eight months rates only to be charged
Agreed to

From Secretary Central Board of Health. Approving
of the appointment of Dr A. Adams as Health Officer
for the Pire and forwarding copying of instructions
for the guidance of Health Officers

From Under Treasurer. Received
requesting refund
of £9.10 License fee due to Revenue

Attended to the receipt
for the amount being received.

From Government Statist. requesting returns
as per forms

Attended to
From Trades Hall Committee. re Testimonial
to James Stephens and forwarded list for subscriptions
Left in the hands of Secretary

From the Yea Pire Council, asking Cooperation
to urge on the Minister of Railways to grant the
same privilege to Travellers upon Country lines of
Railway as at present exist upon suburban lines
viz Day return tickets at reduced rates. On the
motion of Mr J. Coult's ^{who} agreed with what was said in
the letter and moved that the Council support the
movement seconded by Mr Lethlean and
Carried

From Hon^y Secretary Serpentine Est. Asking for the use
of the Pire Hall for a Ball and concert and that
the usual donation of £10.10.0 be granted to the
Treasurer of the Est.

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by
Mr J. Coult's the use of the Hall was

Granted
On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded
by Mr Lethlean it was resolved that £10.10 be granted

From the Hon^y D. Coult's stating that had waited, in
Company with Mr J. Moore M.L.A. on the post horse
general with reference to the mails from Larkye to
Calicut and obtained a promise that a mail
should run as requested

On the motion of Mr Caird seconded by Mr
Marshall a vote of thanks was passed to Mr Coult's
and Mr Moore

From M. B. Zettens. making application for a
Slaughtering License for pumpkins

Granted
From Loustable French Forwarding Account from
Joseph Doody for £2 for removing a dead horse
from Bean Lagoon in accordance with instructions
from Mr Hardy the President. On the
motion of Mr J. Coult's seconded by Mr Lethlean
The consideration of the account was allowed to
stand over for the attendance of the President

From Joseph Peil, lativel. Asking for
Compensation for breadage to his machine thro'
gates not being removed on roads

On the Motion of Mr Potter seconded by
Mr Lethlean The members for the North
Riding were appointed a Committee to report
on the Amount of damage done and also
to consider the Case of Dobies

Carried

Reports

Mr Lethlean reported on behalf of the Committee
appointed to select a Contractor for the weighbridges
that Mr W. P. Whittle had been appointed at a
remuneration of 65 per cent on the amount of fees
collected and the rate chargeable were to be 6²/₃
per ton or portion of a ton up 13¹/₂

On the motion of Mr Laird seconded by Mr Marshall
the report was

Adopted

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr
Whittle informing him that he must at once find
Securities and that he must pay over the receipts
in full and the Council will pay him 65 per cent
also that he must send in a return for each
Meeting of the Council.

The Members for the East Riding with Mr
Marshall & the Engineer were appointed to interview
Mr Whittle on Monday the 18th inst. with full
power to act

The Engineer report on the various works in
the Thire was on the motion of Mr Lethlean
seconded by Mr J. Coutts

Received

Clause 5th Engineer action approved on the
Motion of Mr Laird seconded by Mr Lethlean
Clause 6 Engineer to accept the offer for pump &
on the Motion of Mr Marshall seconded by Mr Lethlean

The Rate Collector reported Collections of Rates
as following

West Riding	41	16	..
North	24	4	6
South	20	1	6
	116	7	..
	11	10	..

Dog Registration

On the Motion of the Chairman seconded by
Mr Lethlean the report was

Received

The Treasurer reported a Credit balance of
£152. 15. 4 proposed by Mr Lethlean
seconded by Mr J. Coutts that the report be

Received

The Valuer reported that he had visited the
New properties at Mithams and placed the valuations
as follows

Mr Dykes brick buildings with Ten rooms (wholesale business)	130	0	0
Mr Pattersons W. B. public house Twelve rooms & outbuildings	100	0	0
Mr O'Brien's W. B. public House Stores 13 or 14 rooms	110	0	0

On the motion of Mr J. Coutts seconded by Mr
Lethlean That the valuations as read be adopted
and that steps be taken to have rates raised from
date of occupancy

Carried

General business

Mr J. Coutts moved That the post General be
asked to grant a post Office at Pannoomilloo
Railway Station seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

Mr J. Coutts moved That the Railway department
be asked to erect a Water trough on the East side
of the line similar to the one on the West at
the Mithams Station seconded by Mr Lethlean
and carried

Mr Lethlean brought under the notice of the Council the fact that many parties brought under the notice of the Council being their wheat or grain to the Stations where weighbridges have been erected at a considerable cost to the ratepayers & that many persons declined to use them. He would move that a bye law be passed compelling all sellers of wheat & to weigh at the Bridges and that steps be taken to have a market proclaimed at Mitham and Dingle. Seconded by Mr J. Coult. He knew that many now evaded the fees. He approved of the idea of a market.

The Chairman would support the motion.

Mr J. Coult stated that he had authorised the expenditure of £5 on a piece of road towards Peaceminy & ask for the approval of the Council.

Mr Lethlean moved and Mr Potter seconded that the action of Mr J. Coult be approved.

Mr D. Coult moved that the Secretary prepare a circular and send same to all Municipal Councils urging the desirability of a ~~having~~ duty being placed on all matches otherwise than patent safety matches. Seconded by Mr J. Coult and

Instructions to Officers

By Mr Potter That the Secretary write to the Swan Hill Council asking if they will join in having all stumps and dead wood cleared off the road on the boundary of the two Shires leading to the Mitham Railway Station.

By Mr Potter That the Engineer inspect the embankment on road near Robinson's head to be repaired & to have same repaired & widened.

Motions

1 By Mr Lethlean That tenders be called for widening embankment and repairing Culvert on two chain road running North and South opposite James Jackson's. Also lengthening embankment on two chain road East of Yalloon Railway Station the dirt to be taken out of a drain on the South side out of the road. Seconded by Mr Laidlaw and

2 By Mr Lethlean Tenders be called for earthwork and pipe drain on road known as 'Moorheads' in the parish of St Albans. Seconded by Mr J. Coult and

3 By Mr Potter - Allowed to stand over for the month. Carried

4 By Mr Lethlean and Mr Raleigh That all rates in each year be paid on or before the 31st October. Seconded by Mr J. Coult and

Notice of Motions

1 By Mr Laidlaw Tenders be called for clearing a road 1/2 chain wide West from East Loddon Bridge to the road known as Mossop's say 30 chains more or less.

2 By Mr J. Coult Tenders be called for earthwork on two small swamps directly East of Mitham Railway Station.

3 By Mr J. Potter Tenders be called for clearing all stumps and dead timber on boundary road between Swan Hill Shire and East Loddon leading to Mitham Railway Station.

Accounts

On the motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr Laidlaw the following accounts were passed for payment.

15 Feb 1884

Engineer		20	16	8	2
Secretary		12	10	"	2
Collector		7	10	"	2
McLean Bros & Rigg		10	18	6	2
McLean Bros & Rigg		90	"	"	2
Bendigo Evening News		2	11	"	2
Guarantee Society (Bunnys)		4	"	"	2
Mr MacCall, destroying insects		5	12	6	2
Stonehouse		3	17	9	2
J. S. Old	Court 35	10	"	6	2
J. S. Old	Court 35 (2)	15	"	"	2
A Jamieson	Deposit	8	"	"	2
A Jamieson	Court 4	50	"	"	2
J. M. Dixon		120	"	"	2
McLean Bros & Rigg		9	"	"	2
Thos L Old	Court 4	10	"	"	2
Peter Jacobson	Court 8	50	"	"	2
Wm H. H.	C. 12	10	"	"	2
John Gibbs	C. 14	40	"	"	2
J. Gibbs		44	16	25	2
J. Gibbs		6	18	8	2
D. Agnew	N. H.	1	"	"	2
G. Massop		8	10	"	2
James Bennett		2	"	"	2
Valuer, Travelling Expenses		1	1	"	2
Mr Taylor		"	10	"	2
Joseph Heil		2	5	"	2
		£ 525	12	10	

The Meeting then closes and the Council adjourned to Friday March 21st 1884

Confirmed

Perpetual
March 21st 1884

W. Hardy President

21 Mar 1884

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Serpentine
March 21st 1884

Present

Mr Hardy (President) Mr Raleigh, Bissett, J. Watts, Marshall, and Lethlean.

Minutes

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Marshall the minutes as read were

Confirmed

Correspondence

From Government Statist. requesting that the Agricultural returns may be forwarded before the first of March

Attended to

From Dr Adams, Health officer. Stating that Diphtheria had appeared in the Pine but that everything had been done to prevent the spread of the disease.

Received

From Bank of Victoria, Epsom. Acknowledging receipt of Cheques on account of A Jamieson

Received

From post master general. Notifying the extension of the mail service from Britains to Sarnham

Received

From same. promising attention to the request that a post office be opened at Pannoonilloo

Received

From Public Works department. Stating that the area asked by the Council to be reserved at Poupapou was already included in a reserved area

Received

From Government Statist. Acknowledging receipt of Agricultural returns

Received

From Shire of Leichard. Asking Council to co-operate in constructing crossing over the swimming creek

Consideration deferred until next meeting
From Constable Glenn. Miskam. Forwarding returns of Stock Slaughtered in his district (East Riding)

Received

From Central Board of Health, calling attention to the presence of diphtheria and scarlet fever at Serpentine

Attended to

From J. J. Connolly, Sandhurst, advising despatch of Shire Camps

Received

From Shire of Bairnsdale. Promising cooperation towards putting a prohibitory duty placed upon all matches other than safety matches

Received

From Shire of Swan Hill. re same stating that the Council had taken no action in the matter

Received

From same. re clearing of boundary road and stating that they agreed to assist

Received

From Secretary of Lands. Stating that Certificates of Title had been ^{forwarded} for registration

Received

From Shire of Beechworth. re duty on matches stating that the Council had taken no action in the matter

Received

From the President of the Shire of Geelong. Requesting the Council to appoint a delegate to attend a Conference re Railway Traffic and freight generally

Received and

On the Motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr D. South
The President was appointed to represent the Council at the Conference

From post master General. Announcing that a post office would be appointed at Parmoonilloo as soon as the necessary arrangements have been made

Received

From Government Statist. Forwarding year book of Statistical Information

Received

From Central Board of Health. Asking for the names of the cases where diphtheria had broken out

Attended to

From Shire of St. Armands. requesting Council's cooperation in obtaining a reduction on the freight of grain to the seaboard. On the motion of Mr Marshall seconded by Mr Lethlean Cooperation granted with a suggestion that the matter be considered at the meeting of delegates to be shortly held to consider Railway Charges generally

Carried

From Survey Officer, Sandhurst. Notifying that the application for the reserve at Poreporek might be thrown open for selection would be considered at the Land Boards to be held on the 18th March

Attended to

From H. Moxon. Forwarding names of ratepayers who have paid arrears of rates to him

Received

From W. P. Whittle, weighbridge keeper. Enclosing cheques for £25. 19. 6 for Miskam weighbridge and £11. 3. 0 from Dingee

Received

From P. Jacobson. Contractor. Asking for one month's extension time.

Request granted

From Inspector of Nuisances Forwarding 12/6 received from Mr. Boyd owing of a street that has died on the roads removed at Council's expense

Receivers
From Joustable French, Inspector of Nuisances - requesting remuneration under Health Act

To stand over until next meeting

Reports

The President reported that he and Mr Marshall had attended Land Board at Pandhurst and had urged the throwing open for selection the Land reserves in pampas. Their application was opposed by the Crown Lands Bailiff who stated that this timber was necessary for the benefit of the selectors resident on the plains. The Board ultimately decided that should recommend that the land be reserved for at least 12 months longer

The report was received

The Report on Heil & Dobie's demand for Compensation for breakage to machines, was allowed to stand over to next meeting

Engineers Report was read and on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Raleigh was Received

The different Clauses were considered & variations and agreed to, except clause 4 which was allowed to stand over for the attendance of Councillor Laird and Potter.

The Engineer was appointed instructed to appoint Clerk of Works to Kelso's Lagoon bridge

The Treasurer reported a debit balance of £25.5.3. On the motion of Mr D. Coult the report was Received

The Rate Collector reported having received the following Amount of Rates

East Riding	65. 19. 6
North "	228. 19. 6
South "	8. 16. 3
	<u>303. 15. 3</u>

The report also stated that 12.5.0 had been received for Dog Registration

The report was Received

On the motion of The President seconded by Mr Lethlean the consideration of having markets declared in the Shire was allowed to stand over until next meeting

Tenders

No 1 For widening embankment and repairing Culvert on two chain road running North South opposite James Jackson's Also brightening embankment near Yallock Railway Station
D. £2.3.0 Accepted £40. 0.0

No 2 For earthwork and pipe drain on roads known as Moorheads parish of Talamba
D. £1.15.6 Accepted £35. 7.0

On the motion of Mr Raleigh seconded by Mr Lethlean the above tenders as read were

Accepted

General business

Mr Raleigh called the attention of the members of South Riding to the bad state of the crossing over Bullock Creek

Mr Marshall stated that he had examined the books in connection with the Weighbridges and found them correct

Instructions to Officers

By Mr Raleigh. That the Engineer be empowered to have about 12 panels of fencing on dam near to Jamieson's Contract No 4

Agreed to

Ref. to D. South That the Secretary write to the Koroia Shire, requesting them to cooperate in making a bridge or crossing over the Loddon at Turner's

Agreed to
Ref. to Raleigh That the settlement of James Marshall's Account be left in the hands of the Engineer

Ref. to D. South That £1.0.0 be offered to Doody for removing the body of a beast off the main roads

Motion by leave

Ref. to D. South That tenders be called for clearing about 30 chains on road West from East Loddon bridge and known as Koroia
Seconded by to Bissett and carried

Notice of Motion

No. 1 Ref. to Raleigh That tenders be called for felling and clearing about 100 chains, half chain wide running North from South West Corner of Coopers Selection parish of Sandarra to Tang Tang and also to burn off all dead timber on side of said road

No. 2 Ref. to Marshall That tenders be called for clearing all stumps and dead timber off boundary road between this Shire and the Shire of Swan Hill and about 10 chains of earthwork opposite Mahoney's

No. 3 Ref. to Marshall That tenders be called for clearing road South of Station road

No. 4 Ref. to Marshall Tenders be called for a small embankment on North and South roads near South Calvert State School

No. 5 Ref. to D. South Tenders be called for crossing on Bullock Creek on the new chain road running East and West between James Rogers and Eltham's No. 1 Land Also crossing on Bullock Creek at 11 st

roads South
No. 6 Ref. to J. Lettice Tenders be called for the completion of R. O'Neill Contract on road known as Koroia

Accounts

On the Motion of to D. South Seconded by to Marshall the following Accounts were passed for payment

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	Secretary	12	10	"
	Collector	7	10	"
	Mr. Jameson, Caretaker	3	15	"
Side of Horse & Cart	E. Medcalf	1	15	"
Fire Woods	A. J. Spooner	8	9	"
	Arnall & Jackson	4	"	9
	E. Williams & Co	4	"	6
	Wm. Sly & Co	25	"	"
Neighbidge	W. P. Whittle, Commission	13	1	10
	to 14 th February	3	15	"
Neighbidge	Cartage to 13 th February	20	18	"
"	W. P. Whittle, Commission	"	8	"
"	to the 19 th March	"	"	"
"	Cartage of Sand	6	"	"
"	Wilkins & Stevens, 2 Trucks	15	"	"
"	of Ballast	"	"	"
"	President's allowance to end	1	10	6
"	of February	"	"	"
"	Expenses incurred by President	"	"	"
"	in having Neighbidge tested	"	"	"
"	Expenses incurred by President	"	"	"
"	for telegram	"	"	"
"	A. Jameson C.	19	10	"
"	A. Jameson	11	"	"
"	J. W. Dixon	120	"	"

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J. S. Old	30	3	1
J. S. Old	2	1	2
P. Jacobson	80	1	1
P. Houghtlin	33	1	1
P. Houghtlin	1	4	6
J. S. Old	30	17	6
J. S. Old	1	118	1
Wm. S. S.	40	"	3
Wm. S. S.	125	"	3
George Rossop	14	"	3
Alfred Spoker	2	2	3
Patrick Houghtlin	7	8	7
Wm. French	3	5	10
Geo. Marshall	1	1	2
Englewood Hospital	10	10	5
Total	681	8	4

~~For D. South moved that Eli...~~
~~be tendered to Mr Dooder for~~

By Mr Raleigh that J. Farrells of
 be left in the hands of the Engineer to arrange

The meeting then closed & the Council adjourned
 to Friday April 18th 1884

Forfeited
 Deposits
 April 18th 1884

Wm. H. Hardy
 President

18 Apr 1884

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Verpentin
April 15th 1884

Present

Mr. Sturdy (President), Mr. Laird, Mr. Potter,
D. Court, Marshall, Lethlean, and
James Court

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and on the motion of Mr. Lethlean
seconded by Mr. J. Court were

Confirmed

Correspondence

From A. Turner, Verpentin Station, enclosing
account for £35 on behalf of the Trustees of the
late Robert Moffatt.

Consideration to stand over for several business
from Elterhauss, Easton & Co. re exchange of some
land to Welsh's Lagoon Bridge, the same
given, or the firm to pay 10/- per acre for any balance
in its favor. Mr. Potter objected to the terms

offered moved that the offer be not accepted.
Seconded by the President. Mr. D. Court thought

the matter should not be dismissed without due
consideration. Mr. J. Court expressed similar
views. Mr. Laird stated he had taken consider-

able trouble in the matter, & thought the terms
proposed would be of ~~considerable~~ advantage to the
Council. Mr. Marshall objected to any exchange.

Mr. D. Court moved that the letter be referred
to the Members for the latter Riding and Engineer
to report to next meeting. Mr. Lethlean seconded

the Amendment. After further discussion the
Amendment was put and carried by 4 to 3.

Mr. J. Court then moved a further Amendment

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that the letter be received; and Messrs. Elterhauss thanked
for their offer, and informed that the Council cannot
accept the same as the Council cannot see any
advantage to be gained by the exchange - seconded
by Mr. Potter and carried by 4 to 3.

From A. Jamison - asking for payment of £3.
for work done near Fishers - After discussion on
the motion of Mr. J. Court seconded by Mr. D. Court
the application was not entertained. The
President and Mr. Potter and Marshall voting against.

From the following municipalities agreeing to co-
operate in the effort to substitute the use of Safety
Matches for wax matches. By Rev. of Daylesford &
Suglenwood, The Shire of North Ovens, Eltham,
Meredith, Marong, Mullarup, Exbury & Moray.

Received

From Secretary Municipal Group. Notifying meeting

From Dr. Adams. Health Officer - reporting visits
of inspection to Pongopit & Yallock. In the
former he found diphtheria and in the latter
cases of scarletina and measles. The reports to be
forwarded to the Central Board of Health. On
the motion of Mr. J. Court seconded by Mr. Lethlean
the Secretary was instructed to have copies of the
regulations printed for circulation.

J. E. Horan. Barrister. Asking to be furnished with
deeds of land to facilitate road transfers.

Received

Under Treasurer. Melbourne. Forwarding account,
for £978. 10-2 first half of endowment, for completion.

Attended to

From J. Porter, Crown Lands Bailiff, asking for
information as to use of water for irrigation purposes.
Replied to.

From Frederick Wilkinsons, Sandhurst Notifying Council, that the business of the late H. H. Wilson Solicitor had been done to Messrs Bennett & Co. and asking for confirmation of favour.

It was decided to hold over the appointment of Solicitor until next meeting.

From Shire of Swan Hill - Inquiring Councils Cooperation, along with Echunga Shire in repairing embankment of Sawtledown. Receiving over.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that a reply be forwarded stating the Council declines to cooperate, the dam being 2 miles outside the Shire boundary.

From Shire of St. Vincent re reduction of Railway freight on grain and asking when a meeting of delegates will take place.

Replied to

From Secretary of Lands notifying that application for throwing open some public forest for selection had been refused.

Received

From R. Turner - Branger depending on date, notifying purchase of certain allotments.

Received

From Mr. H. H. Hiley - Murrumbidgee - requesting a refund of £2.5.0 as he considered he had been overcharged that amount. Received. On the motion of Mr. Laidlaw seconded by Mr. J. G. Gault the Council decided to report on the matter to next meeting.

Telegram from Mayor of Sutherland - Asking Council to send delegate to deputation to Minister of Railways in support of line from Denaby to Sutherland. Mr. Potter moved that the President be appointed to represent the Council. Seconded by Mr. Laidlaw and Carried.

Report

Mr. Potter reported that he and Mr. Marshall have employed Mr. W. H. Smith to inspect Mr. Hiley's Reaper and binder, said to have been damaged while passing through a gate on a grain road. Mr. Hiley estimated the cost of repairs at £2.10.0. Mr. Potter stated that there was a doubt whether the gate where accident happened was on a survey; it had been shown on investigation that it was not. Mr. Marshall endorsed Mr. Potter's remarks. After the alleged accident Hiley cut 58 acres of crop for ruin. Mr. D. Gault moved "That this Council declines to grant any compensation" the motion was seconded by Mr. James Gault and Carried.

The Engineer reported on the progress of works throughout Shire and asked for certain instructions on clauses as read. On the motion of Mr. Laidlaw seconded by Mr. J. G. Gault the report was

Received

Clause 2 Re R. H. Torkins uncompleted contract. On the motion of Mr. Marshall seconded by Mr. J. G. Gault the tender to be cancelled and the Engineer to have contract completed at the Contractor's expense.

Carried

3 Referring to completion of works as ordered by Councils and asking approval of Council to vouchers submitted.

On the motion of Mr. Laidlaw seconded by Mr. Gault the action of the Engineer was approved.

11 Re appointment of Mr. F. Mossop as Clerk of Works at Kelsie Lagoon bridge.

Appointment approved

The Secretary - The Reporter stated that the Murray Council declines to cooperate in constructing a crossing over the Loddon at Thurman. The account for the first moiety of the Government subsidy for £979.10.2 had been received and returned to the department signed. Mr. Whittle of the Neighbridge, had not sent in his usual quarterly returns. On the motion of Mr. Laidlaw seconded by Mr. J. G. Gault the report was

Received

On the motion of Mr D. Coutts. Seconded by Mr Laird. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Whittle informing him that the returns from the weighbridges must be sent in monthly.

Carried

The Treasurer's report showed a debit balance of £420.1.2. On the motion of Mr D. Coutts seconded by Mr Lethlean the report was

Received

The Rate Collector's report showed rates collected

East Riding	3/6. 18. 5
North	5. 8.
South	nil
Total	£ 42. 6. 5

Dog Registration 5. 15. 0

On the motion of Mr Marshall seconded by Mr Coutts the report was

Received

The Rate Collector's report stated that Mr Edwards Hester had purchased the pump-pipe Hotel, had asked for an adjustment of rates as the house had been altered to a private dwelling. Mr Marshall stated that Mr Murgison had offered to pay one half the arrears of rates due on the house and lands. He moved that the offer be accepted. The Council declined to interfere in the matter, the case being in the hands of the Solicitors. The Secretary and collector were authorized to adjust Mr Hester's rates for the future.

Deputations

Mr Laird introduced Mr Cheyne of Harlow, who renewed a former request for a bridge over Serpentine Creek in the parish of Harlow. He stated that the work would be inexpensive and would benefit a large number of persons. Mr Potter stated that a similar request had been received from the owner of the Serpentine Estate, but as the Engineer reported the cost of a high-level bridge to be about £500, it was then stated that the matter would be considered when

The next estimate for works was considered. This promise was now renewed to Mr Cheyne.

Tenders

The following tender was accepted on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Laird.

For grubbing and clearing about 50 chains south of East London P. R. January East.

A Spooner £ 6. 10. 0

and 4/6 per rod for fencing

General business

The application of Constable French for an increase of remuneration as Inspector under the Health Statute.

On the motion of the president seconded by Mr Potter That £5 extra be offered to each of the present Inspectors for the present year. Constable French, who was present, agreed to accept the amount. Constable French to be written to.

The motion was carried

The Account for £35 from the Serpentine Estate was on the motion. The president seconded by Mr James Coutts allowed to stand over for one month, the Secretary to write to Messrs Crabbe & Kirby in obtaining transfer from Mr Moffatt.

Mr D. Coutts moved That the Secretary obtain a Guarantee Policy for £150. Seconded by the president and

Carried

Motions

By Mr Lethlean (for Mr Raleigh) For grubbing and clearing about 100 Chains, half chain wide, on roads running North to Tang Tang, and burning off all fallen timber. Seconded by Mr J. Coutts and

Carried

By Mr Marshall. For clearing stumps &c and about 15 Chains of earthwork on boundary road between Swan Hill, Shire between Telegraph road & Victoria Railway Station. Seconded by the president and

Carried

Motion for business

By Mr. Marshall For clearing road over hills
South of Midland Railway Station road
Seconded by Mr. Potter and

Lamie

By Mr. Marshall For small embankment on
North and South road near South Calvert School
Seconded by the President and

Lamie

By Mr. D. Coutts For crossing on Bullock Creek
between Rogers and Otterlands & land
Seconded by Mr. Laird and

Lamie

By Mr. Lettlem For completion of Otter's clearing
Bouquet, Yallock. Seconded by Mr. J. Coutts and

Lamie

By Mr. J. Coutts (by leave) For earthwork on two
small swamps east of Midland Railway Station
Seconded by Mr. Laird and

Lamie

By Mr. Marshall (by leave) For clearing road from
Mr. Smith's, Calvert, to Mr. Lepton's Talamba
Seconded by Mr. Potter and

LamieNotice of Motion

By Mr. J. Coutts For earthwork and box
culvert on East and West over chain road dividing
the parishes of Dingen & Midland at the North
West angle of allotment, 3 parish of Dingen

Instructions to Officers

That the Secretary make out a list of all
Municipalities who have agreed to cooperate in
the question of the use of safety matches

Accounts

On the motion of Mr. James Coutts seconded by
Mr. Lettlem the following accounts were passed
for payment

18 Apr 1884

S. R.

" "

W. R.

Engineer

Secretary

Collector

Per Centage on Licences & fines

Mackay & Co

J. W. Dixon C. No 5

J. W. Dixon C. " D.

Peter Jacobson C. " 8

W. H. H. C. " 12

W. H. H. " "

W. H. H. " " 13

A. & J. Spooner N. H.

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George Moskop

20 16 8

12 10 "

7 10 "

5 11 "

5 14 6

137 18 6

19 " "

90 " "

20 4 "

3 12 "

40 " "

6 13 "

8 " "

4 10 6

10 " "

£ 392 . 2

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned
to May 16th 1884

Conferred
Shire Hall
Perpetual
May 16th 1884

Wm. Hardy, President

16 May 1884

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Suspending
May 16th 1884

Present

The President (Mr Hardy) Messrs Raleigh, Laird, Russell,
D. Gault, & Gethereau, Gutter and James Gault

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read
and on the Motion of Mr Gethereau Seconded by
Mr James Gault were

Confirmed

Correspondence

From Government Statist - Forwarding form to be
filled up for bonus for the Collection of Agricultural
Statistics

Attended to

From Mr Langdon M.L.A. Reference to
deputation to Town or Dunolly & Juglawood railway

Attended to

The following Shire Councils forwarded favorable
replies to circular re prohibitory duty on Max. Hatches
viz Shepparton, Mount Gambier, M. Linn, Hampton
and Maldon

From Shire of Korang. Stating that two Councils
did not approve of cooperating in the erection
of a Bridge at Tumen Crossing between Salisbury &
Yarrum

Received

From Railway Commissioners. Agreeing to erect
trough at Melburn Railway Station also agreeing
to supply water

Received

16 May 1884

From J. J. Smith - Melbourne - notifying passing for present of £978.10.2 being first receipt of Subsidy.

Received

From Shire of Newcastle - explaining to take action in regards prohibitory duty on wheat matches.

Received

From Rev. Mr. Jackson - offering large scale plan of Salisbury road at 7/6

Not required

R. B. Smith - Director Sanatorium Schools of Mines - requesting cooperation in urging on the Government the desirability of having contour maps prepared of Sandhurst and district.

Reply to the same. Cooperation granted. From Crabb & Kirby - Solicitors Sandhurst - explaining reasons of delay in completing transfer of land required from the late Mr. Moffatt's estate.

Received

From J. F. Horan - Barrister - Inglewood - on same subject.

Received

From Central Board of Health - re closing of Yallock State School No. 15, and asking if Local Board recommends such closing. The Board considered closing not now necessary.

The President remarking that Local Board of Health should be empowered to close schools whenever they ^{considered} such as course necessary.

C. J. Courts moved that the secretary write to the Central Board, stating that the Local Board considered themselves utterly powerless unless they have power to take charge of schools when epidemics were prevalent. Seconded by the President and

Carried

16 May 1884

From Shire of Echuca - asking Council to join in application to Minister of Public Works re Bridge and approaches over Peanning Creek.

On the motion of C. Ralish seconded by C. Lethlean the President and C. J. Courts were appointed delegates to represent this Shire.

From E. Salter - Agent for Royal Insurance Co. re Insurance of Hall.

Attended to

Shire of St. Andrews - re Application to Minister of Railway to obtain a reduction of Railway freight on grain to the produce reduced and suggesting Tuesday May 27th for a preliminary Conference.

On the motion of C. Laine it was agreed that the Council be represented at the Conference & that the President be appointed to attend, should he not be able to do so, he be empowered to appoint some other Councillor.

From H. E. Lethlean - claiming reduction of rates from 12/- to 8/- ^{reduction} ^{Rate} ^{of} ^{rates} ^{from} ^{12/-} ^{to} ^{8/-} ^{Moold} ^{C. Ralish} ^{said} ^{he} ^{received} ⁱⁿ ^{fact} ^{and} ^{the} ^{area} ^{cancelled} ^{by} ^{C. Lethlean} ^{was}

Carried

From W. H. H. asking for extension of time on contract for bridge over Kelsie's Lagoon.

One month extension of time allowed.

Reports

~~C. J. Courts reported in reference to compensation claimed by Mr. Heel for damage to his Reaper and Binder when travelling on a Shire Road and that Mr. H. H. Hardy had been engaged to inspect the machine and give an estimate of cost of repairs which he put at £2.10.0. C. Marshall.~~

16 May 1884

Mr. Douth referred to the request of Mr. Hether for refund of rate paid on a house which he alleged was unoccupied. He claimed £2. 8. including the Solicitor's fee of 3/- Mr. Douth moved that £2. 7. 4 be refunded. Seconded by Mr. Raleigh. After discussion the consideration of the matter was deferred until next meeting.

The President reported that he had attended with a deputation re. Railway line from Anglemore to Dunolly. He had, in conjunction with Mr. Douth, waited on the Minister of Public Works relative to a grant of £600 towards making roads leading towards the Mitiamo Railway Station. Mr. Laird moved that the thanks of the Council be given to the President Mr. Douth for their attention. Mr. C. Geo. M. L. H. was added to the vote also. Mr. John George Douth.

Seconded by Mr. James Douth and

Mr. Laird reported favourably on the progress of the Contracts within the Shire. The report and its suggestions were adopted in the motion of Mr. Potter. Seconded by Mr. Littleham.

The Secretary reported that the first instalment of the Government Subsidy amounting to £278. 10. 2, had been received and that he had applied as instructed for a guarantee for £100.

The Rate Collector reported having received the following amount of rates.

East Riding	6. 6. 6
North "	7. 5. 6
South "	3. 7. 6
Total	16. 19. 6

The Treasurer reported a debited balance of 29. 10. 0.

16 May 1884

Tenders

The following Tenders were received,
 1st Grubbing and clearing 144 chains half chain wide near Stang Tang Swamp parish of Tandana.
Thomas Jeff 14. 5. 0

2 Clearing on Davies Road parish of Tandana and Yallock.
C. A. J. Carey 30. 0. 0

3 Constructing 15 chains of formation and box drain leading to Mitiamo Railway Station parish of Britannia.
A. Jamieson & Co 49. 5. 0

4 Grubbing and clearing 216 chains parish of Colvill East and Talambi.
J. Palmer 27. 0. 0

5 Constructing Metal Crossing over Bullock Creek parish of Pongapiel.
H. St. H. 62. 12. 6

6 Forming 200 chains of road parish of Colvill.
J. Palmer 4. 18. 0

7 Forming 15 chains and grubbing about 20 chains on the North boundary roads between this Shire and the Shire of Swan Hill. Also 14 chains between allotments 104 and 109.
A. Jamieson & Co 56. 13. 6

General Business

Mr. Douth moved and Mr. Littleham seconded that Mr. J. G. Brannity, Solicitor Tandana be appointed Solicitor to the Shire.

Mr. Laird moved and Mr. Littleham seconded that the Secretary produce a list of Shires and Boroughs that had agreed to cooperate in getting a prohibitory Act on box matches. On the motion of the President the Secretary was instructed to prepare and forward to each parliamentary representative a note requesting their support on the matter.

16 May 1884

On the motion of Mr D. Coult seconded by Mr J. Coult Each Councillor was requested to prepare an estimate of the works considered necessary for the coming year.

The collector for the 200 Tax was instructed to Rep. posted a list of Registered dogs.

The following Councillors were appointed Return Officers for assessing rates.

The President for North Riding
Mr D. Coult " East "
Mr D. Coult " South "

Instructions to Officers

By Mr Potter That the Engineer inspect the Bridge on road running east from Jarlan's post office & report to next Meeting.

Motions

By Mr D. Coult That notice standing in his name for crossing over Dulock Creek be ratifiable at the next Meeting. Seconded by Mr Bissett & carried.

By Mr J. Coult That tender be called for earthwork & box culvert between the parishes of Diego & Minton. Seconded by the President & carried.

Notice of Motion

- 1 By Mr D. Coult. For draining swamp on road West side of East Loddon Bridge
- 2 By Mr J. Coult. For Earthwork and Culvert on Echuca & chain roads near Upton's House
- 3 By Mr D. Coult. For grubbing & clearing on half chain road West of Galloo's Railway Station
- 4 By Mr J. Potter. For formation on road running West near Jarlan p. o.

16 May 1884

Accounts

On the motion of Mr J. Coult seconded by Mr Bissett the following Accounts were passed for payment.

Engineer	20	16	8	~
Secretary	12	10	"	~
Rate Collector	7	10	"	~
J. G. Gapple	"	13	4	~
J. J. Fennell	14	5	"	~
J. Dooch	1	"	"	~
Horoblowen & Co.	10	10	3	~
Insurance for Hale	4	"	"	~
J. Cheyne	1	10	"	~
J. Cheyne	1	"	"	~
P. Jacobson	18	4	"	~
P. Jacobson	12	"	"	~
A. Spooner	4	"	"	~
G. Mossop	4	"	"	~
A. Spooner	3	17	"	~
R. O'Neill	4	5	"	~
B. L. Hall	1	"	"	~
President	15	"	"	~
Expenses to President	7	"	"	~
Total	148	1	3	

The Meeting then closed & the Council adjourned to June 20th

Witnessed
 June 20th 1884

W. H. Hardy President

20 Jun 1884

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Serpenbury
June 20th 1884

Present

The President (Hardy) for Laish Bissett
Potter, D. Louth, Marshall, Lethlean and J. Louth

Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meeting being
read over on the motion of Lth Lethlean seconded
by Lth J. Louth

Correspondence

From W. J. Whittle - Forwarding accounts
for Neighbourhoods up to the 13th May

Confirmer

From Shire of Echuca - Forwarding letter from
Minister of Public Works stating that no deputatⁿ
could be received - respecting grant for money for
the joint Shires and requesting the two Shires to
furnish particulars

Received

From Post Office department - Stating that
a Post Office would be opened at Panmoo Millar
on the 1st June

Received

From Atterbury Bennett, Atterbury A.

Acknowledging receipt of letter announcing
the appointment of their McCounelly as Solicitor
to the Shire

Received

From Dr Adams - Health Officer - reporting
death from Diphtheria of a child of J. Lounghston
A. Report from Inspector French stating that no
further case had occurred

Received

20 Jun 1884

From Town Clerk - Maryboro' - Asking for support
of Council to Railway extension to Harraetnabeal
from Donalds

Received

From E. Eastwood - Stating that Secretaries
guarantee would be issued at £2. per £100

Received

From Secretary Central Board of Health - Stating
that Diphtheria had broken out at Bears Lagoon

A discussion ensued relative to the power of Local
Boards to close schools. It was pointed out that the
Boards had no power to close schools not even the
Central Board except with the consent of the Education
Department

From P. Fleming - Louth - Stating - Accepting
the appointment of Inspector under the Health Act
for the East Riding at £5 per annum

Received

From Municipal Association - re renewal of
Licenses. The Secretary pointed out that the Council
had seceded from the Association

Received

From Secretary of Trades Hall - Soliciting subscription
to the "Leopold Working Men's College"

Received

From Town Clerk - Eaglehawk - re extension of
line from Kerang to Swan Hill requesting the
President attendances at a Conference on the 7th

Received too late

From Secretary Central Board of Health - Forwarding
Bye-law for the prevention of Steam Whistles

Received

From Town Clerk - Maryboro' - Stating that deputatⁿ
to Minister - re Railway extension to Harraetnabeal
had been postponed

Received

From J. F. Hatters - Calivil - Stating that three
of his children had been attacked with Diphtheria

Received

From Dr. Adams. Reporting a visit of inspection to Mr. Hatten's school at Calivil and that he had ordered the school to be closed and for 2 weeks and fumigated.

A lengthy discussion ensued as to who and how the Doctor should be informed of cases necessary for attendance. It was ultimately decided on the motion of the President seconded by Mr. Lethlean that the medical officer should receive all instructions through the Secretary and that notices to this effect be published.

Carried
From Macoboy Jones. Solicitor. Claiming £12 for damage done Mr. J. Heath's reaper & binder. The matter having previously been discussed & decided. The latter was

Received
From Messrs. McFalls, Hall, Geo, & Dow M.L.A. Acquitting their intention to support Council's action relative to the introduction of Tax Matches &

Received
Petition from Residents of Calambie. Asking for the erection of butch on road given access to pannemission Railway Station also for one on North & South road. Road on East side of Humber's property & west of C. Fisher's property. Mr. C. J. Coult's stated that this work was provided for in last estimates.

He moved that the petition be received seconded by Mr. Lethlean and

Carried
From J. Baillie. Janitor. Complaining that he was over rated by nearly 200 acres. The Secretary stated that Mr. Baillie had actually paid last year for this land & it was, therefore, included in this year's rate. He on going this Mr. Baillie knew as the trap found that he was over charged £8.3 for each year. Mr. D. Coult moved that the amount over charged be refunded. Seconded by Mr. Laid &

Carried

From J. J. Old. Contractor. Asking for extension of time for contract in Poupapied. On the motion of Mr. Potter seconded by Mr. J. Coult's one month's time was allowed.

Report

Mr. J. Coult's reported the result of the deputation to the Railway Commissioners re reduction on freight upon grain. He spoke highly of the able assistance rendered to the large deputation by Mr. Walter Madden M.L.A. He also acknowledged the valuable assistance given by the Hon. D. Coult's.

The President supported the statement and gave Mr. J. Coult's the credit for brooking the question of Railway Return tickets to be issued every day and available for 7 days. He also referred to the valuable services of Mr. Geo. M.L.A.

Mr. D. Coult's stated that he attended as the representative of the Horouk Shire. The suggestion of weekly return tickets certainly emanated from Mr. James Coult's.

Mr. Lethlean moved a vote of thanks be passed to the deputation. Mr. Potter seconded the motion.

Carried
Mr. D. Coult's reported having attended, by request of the President, upon a deputation to ask for Railway extension from Kerang to Swan Hill.

Mr. Lethlean was pleased to find that the Council had been represented and acknowledged the services rendered by Messrs. Henry & Coult's and moved a vote of thanks to the Hon. D. Coult's. Seconded by the President and

Carried
The Engineer's reported on the progress of the Contracts through out the Shire and on the motion of Mr. Lethlean seconded by Mr. Bissett the Report was Received and Considered as per paragraphs

Clause 2 was approved
" 3 Approved
" 4 Approved

Clause 5 - Approved

" 6 Mr Lethlean moved that £50
fourth offer re. tank at 5th per C. yards
be accepted. Seconded by the president
and Carried

" 7 Mr D. Louth moved That the
Engineer be empowered to purchase a
Spout for Shire Hall. Seconded by
Mr D. Louth and Carried

" 8 Time to be allowed for removal of
Jakes leading to East Loddon bridge

The Secretary submitted a statement showing
the Receipts and expenditure during the present
financial year

The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance
of £28. 14. 1

Deputation

Mr Laird introduced a deputation consisting
of Messrs J. Davidson & J. Baillie who stated
that they attended on behalf of the Farmers to ask
the assistance of the Council in obtaining the
sanction of the department to the erection of a
building for the storage of grain at the Dinger
Railway Station. They wished the Council to
ask if the ground required could be obtained at
a nominal rent. Mr Laird stated that
the deputation wished to form a cooperative Co.
to arrange for the storage of grain near the Railway
Station. The president moved That the
Secretary write to the Railway department
asking for the favorable consideration of the request.
Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried
The deputation thanked the Council &
retired

Tenders

On the Motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by
Mr Marshall the following tenders were accepted
3/1 1/1 Gilbert and earthwork on road between Dinger
and Mitmans

2. S. Old £60. 7. 2
4/ 1/2 Clearing Mast of Yallock Station
Mr A. Lethlean 3. 10. 0

General business

The Secretary made application for an increase
of salary upon being appointed Secretary to the Board
of Health. Deferred until next meeting. 25

Mr Keiley's application for refund of upon four
years rates. Mr Potter moved, after discussion,
That a refund be allowed on the present years rates
The president seconded. Mr Lethlean pointed out
that the motion was out of order, as no rebate could
be allowed after 6 months had elapsed. The
President admitted the objection. Motion withdrawn

Mr D. Louth then moved That a refund of £1
be granted upon Mr Keiley paying up his rates
Seconded by Mr Laird and

Carried
Mr Laird moved That the Engineer be empowered
to construct a foot bridge across the drain opposite
Mr H. Smith's Store. Cost not to exceed £2. Seconded
by Mr Bissett and

Carried
Mr D. Louth suggested the necessity of a Shire
pond & wished the matter should be considered. It
was necessary as a protection from travelling stock
Mr Marshall supported the suggestion.

Mr D. Louth reminded the Council that at the
next meeting it would be necessary to appoint two
Commissioners for the Loddon & N. Trust

Mr D. Loutts. Moved that the Secretary make a renewed application for erection of trucking yards at Duizer. Seconded by Mr Marshall. Carried

Mr Marshall moved that application be made for a Tramway from Raywood to Durham by Seconded by Mr Letticeau.

The President moved as an Amendment that a Tramway be constructed from Bridgewater to Durham by. Seconded by Mr Laird.

After discussion the matter was allowed to stand over until next meeting.

Mr D. Loutts moved that the Secretary call the attention of the Horro Council to the impassable state of the road from Salisbury bridge to Edwards Hotel. Seconded by the President and Carried

Motions

By Mr Laird. For draining swamp on road West side of East Coldon Bridge. Seconded by Mr Bissett. Carried. Tenders to be returned in August.

By Mr J. Loutts. For earthwork and culvert on the Echuca 3 Chain road near Upton house. Seconded by Mr Marshall. Carried to be returned in August.

By Mr J. Potter. For formation on road running East near Jarblan post office. Seconded by the President & Carried

By Mr J. Potter. By Leave. For repairs to Bridge on road from Jarblan to Major Line Bridge. Seconded by Mr Laird & Carried

Notice of Motions

By Mr J. Raleigh. For 15 chains drains on each side of road from Swamp East of Yallock Railway Station to main Raywood & Britains roads, also for covering embankment & culvert over said swamp with a coating of red earth about nine inches deep in centre.

By Mr J. Raleigh. For 10 chains of drains on road running East from main Raywood and Britains roads commencing at the South West corner of Allot. 9 parish of Sandhurst 2 miles South of Yallock Railway Station road.

By Mr Letticeau. For about 25 chains of embankment on one chain road running East & West of Charles Cath's Selections - Parish of Yallock.

By Mr Letticeau. For pipe drain on crossroad on Joseph Davies road also small drain. Also pipe drain or box culvert and embankment on 2 Chain road running North South known as the Church road parish of Yallock.

By Mr Letticeau. For seven chains of embankment and pipe drain on 3 Chain road South of Mr Stal on Raywood & Durham by roads near James McLean's & John Lowry's land. Parish of Yallock.

By Mr J. Loutts. For earthwork and pipe culvert on one chain road West from Pannoonilloo Station South West corner of Allot. 10 parish of Lalamb about 80 chains.

By Mr J. Potter. For striking a new Shilling rate on all rateable property within the Shire to the next Annual Valuation.

Account

On the motion of Mr Potter seconded by
Mr Bissett the following accounts were passed
for payment

Enquire		20	16	8	~
Secretary		12	10	"	~
Rate Collector		7	10	"	~
Mr. J. Whittle		6	18	"	~
Reading Evening News		4	2	6	~
Guarantee for Secret Staff		3	"	"	~
Refund to Mr Baillie		2	16	6	~
Horblower & Co		8	6	6	~
Mr. Skelton	Contract 13	11	6	9	"
Mr. Skelton	" 13.8.	15	7	"	~
Mr. Skelton	" 15	35	"	"	~
A. Spooner		10	"	"	~
Thomas Luff	C. 18	5	"	"	~
A. Jamieson	C. 20	20	"	"	~
J. Palmer	C. 23	4	15	"	~
J. Palmer	C. 23 D.	"	4	6	~
E. Goodison	Dr. H.	1	"	"	~
J. Bennett	Dr. H.	2	"	"	~
A. Spooner	Dr. H.	1	"	"	~
The President	Deputation	7	"	"	~
Mr J. Coult	" - "	7	"	"	~
Total		£ 240	18	8	

The meeting then closed & the Council adjourned
to July 18th 1884

Wm Hardy President

Confirmed
Chas Hall
July 18th 1884

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Sedgemoor
July 18th 1884

Present

Mr. Hardy (President) Mr. Davis, Bissett, Potter,
D. South, Marshall, Lethlean and James South.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read,
and on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by
Mr Marshall were

Confirmed

Correspondence

From Secretary London United Water Trust. Asking
the Council to appoint Commissioners to the Trust
the term of office of the present Commissioners
having expired. Mr D. South gave a brief outline
of the proceedings of the Trust during his and Mr
Potter's tenure of office. He thanked the Council
for the honor conferred upon him two years ago.

Mr Potter also thanked the Council and stated
that so far as the Trust had gone, it had carried
out works of great benefit. Mr Lethlean moved
that a vote of thanks be accorded to the retiring
Commissioners. Seconded by the President, who
alluded to the exorbitant claims made upon the Trust
in many instances for compensation. The
Motion was carried.

Mr Lethlean moved and Mr J. Coult
seconded that the retiring Commissioners be
reappointed.

Carried

From Messrs Potter, Madden and G. Graham Esqrs
promising to support a prohibitory duty on cheap
but safety matches.

From London Farmers and Accident Society,
 enclosing Secretary's financial policy

Received

From Secretary Homoeopathic Hospital, soliciting
 subscription.

Held over for Annuals Book

From Secretary Victorian Railways, re proposed
 Farmers Co-operative Store at Diggers Station
 yards.

Received

Wilson & Macinnis - re reduction of subscription
 to Argus to 2^d per copy

Moved by the President and seconded
 by C. J. Coult - The "Argus" and "Age" were
 ordered to be subscribed for

Carried

Secretary Echucashine Council - with estimate
 of proposed works necessary on roads in that
 Shire leading to Stations on the Kerang line of
 Railway; also asking this Council to cause an
 estimate of continuation of these works in this Shire
 the estimate of works necessary in the Echucashine
 Shire was £5,500. The letter also asked what
 portion of this sum this Council would contribute.

On the motion of C. D. Coult seconded by
C. Marshall The matter was referred to the
 members for the last riding to report to the next
 meeting.

From Secretary Rural Agricultural Society, asking
 for donation. On the motion of C. Marshall
 seconded by C. Potter £2.2.0 was

Voted

From Dr Adam, Health officer, stating that he
 had received notice from J. F. Mattern of Calio State
 School that diphtheria had again broken out in his
 family in a severe form therefore asking for
 instructions

Held over

From J. F. Mattern on the same subject.

The Secretary stated that he had answered both
 letters declining to authorise the medical officer to
 attend.

Held over

From Post and Telegraph Department notifying
 that the name of "Prine" had been adopted instead of
 "Minnocmillo" for the post office there.

Received

From Secretary Railway Department, in reference to
 the proposed Farmers Co-operative grain shed in Diggers
 Station yards, and stating that arrangements were
 contemplated, which it was hoped would prove
 satisfactory.

Received

From Secretary Shire of St. Armand, requesting that
 the Council should be represented at a Conference of
 delegates to be held in Melbourne on the second day of
 the National Show to deal with the rabbit question.

Received

From Secretary Maranga Shire asking the Council's
 co-operation towards having the central system
 recognised in the purchase of grain.

Received

From Charles Medcalf, Inspector - asking for
 reduction of rates from £4.2.6 to £3.2.6. Dealt
 with by Revision Court recommending a reduction
 of 15.

Agreed to & Carried

From A. J. J. J. J., Contractor, asking for extension
 of time on Contract near Mahoney's. On the motion
 of C. J. Coult seconded by C. Lethlean One month's
 extension allowed.

From Secretary of Railways re erection of
 Sheepshearer at Diggers

Received

C. A. J. Cury - Landman. Asking for extension
 granted on the motion of C. Potter seconded C. J. Coult
Carried

Mr. Gell, Black & Co. London-Manufacturers of matches stating that a Wax Match with a safety head, could be manufactured. C. Driver & Co. move. That a reply be forwarded stating that if the proposal, can be carried out it would go far towards meeting the difficulty.

Seconded by the President, and.

Carried

Reports

The President, reported having attended the reception of His Excellency Sir Henry Loch, which he stated was a grand success.

A vote of thanks was passed to the President, for attending.

The Engineer reported on the completion of Five Coffinets and re. having expended small sums in repairs to road leading to Dragen Railway Station also to approaches to East Loosdun Bridge.

He also reported having written to certain owners of Land requesting that certain gates on their estates should be removed. He had prepared the estimates for the various works proposed to be executed during the coming financial year.

He asked, in view of the large field to be done, that he might be allowed to charge the Shires with the cost of a chairman. On the motion of C. Lethlean seconded by C. J. Coult the report

was received and the various clauses approved of and his request re. chairman granted.

Estimates

The estimates for works for the South Riding were on the motion of C. Laine, seconded by C. Bissett

adopted

For the North Riding on the motion of C. C. Potter seconded by C. Marshall. Adopted

For the East Riding the estimates were adopted conditionally on funds being available.

The Secretary reported that the probable amount available for works for the next financial year 1884-5 was as follows

North Riding	810. 16. 7
South "	715. 14. 14
East "	105. 13. 5

This estimate is based on the supposition that rates are well paid up before the end of next Decr.

On the motion of C. Lethlean seconded by C. J. Coult the report was

Received

The Treasurer report showed a debit balance of £306. 13. 0. On the motion of C. D. Coult seconded by the President the report was

Received

The rate Collector reported collection of rates as follows

East Riding	2. 11. 0
North "	12. 2. 6
South "	14. 2. 3
Total	18. 15. 9

Dog repatriation £7.

He also reported that he had received from Mr. John Mingeath one half the arrears of rates due on the Pumpmill Hotel lately occupied by Mary E. Haranagh. On the motion of C. Bissett seconded by C. Potter the report was

Received

Tenders

On the motion of C. Potter seconded by C. D. Coult the following tenders were accepted.

1. Constructing Crossing over Bullock Creek par. of Grouppapier
A. Jamieson 90. 10. 0
2. Filling Chains of formation from Jarman P.O. to Laid
Hugh Cheyne 19. 0. 0
3. Reconstructing Bridge over Nelsons Lagoon outlet
Tenders not accepted - Fresh tenders to be called returnable at the Jarman P.O. on the 2nd prox.

General business

The Secretary presented a lengthy synopsis of the public Health Act. It was resolved that the discussion stand over until next meeting also the Secretary's application for an increase of salary. Mr. James South, Lethlean Marshall having left the meeting.

The Secretary read correspondence received from and forwarded to Mr. J. F. Matting relative to the alleged occurrence of diphtheria in his family. A long discussion ensued relative to the unsatisfactory state of the building set apart for the residence of the family consisting ten divisions the accommodation being only a small sitting room and bed room. Mr. Potter thought the Board of Health should complain to the Board of Aldermen as to the insufficient accommodation. Mr. D. South would state that he thought the Board of Health business provided for rather a heavy piece of business. Ultimately the president moved and Mr. Laird seconded "That the Secretary write to the Board of Aldermen, recommending them to ask the Education Department to provide better accommodation for the family of the Teacher at Calvert State School, or otherwise remove this teacher to some place where there was better accommodation for a large family." Carried

Mr. Laird mentioned that there was to be a meeting to vote for a tramway from Bridgewater to Durham by. He would suggest that the Secretary write to Mr. T. R. Dore inviting him to Lecture on Tramways in America. The president explained that the meeting referred to was only a preliminary one to allow all who chose to attend to have a voice in the matter, he would second Mr. Laird's suggestion for Mr. Dore to be invited to Lecture.

Instructions to officers

By Mr. Potter That the Secretary prepare a return showing the different items charged to the joint account.

By Mr. Laird seconded by Mr. D. South - "That the Engineer have a foot bridge erected over Bullock Creek near Rogers farm."

Carried
By Mr. Bissett - That the Engineer be empowered to expend £3. in placing gravel opposite the Serpentine Hotel also to have hand rails repaired on Culvert near Turner & Johns.

Striking the Annual Rate

By Mr. Potter That this Council do adopt and confirm the net valuation submitted of all rateable property in the Parish of East Loosdon amounting to £3,987.12 - net valuations made by the valuer and dated June 1883.

Seconded by Mr. Laird and Carried

By Mr. Potter That this Council do adopt and confirm the estimate submitted for the year ending July 1885 of the receipts and expenditure showing that the sum of £1632.4.4 is required for the several purposes mentioned in the said statement.

Seconded by Mr. Bissett and Carried

By Mr. Potter That to raise the sum of £1632.4.4 this Council make and levy a general rate of the Milling in the parishes on the net Annual Value of all rateable property within the Parish of East Loosdon for the period commencing this 18th day of July 1884 and ending the 17th day of July 1885 and that the said rate be due on and after the 19th day of July 1884.

Seconded by Mr. Bissett and Carried

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By Mr. Potter That the rate collector be duly
 authorized to demand and collect the rates
 made by the foregoing resolution
Seconded by Mr. Lander and
Carried.

Motions

1st By Mr. D. South on behalf of Mr. Lethlean,
 forming 30 chains of embankments on East
 and West roads South of Charles Cable's land
 parish of Yallock

Seconded by Mr. Lander &
Carried.

2 By Mr. D. South, for Mr. Lethlean,
 500 feet Culvert and formation on Lewis'
 road and on the Church road parish of Yallock

Seconded by Mr. Lander &
Carried.

On the motion of Mr. D. South, the motion standing
 in Mr. James Coult's name, was made returnable
 at the September meeting

Seconded by Mr. Lander &
Carried.

Notices of Motion

1st By Mr. Bissett For formation and Culvert
 on the 2 Chain road to Deiger Railway
 Station near Wilson's parish of Pomorie

2nd By Mr. Potter For Bridge across Serpentine
 Creek two miles North of Larkla post office
 between Messrs. Chaynes and Serpentine Estate

Accounts

On the motion of Mr. Potter seconded by
Mr. Bissett the following Accounts were
 passed for payment.

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	Engineer		20	16	8	2
	Secretary		12	10		2
	Rate collector		7	10		2
	Pending Downing News		1	16		2
	MacKay & Co		7	5		2
	Carroll & Co		5			2
	Hornblower & Co		7	13		2
	J. R. Fyfe		4	2		6
E	W. H. H.	C. No 15	9	3		6
"	W. H. H.	" 15 D.	2	3		2
"	W. H. H.	" 16	35	7		2
"	W. H. H.	" 16 D.	1	15		6
S	A. Spooner	" 17	1	10		2
"	A. Spooner	" 17 D.	"	6		6
E	J. Luff	" 18 D.	"	14		5
"	J. Luff	" 18	9	5		2
N. & E	J. Palmer	" 21	10			2
E	W. H. H.	W. H.	5	3		2
S	A. Spooner	W. H.	3	12		2
S	Henry Smith	W. H.	1	5		2
N.	B. L. Hall	W. H.	"	10		2
H.	W. H. Lethlean	W. H.	4			2
J	"Argue"		1	6		2
J	Deputation, president,		7			2
H.	A. Jamieson	C. No 20	34	5		2
H.	A. Jamieson	" 20 D.	2	10		2
	Total		£ 196	8		11

The Meeting then closed and the Council
 adjourned to August 15th 1884

Confirmed
 Min. Hall
 August 15th 1884.

James Potter President

18 Jul 1884

Revision Court
 Present: Wm. H. Potter (the President) Wm. H. Potter
 and Wm. H. Potter

The Secretary produced the Lists for the North, South and East Ridings and that the only application he had received for an alteration of the valuation was from Charles Medcalf of the Serpentine Hotel, who applied for a reduction of rate from £4.2.0 to £3.2.0. The Secretary stated he had no objections to the reduction as rates had seriously fallen off since the valuation was made. The Court ^{recommended} ~~decided~~ to reduce the rate by 15%.

There being no other applications the Lists were signed and the Court adjourned.

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Shire Hall
 Serpentine
 August 1884.

Annual Election

South Riding

George David Coult Esquire of Harrogate being the only candidate nominated for the above Riding I hereby declare the said David Coult duly elected Councillor for the said Riding.

D C Latra
 Returning Officer
 for the Riding

North Riding

George Marshall Esquire of Calverley being the only candidate nominated for the above Riding I hereby declare the said George Marshall duly elected Councillor for the said Riding.

Wm. H. Potter
 Returning Officer
 for the Riding

East Riding

James Coult Esquire of Dings being the only candidate nominated for the above Riding I hereby declare the said James Coult duly elected Councillor for the said Riding.

John E. Lethlean
 Returning Officer
 for the Riding

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Election of Auditor

James Reeves having been the only Candidate nominated for the office of Local Auditor to this Shire. I hereby declare the said James Reeves duly elected Local Auditor for the year 1884-5

Wm Hardy
President and
Returning Officer

15 Aug 1884

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Serpentine
August 15th 1884

Present

The President (Mr Hardy) Mr Raleigh, Laird, Bissett, Potter, D. Coult, Marshall, Lethlean & James Coult

Minutes

Election of President and introduction of newly elected Councillors

Mr D. Coult, George Marshall & James Coult having made the usual declaration were introduced & took their seats at the Council table

Mr Hardy took the Chair and stated that in retiring from the presidency he wished to make a brief statement, more particularly on the financial state of the Shire. He found that the revenue since the close of the last financial year amounted to £3,742. 4. 2 as against £3,716 for the previous year. He also reported that the arrears, or unpaid rates, were less than they had been for years past.

The South Riding having only	£10. 0. 0
" North "	33. 0. 0
East "	89. 0. 0

Mr Hardy thanked the Council for the courteous attention he had received during the year of his presidency. He then referred to the future presidency being offered to Mr Laird of whom he stated no Councillor was better qualified to occupy the position. The position, Mr Laird, however declined to accept the position and Mr D. Coult also declined the office as he had other public duties to perform which occupied all his spare time.

Previous to nominating the new President he would move that the incoming President be allowed the sum of

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Supp Proceeds as the President's allowance
Seconded by Mr Lethlean.

Mr Potter thought that all accounts under the President's allowance should be produced to the Council for its approval. He objected to a lump sum being passed.

Mr Hardy did not consider the amount proposed was any too much & was totally opposed to the suggestion that any item expended should be submitted to public scrutiny.

Mr Potter did not wish to cast the least reflection on the retiring president or previous presidents.

Mr D. Louth, & Raleigh supported the motion which was

Carried

Mr Hardy proposed that Mr James South be elected president. Seconded by Mr Raleigh & Carried

Mr James South then took the chair and moved a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring president. Seconded by Mr Laird and

Carried

The Council then resumed. The same Councilmen being present.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and the motion of Mr Laird Seconded by Mr Raleigh were confirmed.

Deputation

Mr Hardy introduced Messrs Baile, Burns & Davidson as a deputation representing the Goldston Valley Tramway League to ask the assistance of the Council in obtaining a Tramway from Bridgewater to Durham &c. Mr Davidson stated the object sought and Mr Burns gave statistics showing that the proposed line would give satisfactory return from the East Goldston Shin Abon, and believed that the traffic

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from ten miles north of the Durham &c would be very considerable. Mr Baillie followed in the same strain and urged on the Council, if the Government would not take the matter up, to the adjoining Councils to assist in having a survey made to ascertain the real cost of the line and to arrange for the collection of statistics &c.

After considerable discussion, in which Mr Hardy, Mr D. Louth, Mr Potter, Mr Marshall & the president took part Mr Laird moved and Mr D. Louth seconded "that application be made to the Minister of Railways to have the line provided for in the Railway Construction Bill and that Mr Hardy and Mr Potter together with the Engineer be appointed a deputation to wait on the Minister of Railways and that the Secretary apply to the Councils of Hean Hill & Marong to support the request." Mr Marshall opposed the motion as he did not consider there would be sufficient earnings to pay for a line. The Motion was

Carried

Correspondence

From the Secretary to the Premier, in reply to Councils' letter re prohibitory duty on all but safety matches and stating that objection had been taken to special legislation on the matter, as the latter were unsuitable for use in mines, consequently it was not considered advisable to proceed further at present.

Consideration deferred to general business from J. K. Dow (Australasian office) agreeing to lecture at Serpentine on "American Railways" during the first or second week in October. Mr Laird moved that any time fixed by Mr Dow would be suitable. Seconded by Mr Hardy.

Mr Marshall objected to the Council taking any part in the matter. The Motion was

Carried

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From Secretary of Public Works Department.

Notifying that the sum of £250 had been placed on the estimates towards making approaches to the Milmans Railway Station, contingent on the Council expending a similar sum, also stating conditions in reference to same.

Received

From J. Potter, Secretary School Board of Nelson. Asking that the Health Officer should be instructed to report on the alleged cases of diphtheria in the family of Mr. Hattery, of the State School, Colville.

Attended to

From Health Officer, reporting that diphtheria had disappeared from the family, but pointing out that the accommodation was insufficient for the family, there being only two small rooms for Mrs & Mr Hattery and eight children; also that the same cause was prejudicial to the health of the children attending the school.

The Secretary had forwarded a copy of the report to the Central Board of Health.

From Town Clerk Heathcote. Calling attention to the license fee exacted from Contractors for road material taken from Crown lands and requesting Council to cooperate in getting same abolished.

Mr Laird moved that cooperation be granted. Seconded by Mr. Marshall and.

Carried

From Central Board of Health. with circular urging the necessity of re-vaccination.

Received

From Secretary St. Andrews Shire. Stating a Conference would be held on August 28th at the Office of the National Agricultural Society.

On the motion of Mr. Laird. Seconded by Mr. Bennett. The Hon. D. Smith was requested to act as delegate from this Council.

Carried

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From Secretary Board of Health. Acknowledging receipt of letter respecting a proposed Bye-law dealing with the action of the Health Officer in cases of contagious disease, and stating that power has been taken for such matters in the 'New instructions to Local Boards' now in the hands of the Government printer.

Received

From Secretary Victorian Railways. Suggesting that the name of Pannooniello Station should be changed to Hayammi. The Secretary had replied that the name was not appropriate as the Station was not in the parish of Hayammi and adhering to the name "Trainier". The Council approved of the reply.

From Secretary of Lands. Stating that 1/- was due for rent on an acre of land situated in Digger.

Received

From Hon. Secretary of Yallock Farmers' Association. Applying for refund of £2 paid as License by Mr. Duffy two years ago. On the motion of Mr. Councillor Lethlean. Seconded by Mr. Potter. The amount was ordered to be paid.

Carried

From Secretary Shire of Korong. Stating that on next year's estimates provision would be made for repairs to the road between Salisbury Bridge and Edwards.

Received

Reports

Mr. Lethlean reported for the East Riding Incubator, that it would be impossible to proceed with the joint works sought by the Eastern Shire, as no funds were available. It was agreed that the works should be undertaken when funds were available.

Mr. Marshall reported that the Members for the North Riding had opened tenders for repairs for Bridge over Helshi Lagoon, when that of W. H. Dyer.

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for £125. 1. 10, was accepted. The Council had thereby saved £40. by re-arranging.
On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Bissett the action taken was

Carried

The report of the Secretary upon the Public Health Act, held over from last meeting, was considered and Received. On the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Laird the sum of £20 per annum was voted to the Secretary for extra duties imposed by the Act.

Carried

The Secretary reported the receipt of £10, bonus given by the Government for the satisfactory collection of the yearly agricultural statistics.

Upon the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Bissett the amount was passed for payment to the Collector.

The Secretary further reported upon the position of the Shire Account; and on the neglect of the Caretaker of the Weighbridges at Mitham and Dingwall in not forwarding monthly returns. The last return was dated May.

Mr Marshall moved that the arrangements with Mr Whittle be cancelled. Seconded by Mr Bissett and

Carried

The Secretary's report, was on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Hardy

Received

The Treasurer reported a debit balance of £462. 5. 11. On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Raleigh the report was

Received

The Engineer reported that the various contracts were proceeding expeditiously and that various works according to instructions, had been carried out. On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Laird the report was

Received

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Matters

On the motion of Mr Raleigh seconded by Mr Lethlean the following tenders were accepted.
For Culvert formation and drains on one chain road between Dorsetts and East London F.R. par of Cammister East.

Commington Throssop £75. 13. 4

" 2 Forming 30 chains of embankment on East West road South of Charles Cabbie land parish of Yalwood.

Thos. S. Old £17. 10. 0

" Two pipe Culverts and formation on Davis road and on the Church road parish of Yalwood

W. Mahony £26. 2. 0

General business

Mr Lethlean moved that the president be requested to ask Councillors to meet him at dinner at the Commercial Hotel, Leppington seconded by Mr Laird and

Carried

(Mr Raleigh and Mr Lethlean have left the meeting)

The president moved that the Secretary write to the Railway Department asking them to fulfil a promise to erect a trough on the East side of Railway line at Mitham. Seconded by Mr Potter and

Carried

A discussion ensued on the motion passed at the February meeting viz "that all rates be paid before the 31st October in each year". It was ultimately decided "that a list of all defaulting rate-payers be placed in the hands of the Shire Solicitor for collection". Moved by Mr Laird and seconded by the president and

Carried

The president moved that the Secretary to the postal department requesting that a letter box be placed at the "Prairie" Railway Station. Seconded by Mr Laird and

Carried

By Mr D. South That the engineer be empowered to expend £5. on roads leading to Edmunds' woodshed. Seconded by Mr Laird and Laird

By Mr Hardy moved that the Secretary write to Mr Geo H. P. asking him to bring under the notice of the Government the necessity of encouraging the introduction of the safety hatch as proposed by Messrs Black, Bell & Co. Seconded by Mr Potter and Laird

Motions

By Mr Bissett That tenders be called for formation and culvert on the two chain road to Dingee Railway Station near Wilsons par. of Porepapat. Seconded by Mr Laird and Laird

By Mr J. Potter Tenders be called for bridge across Serpentine Creek two miles north of Larkham post office between Messrs Chequesland and the Serpentine Estate. Seconded by Mr Hardy and Laird

Accounts

On the motion of Mr Potter Seconded by Mr Hardy The following accounts were passed for payment

Engineer	20	16	8
Secretary	14	3	4
Rate Collector	7	10	2
Dunn Hollies	22	14	2
The Exchange	5	5	2
C. Williams & Co	1	4	6
President 4/9	15		2
Murray & Co	6	8	2
Hornflower & Co	18		9
"Age"	1	1	2

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J. S. Old	C. H. 11	15		
J. S. Old	" 15		13	6
J. Palmer	" 21	10		2
W. H. H.	" 22	58		2
A. Jameson	" 24	40		2
J. S. Old	" 25	30		2
W. H. Lethbrum	" 26	3		2
H. Cheyne	" 28	15		2
H. Smith	W. H.		15	2
A. Spooner	W. H.	3	5	2
A. Spooner	W. H.		10	2
D. Agnew	W. H.		6	2
P. H. Doughty	W. H.	2	2	2
B. Curran, News		1	7	45
Booth & Co. Smith		2	2	2
Rate Collector	Statistics	10		2
		309	4	1

The Meeting then closed. & the Council adjourned to September 19th 1884

Confirmed
Sept. 19 1884

J. S. Old President

19 Sep 1884

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
September 19-1884

Present

The President (Mr. J. Coult) Mr. Potter, Hardy
Marshall, Lethlean, and D. Coult.

Minutes

On the motion of Mr. Lethlean seconded by the
President the minutes as read were
confirmed

Correspondence

From Boro' of Malvern. Asking Council to
request our parliamentary representative to support the
claims of Dr. Davy for a substantial reward
when the matter is brought before Parliament

On the motion of Mr. Lethlean seconded by Mr.
D. Coult cooperation was

Agreed to

From Shire of Heathfield. Asking the Council's
influence to have the regulations, or charges, of six
shillings per week for each man employed in obtaining
from Crown lands, material for road making removed

The same subject has been attended to at last
Meeting in considering a letter from the Borough
of Heathcote. On the motion of Mr. Lethlean
seconded by the President a reply to that effect was
ordered to be sent

From Secretary of Railways. Stating the name
"Prairie" would be substituted for "Pannoonilloo"
as soon as possible

Received

From Wm. Holmes. Acknowledging Cheque
for £22.14.0

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From Messrs Geo. Moon & Co (all M.L.A.)
Stating they would be happy to assist in reputation
re Tramway

Received

From J. Nuttall. Offering large safe for
sale. Not required too large.

J. Sydney Boyce. M.P. asking for subscription
towards the erection of public hall for the use of
all denominations. The object of the building
was explained by the president and moved
that the sum of £10 be voted to be payable when
actually required. Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

Edward J. Gearing. Forwarding subscrip-
tion in favor of the late Mr. McQueen's Town Hall
of Gearing.

Received

From Chief Inspector of Stock. Asking to be
informed of any appearance of disease among stock
in the Shire.

Received

From Secretary of Lands. Requesting the opinion
of the Council as to the best means of suppressing
the rabbit pest. The Council considered they had not
had sufficient experience in the eradication of
the pest to pass an opinion.

From Under Treasurer. Forwarding forms for
completion for the second moiety of Government
subsidy amounting to £978. 10. 2

Attended to

From Post Master General. Stating that a receiving
Box would be placed at the "Prairie" Railway
Station

Received

From A. Jamison. Asking for one month's
extension of time.

Granted

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From H. P. Whittle. Forwarding three months
accounts for Highbridges requesting reconsideration
of resolution passed at last meeting intimating that
his services would be dispensed with.

On the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr
Lethlean, the following Committee was appointed
to enquire into the matter by the president and
Mr Potter & Mr Doult.

Report

Mr Hardy reported having in company with Mr
Doult & Mr Potter and the Engineer had an interview
with the Minister of Railway regarding the proposed
Tramway. The Minister declined the request to
include the Tramway in the forthcoming Railway
Bill, but promised the loan of rails provided the
Shire Councils interested constructed the line.

He moved a vote of thanks to the following
Members of Parliament for their valuable assistance
by Mr. H. Bell, Mr. J. G. M. Messrs Geo. Moon
& Mr. Coll. M.L.A. Seconded by Mr Potter &

Carried

Mr Lethlean moved a vote of thanks to the
Deputation seconded by the president and

Carried

In connection with the proposed Tramway
Mr Marshall introduced a numerous deputation
from Calivil neighbourhood consisting of Messrs
Mahaney, Dow, Cheyres and others. The deputation
objected to the Tramway or any preliminary expenses
being paid out of the Shire revenues.

The president explained to the deputation that they
were evidently laboring under a misapprehension. The
object of deputation to the Minister of Railway was to ask that
he would place the line in the New Construction Bill
at the cost of the Government. The Council never
contemplated raising a loan for the purpose of
constructing the line before first obtaining the consent
of the ratepayers; and that the Shire Engineer was never
instructed to make a flying survey. Supply

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to Mr D. Coult. Mr Mahony states the deputation did not object to the expenses incurred in trying to get the lines placed in the bill, but they objected to further expenses being paid out of the Whire revenue.

Mr D. Coult, Hardy & Potter, spoke to a similar purport as the President.

The deputation, having thanked the Council, then withdrew.

Reports Continued

The Engineer's report suggested that as the harvest time was approaching the weigh bridges at Dingus and Mitiama should be tested a scale of charges and conditions posted at each and custodians appointed. The consideration of this suggestion was left in the hands of the Committee previously appointed.

Clause 4 Re J. S. Old's charges for clearing was left in the hands of the members for the East Riding to report to next meeting.

Clause 6 Re Footbridges over Bullock Creek consideration to stand over till next meeting.

Clause 8 The Engineer was instructed to make enquiries as to the cost of pike-driving.

The Treasurer reported an overdraft of £750.7.6

The Secretary stating that if the subsidy was paid before the end of the month the financial year would close with a credit balance.

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Coult the report was

Received

Tenders

On the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Lethlean the following tenders were accepted.

R7 Bridge over Serpentine Creek near Cheynes
Peter Jacobson £233.9.6

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No 2

J. Forest £55.1.0

For formation and draining parish of Pompaapel
Joseph Overhead £75

General business

Mr Hardy introduced a deputation, who ask for certain fates to be removed on a road leading from the three chain roads to Sebastian. The request was

Carried
Mr D. Coult moved that the Secretary write to the landowners where it was known Rabbits had appeared ordering them to have the pest destroyed; also to the Trustees of the Yanaque Cemetery.

Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried
Mr Lethlean moved that the following Committees be appointed

Finance Committee. Mr Laid, Hardy, Potter and Bissett

Public Works Committee Mr D. Coult, Raleigh, Marshall and Lethlean

The President to act on both Committees
Seconded by Mr Marshall and

Carried
Mr D. Coult called attention to the £250 vote from the Government, which was available under certain conditions for meeting approaches to the Mitiama Railway Station. After discussion it was decided that the East Riding members should report at the next meeting, the amount they were prepared to vote to enable the Council to the Subsidy.

Instructions to Officers

By Mr Marshall - That the Secretary make application to the Railway department for more accommodation at the Prairie Station in the shape of a shed & ladies waiting room.

By The President That the Secretary renew the application for a trough at Mitiama

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By J. A. Lethlean. That the Secretary write to the Railway department re Trucking yards at Dingee

By J. Hardy moved That for the future the Monthly Council dinners be held at each of the two Hotels in the Township every alternate six months

Seconded by J. D. Loutts
Amended by J. A. Potter That twelve months be substituted for six months

Seconded by J. E. Marshall and
Carroll

Notice of motions

- 1 By the President Tenders be called for Culvert and earthwork on road West from Britains and known as Mc Donalds Swamp also fatters West from Britains.
- 2 By J. Hardy Tenders be called for Culvert formation and draining 206 chains more or less on the East and West road from Roberts to Bogies
- 3 By J. Hardy Tenders be called for draining and forming on boundary road between North South Riding 306 chain more or less
- 4 By J. Hardy Tenders be called for grubbing and clearing about 60 chains between Gump and Dons parish of Calivil

Accounts

On the motion of J. A. Potter seconded by J. A. the following accounts were passed for payment

Engineer	20	16	8	n
Secretary	14	3	4	n
Rate Collector	7	10	5	
Gallook Ploughing Match, refund,	2			n

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Brought forward

Wilson & McWinnow
E. A. J. Carey
E. A. J. Carey
Isaac Palmer
Isaac Palmer
Wm. Skye & Co
Wm. Skye & Co
A. Jamieson & Co
A. Jamieson
J. S. Old
J. S. Old
H. Cheyne
H. Cheyne
J. S. Old
J. S. Old
M. Mahony
M. Mahony
A. Smith
A. Spooner
A. Spooner
W. Skye & Co
Hornblower & Co
A. Jamieson & Co
McLannan

1	1	"	2
30	"	"	2
1	10	"	2
7	"	"	2
1	7	"	2
6	8	6	2
3	2	6	2
15	2	3	2
2	17	"	2
31	7	1	2
3	"	"	2
4	"	3	2
1	10	"	2
17	10	"	2
"	17	1	2
21	2	"	2
1	7	"	2
5	"	"	2
1	"	"	2
5	7	"	2
1	"	"	2
2	13	1	2
20	"	"	2
2	13	4	2

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday October 17th

Conferenced
Sherr Hall
October 17th 1884

James Loutts President

17 Oct 1884

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
October 17th 1884

Present

The President (C. J. Coultas) C. Potter, Hardy
D. Coultas and Marshall

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and on the motion of C. Potter seconded
by C. Marshall were

Confirmed

Correspondence

From Eye and Ear Hospital. Asking for
usual subscription. Included in
charitable box

From Public Works Department. Asking for
information as to boundaries of their Ridings

On the motion of C. Hardy seconded by
C. Potter the Engineer was instructed to forward
the required information

From Railway Department. Re application
for Sheep and Cattle trucking yards at Oringer
Railway Station, stating that hurdle sheep
races already existed and the traffic would not
justify any further expenditure.

The President, C. Hardy D. Coultas & Potter
spoke strongly in favor of stronger and higher
yards being erected, the present yards being only
two feet high.

C. D. Coultas moved that the Secretary
write again to the Department stating that in
the Council's opinion strong yards are a necessity
& that if new yards were erected more traffic
would immediately follow seconded by the
President and
passed

From Secretary Central Board of Health.

Recommending the appointment of an Analyst of food and liquor for the Shire. Received
The subject to be more fully considered at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr Marshall suggested that this Council might join with neighbouring Municipalities in the appointment of an analyst.

From Shire of Swan Hill. Requesting Council to appoint a delegate to a Rabbit Conference to be held in Melbourne on the 5th November. On the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Marshall the president was appointed to attend as a delegate.

Mr D. Coult, remarked that the Shire funds should not be expended in Rabbit extermination upon Crown Lands. He considered the Crown should be responsible for waste lands, the freeholder for his own and the Councils for roads.

From O. Edwicks. That he would purchase poison and do his utmost to eradicate the rabbits upon his property.

Received
From Shire of Bet Bet re omission of Dandy to Suglenwoods and Ararat to Wooma lines from the Railway Construction Bill a Conference would be held at the White Hart Hotel Melbourne on Tuesday the 14th inst. and requesting delegate might be appointed. Mr D. Coult mentioned that as the time for the meeting had passed, but, as a Conference would be most likely held during the following week he would move "That the president represent the Council and that the representatives for Mandurring be written to requesting them to support the introduction of the line from Suglenwood to Dendilly in the Railway Bill. The president stated he could not possibly attend, but, would support the appointment of a delegate. It was ultimately decided

that a delegate be appointed and that the president should appoint the member, Mr D. Coult agreeing to notify when the Conference would take place.

From Maranga Shire Council re Conference to Agitate for the adoption of Central System, to be held in Melbourne on November 5th. On the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr D. Coult the president was authorised to attend.

From Railway Department, acknowledging various request made by Council re Dinger Grain Store.

Received
From A. E. Roffey. Government Auditor. re Audit of Shire Accounts.

Received
From Shire of Bet Bet. re passenger mileage rates upon all State Railway and the issue of excursion tickets, also, complaining of unequal rates charged upon Suburban and Country Lines.

Mr Laird here took his seat
Mr Hardy moved that the Council heartily cooperate and give all assistance to the movement.
Seconded by Mr Laird and supported by Mr Potter and

Laird
From Bank of Victoria. Suglenwoods. Stating that the present rate of interest charged upon the Shire Account was less than 8 per cent.

Received
From Agnes Fisher re excessive rating. On the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Potter the rate collector was instructed to report at next meeting.

Laird
From Mr Montgomery. Kitchmans. Forwarding Cheque for £9.00 arrears of rates on Bryant's land.

Received
From Treasury, Melbourne. Stating that account for £978.10.2 had been passed for payment at Suglenwood.

Received

From Post Office Department. Stating that a letter box was erected at Pirie Railway Station.

Received

From Public Works Department. Announcing the appointment of Mr. C. E. Roffey as Government Auditor and fixing the remuneration to be allowed to each Auditor.

Received

From Shire Solicitor. Sandhurst. re collection of rates.

Received

From Secretary North Western Agricultural Society. Soliciting subscription to the Society's funds.

On the motion of Mr. Laidlaw seconded by Mr. Potter the usual vote of £3.5.0 was passed.

From Shire of Echuc. Forwarding account for £181.13.4 one third cost of erecting bridge over preexisting Creek as per arrangement. After discussion the President moved that the Secretary write to the Echuc Council asking to be supplied with the usual vouchers and that the Council had been taken aback at not receiving a copy of the plans and a notice that the work had been commenced. Seconded by Mr. Hardy and

Carried

From Secretary Swan Hill Railway League. Requesting appointment of representatives to a meeting in Sandhurst on the 18th October. On the motion of Mr. D. Louth seconded by Mr. Hardy the President and Mr. Potter were appointed delegates to Melbourne in support of the line to Swan Hill and especially to support the line from Dundy to Lylewood.

Carried

Report

Mr. D. Louth reported for the Committee appointed to consider the position of the caretaker of the Weighbridges, & recommended that applications be asked from persons willing to undertake the care of the Shire

Weighbridges from the 21st November next for the following twelve months. Seconded by Mr. Marshall &

Carried

Mr. D. Louth stated that the present caretaker, Mr. Whittle be requested to deliver up the books and papers connected with the office before next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hardy and

Carried

On the motion of Mr. Potter seconded by Mr. Laidlaw the following scale of charges for the weighbridges were agreed on viz - 10 bags 6th every ton or fraction of a ton 5th. The maximum charge to be 3rd + no load to exceed 9 tons.

Carried

The Engineer reported on the general satisfactory progress of the Contracts. The general recommendation were approved of and on the motion of Mr. Potter seconded by Mr. Marshall the report was

Received

The Secretary report announced the receipt of the seconded moiety of the Government Subsidy (£975.10.2) and that the financial year would close with a credit balance. The arrears of rates were nearly all paid up. The report was

Received

The rate collector reported the receipt of £57.12.1 and stated that the Manager of the Serpentine Estate asked the Council would allow the payment of a moiety of the annual rate the balance to be paid by the incoming tenant. The Council declined to interfere in the matter.

The Treasurer reported a credit balance of £107.8.2

General business

Mr. Marshall introduced Mr. Mountgomerie who asked the Council to prevent cattle wandering on Shire roads. Mr. D. Louth, Hardy and the President all spoke of the necessity of a Shire pound. Mr. Laidlaw stated that he would lodge a notice of motion in favor of the erection of Shire pound.

Motions

- 1 By the President For Culvert and Earthwork on the road West from Hickman and known as McDonalds Swamp. Seconded by J. Potter & Carried
- 2 By Mr Hardy That tenders be called for draining forming and Culvert on East and West Road from Roberts to Bogie. Seconded by the President & Carried
- 3 By Mr Hardy. That tenders be called for draining and formation between North South boundary about 30 chains. Seconded by Mr Laid and Carried
- 4 By Mr Hardy That tenders be called for grubbing and clearing about 60 chains between Youngs & Duns parish offshoots. Seconded by Mr Laid and Carried

Notice of Motion

By Mr Laid. That application be called from persons willing to undertake the duties of parish clerk

Account

The following amounts were on the motion of J. Potter Seconded by Mr De Louette was passed by for payment

Engineer	20	16	8
Secretary	14	3	4
Rate collector	7	10	0
M. Hardy deputation	7	"	"
J. Potter "	7	"	"
G. Minns "	7	"	"
MacKay & Co	7	10	"
Charitable vote			
Deaf & Dumb Asylum	1	1	"
Hospitable for Sick Children	1	1	"

Brought forward
 Eye & Ear Hospital
 Bendigo Hospital
 Bendigo B. Asylum
 Inglewood B. Asylum
 Lyng-in-Hospital
 Opham Asylum
 Austin Institute
 North Western A. Society
 Bendigo A. Society
 A. Jamieson C. 27
 J. W. Dixon C. 29
 Courmington Messrs
 J. H. Perhead
 Hugh Cheque
 P. Mac Donough
 A. J. Phillips

2	2	"
10	10	"
5	5	"
2	2	"
1	1	"
1	1	"
2	2	"
3	3	"
3	3	"
40	"	"
100	"	"
35	"	"
10	"	"
5	10	"
1	15	"
"	19	"

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday November 21st 1884

Sherrin Hall
 Perpetua
 Nov 21st 1884

J. De Louette President

17 Oct 1884

Annual Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
November 18th 1884

There being no Councillors present at the hour appointed for holding the Annual Meeting, the Secretary adjourned the meeting until Friday the 21st inst.

Wm. Linder
Shire Secretary,

21 Nov 1884

Ordinary
Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
November 21st 1884

Present

The President (C^r James (outts) C^r Raleigh,
Laid, Bissett, Marshall, and Lethlean

Minutes

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read
and on the motion of C^r Lethlean seconded by
C^r Marshall were

ConfirmedCorrespondence

From Lower Shire Council. Submitting resolution
passed in favor of having the duty on corn sacks remitted.
The President that cooperation be granted. Seconded
by C^r Lethlean and

Carried

From W. Madden M.L.A. Asking for statement
of expenditure by the Shire, on destruction of rabbits.
The Secretary had replied that expenditure
had been incurred.

From Royal Humane Society of Australasia.

Forwarding placards and Society report and
requesting subscriptions. On the motion of C^r
Marshall seconded by C^r Lethlean £1.1.0 was

Ordered

From Foultz's Glenng. Asking for payment of
his account. The Secretary explained that the
returns had been forwarded, but no account

To stand over

From Railway department. Acknowledging
application for Trucking yards at Deniger

Received

From Secretary Shire of Horou - a resolution carried at recent rabbit Conference in Melbourne that local bodies should cease any further expenditure in rabbit suppression until the Government agree to increase its subsidy.

Received

From Shire of Louisa suggesting the formation of a new Municipal Group Association, comprising the various Local Bodies in the northern and north western Areas, their interests being more in accord with each other, than with those of the Southern municipalities.

Not stand over until next meeting

From Deaf and Dumb Institute, Melbourne. Acknowledging receipt of £1.1.0

Received

From Railway Department. Stating that the trough at the East side of Melbourn Railway Station would be ready in a fortnight.

Received

From Secretary North Western Agricultural Socy. Acknowledging Receipt of £3.3.0

Received

From Eye & Ear Hospital - with receipt for £2.2.0

Received

From Bendigo Hospital. with receipt for £10.10.0

Received

From Public Works Department. Asking to be furnished with Auditor's statement and copy of balance sheet &c

Received

Melbourne Orphan Society. with receipt for £1.1.0

Received

J. Heil. Calivil. with Cheque for Current rates

Received

From Railway Department Stating that a Cottage would be moved to the Station at Princes for the accommodation as a Ladies waiting room.

The president stated the accommodation was still inadequate and moved that Secretary make further application. Seconded by Mr Marshall and

Carried

From Raleigh Bros - Forwarding Cheque for £50. being their share of Cost of Rams.

Received

From Government Statist, with particulars as to the Collection of Annual Statistics and instructions to collectors.

Received

From Bendigo Agricultural Socy. Acknowledging Cheque for £3.3.0

Received

From Thomas Kirk - pump-fitter. Complaining of excessive rating. Mr Laid moved that the rate collector report at next meeting. Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

From W. J. Whittle. Caretaker of Neighbors. Asking for payment of his accounts and protesting against the appointment of any Caretaker until the expiration of his term of appointment.

The Account was ordered to be paid. The Secretary stating the Account was already in the Monthly Accounts.

From Secretary Public Works Department. requesting plans for work leading to Melbourn Railway Station and requesting explanations as to land whether on private property or not. If on private property as to what arrangement had been made with owner.

Replied to forwarding the information required.

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Annual Meeting

The adjourned Annual Meeting was then held. The Secretary read the Auditor's report and a statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year ending September 1884. The statement of accounts showed the total receipts to be £4845.9.9 leaving a credit balance at the end of the year of £25.7.8. The Auditor called attention to the necessity of having a detailed statement of payments into the bank. On the motion of C. Laird seconded by C. Lethlean the report and statement was received. The annual meeting then closed and the ordinary meeting was resumed, the same Commissioners being present.

Reports

The President reported, as instructed, having attended a meeting of delegates in favor of Railway extension to Swan Hills. He had, also, in conjunction with C. Potter attended a further Conference in Melbourne in support of the same extension.

He had further attended a Conference upon the Central system and rabbit question. At the former it was decided to appoint a standing Committee to communicate with the Melbourne grain dealers. The reason for the non-adoption of the Central system was owing to a misunderstanding as to prices at two sales held under the different systems. At the rabbit Conference different resolutions were introduced and discussed. A deputation was appointed to wait on the Minister but with unsatisfactory results.

A further Conference was then held the result being the resolution as read in the correspondence.

C. Raleigh moved a vote of thanks to the President and the other delegates. Seconded by C. Laird and

Carried

The Engineer's report was read and on the motion of C. Lethlean seconded by the President was

Received

Clause 1 was adopted

" 2 was on the motion of C. Marshall seconded by C. Lethlean the engineer was instructed to close the bargain with Messrs. Wilkins & Co. for pile driver at the price of £27.10.

Carried

Clause 4 Action of engineer approved

" 5 Approved - on extensions to crossing at Buller Creek

" 6 Approved re Old's etc for clearing

" 7 Re balance account for extra work done on Contract. On the motion of the President seconded by C. Bissett the claim was not entertained.

The Secretary reported on the completion of the audit and that £76.16.4 was in the hands of the Solicitors accruing from unpaid rates.

On the motion of C. Laird seconded by C. Marshall the report was

Received

The President moved That the Secretary again write the Solicitors asking for a settlement of the late M. Nixon account on rates received by him. Seconded by C. Lethlean and

Carried

The Rate Collector reported the receipt of £126.2.4 since last meeting. He also produced a letter from the Silesian dower estate forwarding account of rates less 1/- in the £1. paid for land tax. This claim was made under section 265 of the L.G. Act. The Council declined to countenance the action taken & the collector was instructed to that effect.

The Treasurer reported a ^{debit} credit balance of £19.17.7

Matters

- 1st Culvert and formation at McDonald's Swamp parish of Maymorn - Withdrawn
- 2 Culvert and formation parish of Calver - Withdrawn
- 3 Culvert & formation on fills roads between allots 139 and 140 parish of Cammer East
A Jamieson £91⁰⁰ Accepted
- 4 Clearing 60 chains on 1 chain road East & West near Youngs parish of Calver - No tenders

Appointment of Carpenters to Weighbridges

On the motion of Mr Raleigh seconded by Mr Lettlean the following applications were accepted for 12 months from the 21st November last

For Mithams John O'Brien at 50% on

gross proceeds of receipts

For Deuge John Duncan at 50% on

gross proceeds of receipts

The Engineer to have weighbridges adjusted

General business

Mr Lettlean reported having expended 14⁰⁰ in clearing fallen timber off roads in East Riding

Mr Marshall stated that he had expended 5⁰⁰ in having obstruction removed from roads placed there by persons with travelling sheep

The President Mr Raleigh, Laird & the Engineer complained of the frequency of the practice referred to. It was resolved that Police Super^r be written to on the subject.

Mr Laird moved according to notice, that applications be called for the position of their poundkeeper. Councillors approved of the motion but thought they should first select a central site. The motion was withdrawn. Mr Marshall promising to table a motion to that effect

Mr Lettlean moved that the Secretary write to the post & telegraph office asking that telegraph communication be extended to Deuge seconded by the President & Carriers

Notice of Motions

- 1st By Mr Marshall. That a site be selected for a pound within the three boundary
- 2nd By Mr Bissett That tenders be called for formation and pipe drain on road known as Adam Shaw road

Accounts

The following accounts were, on the motion of Mr Bissett seconded by Mr Laird, passed for payment

Engineer	20	16	8 ⁰⁰
Secretary	14	3	4 ⁰⁰
Rate Collector	7	10	"
Auditor (Government)	18	8	"
" Local	10	10	"
Superintendent of Weighbridges	3	3	9 ⁰⁰
President's Allowance 1 st Quarter	15	"	"
Secretary preparing Rolls for Assembly and Council	5	5	"
Horse Bower & Co	3	9	9 ⁰⁰
W. H. Lettlean C. 26	"	10	"
W. H. Lettlean " 26	"	4	"
A. Jamieson & Co C. 27	33	2	1 ⁰⁰
A. Jamieson & Co " 27	4	11	"
J. H. Dixon " 29	33	15	1 ⁰⁰
J. H. Dixon " 29	6	12	1 ⁰⁰
Counaughton & Rossop " 30	40	13	1 ⁰⁰
Counaughton & Rossop " 30	4	"	"
P. Jacobson " 33	70	"	"
J. Forrest " 34	55	1	"
J. Forrest " 34	3	"	"
	349	10	11

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Brought forward		349	10	11
J. H. Overhead C. 35		25	"	"
A. Jamison &		7	5	"
E. Medcalf Junr.		"	13	4
J. P. Olds M. H.		5	"	"
M. H. Lethlean M. H.		1	4	"
J. Coult Deputation		7	"	"
J. Potter —		7	"	"
J. Coult —		7	"	"
		409	13	3

The Meeting then closed and the council adjourned to Friday December 19th 1884

Confirmed

Shire Hall

Serpentine

December 19th 1884

J. Coult President

19 Dec 1884

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
December 19 1884

Present

The President (Mr James Coult) for Laids. Potter Hardy, J Coult, Marshall and Lethlean

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Marshall were

Confirmed

Correspondence

From Constable Glenney with names of parties who took out Slaughtering Licenses

Received

From Manager Bank of Victoria. Stating that the request asked for would be attended to

Received

From Public Works department. Agreeing to plans submitted for works leading to Williams Railway Station

Received

From Society for protection to Animals. Seeking for subscription. On the motion of Mr Marshall seconded by Mr Lethlean £1.1.0 was voted to the Society.

From Government Station. requesting Municipal returns

Attended to

From Secretary Sean Hill Shire. re half cost of clearing boundary roads.

Received

21 Nov 1884

From Department of Lands - Re alteration of roads.
Received
From Secretary of Board of Health. requesting
report of the present state of the health of the Shire
of East Lothian

Attended to
From A. A. Jackson. Asking for order for
Cards Calendar

Received
From James Toy. requesting the use of Shire
Halls on the 1st January

Granted
From Secretary of Victoria Jubilee Exhibition.
requesting the president to attend to adjudge the
awards to Exhibitors

Received
From A. Birnie. Stating he had leased his
lands to Mr Lewis Middle who would for the
future be responsible for rates

Received
From Secretary Shire of Leith. Forwarding
tracking of bridge over preamunary Creek, also, vouchers
for payment of same.

On the motion of C^r Lethlean seconded by
C^r Hardy the Council's one third share of the account
was ordered to be paid

From Thomas Henderson. Secretary to the Swan
Hill Railway League. Asking for subscription

After discussion on the motion of C^r Lethlean
seconded by C^r Hardy the sum of £5.0.0 was
given on condition that this be a final payment
to the League

Carried
From John Forrest. Contractor. Complaining
of undue preference being given to another Contractor
when he was the lowest tenderer for the work

Received

21 Nov 1884

Reports

The Engineer made his report which on the motion
of C^r Laird was seconded by C^r Lethlean was

Received

and the separate clauses considered

Cause 1. Approved

" 2. Re Listering weighbridges - On the motion of
C^r Laird seconded by C^r Lethlean. The Secretary
was instructed to write to Messrs. McLean Bros & Rigg
and ask cost for man to test the bridges & give guarantee
as to their correctness.

" 3. Approved

" 4. Approved on the motion of C^r Hardy seconded
by the president, and

" 5. Approved

" 6. On the motion of C^r Laird seconded by C^r
Lethlean the matter was left in the hands of the
Engineer

" 7. Approved and on the motion of C^r Hardy
seconded by C^r Lethlean the account was ordered
to be paid

The Secretary's was on the motion of C^r Lethlean
and seconded by the president was

Received
Cause 1st suggesting that a donation be given to the
Careaker! On the motion of the C^r Lethlean
seconded by the president £2.0.0 was passed

Cause 2nd Asking for 10 days leave of absence for
the officers was on the motion of C^r Lethlean
seconded by C^r Hardy the request was

Granted
The Rate Collector reported having received the
following rates

East Riding	140. 17. 7
North "	268. 12. 1
South "	60. 10. 3
Total	469. 19. 10

The Rate Collector further reported that according to instructions he had inspected Thomas Hind's holding in pourpapel, and found that the beuto previously referred had not been removed but was now only used as a barn. Mr Potter moved and Mr Laird seconded that the allowance for be allowed by 10%. The president ruled the motion out of order.

The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £11. 9. 5. On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by the president the report was received.

Motions

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by the president the following tenders were accepted:
 No 1 For Culvert and formation at Mr Donald's swamp parish of Haynam.

By Messrs Marshall 107. 4. 2.
 No 2 Culvert formation parish of Calivil.
 By Messrs Pickles & Co 42. 0. 0.

General business

Mr D. Coult moved that some marked trees on the map produced be thrown open and that steps be taken to have the same cleared. Seconded by Mr Potter and carried.

Mr Hardy mentioned that an accident had occurred to a two bogie while trying to open a gate in the parish of Calivil. He wished the engineer to have the ^{disturbance} removed that he, Mr Hardy, would point the gate out to him. Seconded by Mr D. Coult and carried.

Mr D. Coult reported that Mr O. Edwick was proceeding to exterminate the rabbits on his land.

Mr Potter moved that £1. 0. 0. be paid to Mr Hardy for his services inspecting damage done a machine. Seconded by the president and carried.

Mr Potter referred to the intention of the Loddon United Water Trust to ask for a further loan of £25,000 and would like the opinion of the ratepayers on the matter.

Mr D. Coult explained how and where the proposed loan was to be expended but would prefer having the opinion of the ratepayers on the matter.

The president stated he would be glad to take the opinion of the ratepayers in his district on so important a subject.

By Mr Laird on behalf of Mr Bissett, that tenders be called for formation and pipe drain on road known as Adam Shaw's road. Seconded by Mr D. Coult and carried.

By Mr Marshall that a Committee be appointed consisting of the president Mr D. Coult and the mover to select a site for a pound within the parish and to report to next meeting. Seconded by Mr D. Coult and carried.

Mr Hardy opposed the motion.
 Notice of Motion

By Mr Lethlean. That a small culvert or pipe drain and about 30 chains of formation be made on the two chain roads near to Galloo Railway Station.

By Mr Lethlean. That a drain out in Ralph Bros paddock be made the above formation if the engineer considers it necessary.

Instructions to Officers

By Mr D. Coult that the Health Officer report to the next meeting as to the general state of the health of the district.

That the engineer report on Roads East of B. Shaw near Culvert.

Accounts

On the motion of Mr. Laird seconded by Mr. D. Lorette, the following accounts were passed for payment

Engineer	20	16	8
Secretary	114	3	4
Rate Collector	7	10	"
Honourables	5	"	"
Reading & News	3	6	"
Constable, Flynn 1/2 fees for	2	10	"
Highway Licenses			
Ship of Echuca 1/3 cost of bulge	181	13	4
over repairing Creek			
Cartaker	3	11	8
Royal Humane Society	1	1	"
Drugs	2	12	"
W. Thomas A.L.		14	"
P. Jacobson C.S.	40	"	"
A. Jamieson C.S.	15	"	"
P. Jacobson, Carriage of pile	6	"	"
driver &c			
G. Minto Travelling expenses	2	9	"
G. H. Burrows, balance on old	1	13	4
Salary			
J. Palmer W. H.	2	"	"
J. Lowe & Dow & W. H.	"	10	"
Guarantee Society Burrows	3	"	"
Revan Hill R. Leape	5	"	"
Government printer	"	9	"
Cartaker donations	2	"	"
W. Hardy Jew	1	1	"
Total	352	0	4

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday January 11th 1885

Confirms

Thos. Hale

Jan 11th 1885

Accounts Approved

12 Years making out rolls pay allowance 20 per ann.
£350 obtained loan from ~~Sanctuary~~^{trust} by which Council

gained £1000. a subsidy
loss by fire of Instruments which should have been
provided by Council | pay £120
pay pigeon hole burn
when work divided into

21/12/37

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA.

MINUTES

OF

PROCEEDINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

OF

Meeting of the Central Committee,

HELD AT THE EXCHANGE, MELBOURNE,

On WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1881.

Office of the Association :

48 QUEEN STREET, MELBOURNE.

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Municipal Association of Victoria.



THE objects of this Association are—to watch over and protect the interests, rights, and privileges of Municipal Corporations; to take action in relation to any subject affecting Municipal bodies, or Municipal legislation; and to promote the efficient carrying out of Municipal government throughout the colony.

REPORT of Meeting of Central Committee, held at the Municipal Chambers, The Exchange, Melbourne, on Wednesday, the 23rd February, 1881.

PRESENT.	DELEGATE FROM
Cr. Mackiehan, President Shire of Mount Rouse	Western Group.
„ Fowler, Mayor of Buninyong	Ballarat Group.
„ Hunter, Mayor of Stawell	Ballarat Group.
„ Trumble, Borough of Eaglehawk	Sandhurst Group.
„ Benson, Shire of Malvern	South Melbourne Group.
„ Cameron, Shire of Eltham	East Melbourne Group.
„ Kelly, Shire of Wyndham	West Melbourne Group.
„ McMaster, President Shire of Bellarine	Geelong Group.
„ Dowling, Shire of Kilmore	Seymour Group.
„ Bickerton, Borough of Wangaratta	Beechworth Group.
„ Thomson, Shire of Kyneton	Castlemaine Group.

Cr. MACKIEHAN, Chairman of the Association, in the Chair.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28th and 29th September, 1880, were read and confirmed.

The correspondence having been read, it was resolved that it be received and taken into consideration after the Business Paper had been gone through.

Before proceeding to discuss the Business Paper, Mr. THOMSON, the Delegate from the Castlemaine Group, called attention to the fact of more than one Delegate from a Council attending Group Meetings; also as to Delegates from Groups voting according to instructions from other Groups or otherwise. It was pointed out that discussion on the latter question would come on when Motion No. 2 (by the Shire of South Barwon) was considered, and with regard to the former it was held that, by the rules of the Association, the Municipality (whether Shire or Borough) was the Member and not the Councillor attending; that each Member was limited to one vote, and so long as the vote was confined to one Delegate and given by the Councillor to whom it was entrusted, it would be unwise for the Central Committee to interfere with the attendance of other Councillors, and it might safely be left to the Chairman and Delegates at Group Meetings, who had the rules to guide them. These rules, although strictly limiting each Member to one vote, did not prevent other Councillors attending. It would be well, however, that the Town Clerks or Shire Secretaries should notify to the Group Secretaries the name of the Councillor appointed by their Council as a Delegate to the Group Meeting.

BUSINESS PAPER.

1.—SHIRE OF DUNMUNKLE moves—

"That the present basis of valuation of rateable property in Shires is unjust, and that the Government be requested to amend the '*Local Government Act*' so as to base the valuation on agricultural and pastoral lands on the natural value thereof, irrespective of improvements."

Valuation of country lands.

This was struck out under motion of Cr. THOMSON, seconded by Cr. CAMERON. Ballarat (two votes) only objecting.

2.—SHIRE OF SOUTH BARWON moves—

"That the Central Committee of this Association should not have the power to veto resolutions favourably considered by a majority of the Groups, such as the one placed on the Business Paper by the Council of South Barwon in March last in reference to the Toll question, and pass resolutions that have not been taken into consideration by the Local Bodies."

Central Committee no power to veto resolution passed by majority of Groups.

It was resolved—

"That the Secretary inform the various Groups that no question has been vetoed by the Central Committee which has been carried by a majority of the Groups."

"That the question of the re-imposition has never been carried by a majority of the Groups." And

"That the proposal of the Central Committee 'to substitute a special rate to be subsidised by a special endowment' in lieu of Tolls, not having been approved of by the various Groups, will be removed from the list of proposed amendments under '*Local Government Act*.'"

3.—SHIRE OF SOUTH BARWON moves—

"That the proposed substitute for Tolls, giving the Council of any Municipality power to levy an extra subsidised rate, would be most unjust and unfair to those Municipalities outside the large centres of population who have a heavy through traffic (of no value to them) concentrating on their main roads; and that the Central Committee be instructed to urge on the Government to present to Parliament, at their very earliest opportunity, a short Bill, granting to the Local Bodies power, on a vote of the ratepayers (if demanded by them), to establish Toll Gates, to bring in a revenue of not less than £500 per annum, as the most equitable means of making those who use the roads contribute towards their maintenance."

Proposed substitute for tolls.

Re-establishment of tolls.

Proposed by Cr. HUNTER, seconded by Cr. FOWLER—

"That the motion be adopted as it stands."

For—Ballarat (2).

Against—Beechworth, Castlemaine, East Melbourne, West Melbourne, South Melbourne, Sandhurst, and Seymour.

Proposed by Cr. CAMERON, seconded by Cr. BENSON—

"That it be adopted with the words 'to bring in a revenue of not less than £500 per annum' struck out."

For—East Melbourne, South Melbourne, West Melbourne, Castlemaine, and Seymour.

Against—Ballarat (2), Beechworth, Sandhurst, and Western.

Motion lost by casting vote of Chairman.

4.—SHIRE OF BARRABOOL moves—

Joint owners and occupiers.

"That, in lieu of section 76 of the present Act, any property held by two or more individuals shall not be entitled to any more votes than if held by one person."

An amendment was proposed by Cr. CAMERON, seconded by Cr. KELLY, that it be passed with the addition "unless such property be valued at £25 or more."

Amendment lost by ... 8 to 3.

The motion on the Paper was struck out by ... 8 to 3.

5.—SHIRE OF WINCHELSEA moves—

Alteration of date for completion of roll.

"That, contingent upon the 30th June being adopted by the Central Committee as the termination of each Municipal financial year, that General rates be payable on or before the 31st March to entitle holders to be placed upon the Ratepayers' Roll, the month of April to be set apart for the making up of such Roll and inspection of Lists, &c., and the Revision Court also to be held in same month, thus relieving Municipal Clerks from the heavy and important duties at present provided by Parts 4 and 9 of the 'Local Government Act 1874' falling together, if Section 198 be altered to the date first named in this motion."

Proposed by Cr. THOMSON, seconded by the Chairman, that it be adopted. Lost.

For—Western, Castlemaine, and Geelong.

Against—Ballarat (2), Seymour, Sandhurst, East Melbourne, South Melbourne, West Melbourne, and Beechworth.

6.—SHIRE OF BALLARAT moves—

Municipality having control of common to bear half expense of main road passing through.

"That any Municipality, having the management of any Common under its control, shall be made liable to bear half the expense of the maintenance of main roads passing through such common." Motion lost, Geelong only voting for.

7.—SHIRE OF GLENELG moves—

"That Section 51, Part 1, of the 'Local Government Act 1874' be struck out."

"This Section places unlimited power in the hands of the Minister, who is guided by the Secretary of the Department, which power may be, and in the case of this Shire has been, used unjustly and illegally, without the Municipality suffering wrong having any means of redress."

The Secretary was instructed to place this motion on the next Business Paper, and to ask the Shire of Glenelg for an explanation as to how they have been injuriously affected by the Section.

8.—SHIRE OF GLENELG moves—

"That in Section 52 of the present Act the following words be inserted after the word 'district' in the third line—'And whose name appears on the Voters' Roll in use at the election.'" Qualification of councillors. Agreed to.

(See Queen v. Thomson, April, 1868.)

For—Ballarat (2), Sandhurst, Castlemaine, Beechworth, Seymour, and Western.

Against—East Melbourne, South Melbourne, West Melbourne, and Geelong.

9.—SHIRE OF GLENELG moves—

"That the following words be added to Section 116 of the 'Local Government Act'—'The returning officer or his deputy shall not accept the nomination of any candidate unless the name of the candidate, and of ten ratepayers signing the nomination paper, appear on the Voters' Roll in use at the election.'" Qualification of nominators.

(See Queen v. Attenborough, *ex parte* Bent, August, 1868; Queen v. Munday, September, 1868, *in re* Arthur Johnston, returning officer, application to the Chief Justice for a mandamus, August, 1880.)

"The obvious intention of the Legislature in framing Sections 52, 116, and 117 was to prevent the election of any ratepayer to be a councillor who had not paid his rates, also to prevent any ratepayer whose rates were unpaid signing a nomination paper. The Chief Justice puts quite a different construction on the Sections, as apparently he would allow any unqualified ratepayer to sit as a councillor, and to be nominated by any unqualified ratepayer, leaving it to some person unnamed (see Section 119) to proceed against them for a penalty, 'payable into the Municipal Fund,' thus virtually condoning the offence, and setting aside the accepted meaning of the clauses now sought to be amended. These proposed amendments would make it mandatory on the returning officer or his deputy to cause the letter and spirit of the Act to be complied with, and would simplify proceedings." Motion carried unanimously.

10.—SHIRE OF STAWELL moves—

"That Section 77 of the 'Local Government Act' should be so amended that no disfranchisement of ratepayers should arise from non-payment of rates." Motion unanimously rejected.

11.—BOROUGH OF KEW and CITY OF PRAHRAN move—

"That provision be made in the new Municipal Act for commencing to take the poll at eight o'clock a.m., instead of nine as at present." Alteration of hours of polling in Boroughs. Motion lost.

12.—SHIRE OF METCALFE moves—

"That a tax of £1 per annum be imposed on each gun used for purposes of sport." Gun tax. Motion unanimously struck out.

13.—SHIRE OF HUNTLY moves—

"That Goldfields Commons throughout the colony be abolished, and that they be annexed to the Municipal Commons within the Municipalities in which they are respectively situated." Goldfields commons to be abolished, and annexed to municipal commons. Motion lost.

14.—SHIRE OF ST. ARNAUD moves—

Facilities for collecting agricultural and other statistics.

"That Municipal bodies be empowered to issue franked forms for the collection of agricultural and other statistics; and that provision be made for the registration of all threshing machines, strippers, and reaping machines; and that owners be obliged to transmit on such forms to the local Borough or Shire Office a correct statement of the quantity of grain or hay operated upon during the season." Motion not adopted.

15.—CASTLEMAINE GROUP moves—

Appeal against auditors disallowing accounts.

"That provision be made in the new Local Government Bill so as to allow Municipalities, in cases where auditors have disallowed accounts at the annual audit, to appeal against such disallowance to the Court of General Sessions which shall be held nearest to the place at which such audit shall have been made." The motion was carried.

"Fire Brigades' Bill."

16.—BOROUGH OF WARRNAMBOOL—Desires to lay before the Association the advisability of assisting the Fire Brigades of the colony in having the "*Fire Brigades' Bill*," which has been prepared and printed, and now in charge of the Hon. G. D. Langridge, Commissioner of Public Works, carried into law as speedily as possible. Postponed for fuller information as to the provisions of the Bill. Borough of Warrnambool to be asked to supply such information.

17.—METROPOLITAN GROUP moves—

Differential rating on town lands.

"That power be given to Municipalities to make Differential Rates to meet the cases of owners of unoccupied or unimproved land, such rate not to exceed ten per cent. per annum on the fair capital value of any such vacant lands, and to be applicable only to land situated in Cities, Towns, or Boroughs." This motion was adopted, Castlemaine and Sandhurst voting against.

18.—BALLARAT GROUP moves—

Mayor or President, on application, shall issue summonses to compel attendance of person whose name is objected to on the roll.

"That provision be made in the new Local Government Bill to the following effect:—That, on the application of any person objecting to names on the ratepayers' roll, the Mayor or President of a local body shall issue summonses compelling the attendance of persons objected to, to be examined on oath, and witnesses if necessary to prove the case." Motion carried unanimously.

19.—BALLARAT GROUP moves—

Electoral Registrars and compilation of electoral rolls.

"That the Town Clerks and Shire Secretaries of local bodies should be appointed Electoral Registrars, or that Electoral Registrars should be called upon to compile the Electoral Rolls at the Municipal Offices from the books of the various Councils."

20.—BUNINYONG SHIRE COUNCIL, per the BALLARAT GROUP, moves—

Boroughs with revenue under £350 to cease.

"That all Boroughs yielding, at a 1s. rate, less than £350 per annum revenue cease to be Boroughs, and merge into the nearest local body as a separate riding thereof; that the former Councillors of the late Borough shall vacate office, and that the Ratepayers of such new Riding shall elect three Councillors to represent them at the meetings

of the local body to which they are joined." That the motion be referred back to the Shire of Buninyong for a definition of the word "revenue."

21.—SHIRE OF EUROA moves—

"That power be given in the new "*Local Government Act*" to all Shires to abolish annual elections, and in lieu thereof to have them triennially, at the option of the Ratepayers, as two years' election expenses would be thereby saved, which, in large and scattered districts, are very heavy, and a useless expenditure for all practical purposes." Unanimously struck out.

Triennial instead of annual elections in shires.

22.—BALLARAT GROUP—Brings before the Association a case which happened in the Shire of Stawell, where, at last annual election, one of two candidates died between the time for withdrawal of a candidate and the polling day, and on counsel's advice the poll was proceeded with, and the dead man was elected. This caused another election to take place. As another legal opinion was to the effect that the poll should not be proceeded with, but that the seat fell to the other candidate, the Group refers it to the Central Committee, so that action may be taken if considered necessary.

Case where one of two candidates died immediately before day of poll.

It was resolved—"That, at the next Group meetings, a proposition be submitted that where two persons only are nominated for a vacancy, in the case of death of one of them between the nomination and the polling day, there shall be a fresh nomination, and the election proceedings commenced '*de novo*.'"

23.—SHIRE OF WARRNAMBOOL moves—

"That greater facilities are required to acquire land for road purposes to avoid expensive works." Power to take land for road purposes.

It is found that in many cases, on the plans of districts, roads are laid out which are carried over a hill or through a swamp, when, by a little detour, a road could be constructed much better, and at less expense. At present making such a deviation is attended with difficulty, and the motion suggests that some simple means should be introduced to enable Municipal bodies to make an alteration in the line of road where such is deemed necessary.

Motion unanimously agreed to.

24.—

"That all sections affecting the Revision Court be struck out, and Section 80. machinery of '*Local Government Act 1863*' be substituted." This is to make the Court of Petty Sessions the Revision Court. Motion lost, Sandhurst only in favour.

25.—

"That the following question be inserted as question 2: 'Do you now retain the same or a sufficient qualification?' And that the portion of the section after the questions read thus: 'Who shall not answer the first and second of such questions absolutely in the affirmative, and the third of such questions absolutely in the negative,' &c., &c."

Section 133. Questions to be put at elections.

This motion was not passed, there being an equal number for and against.

For, 5—Beechworth, Castlemaine, Ballarat (2), and Geelong.

Against, 5—South Melbourne, East Melbourne, West Melbourne, Sandhurst, and Western.

Amendment of
rule 2 of the
Association.

26.—THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Move the amendment of No. 2 of the Rules of the Association. This rule provides that a subscription of £2 2s. annually will constitute membership. The Committee, in addition to this, had, during the last twelve months, to make a special call of £1 1s. on each member, and, from the experience which they have had, estimate that it will take about this amount to meet the yearly expenses, and maintain the Central Office in an effective condition. As it is unpleasant and inconvenient to make such calls, and as the Committee consider it fair that the rate of subscription should, in a limited degree, be on a *pro rata* scale, they propose that the amount should be as follows:—

Municipalities whose rates are under £1,000 ...	£2	2	0
„ whose rates are between £1,000 and £2,000 ...	3	3	0
„ whose rates exceed £2,000 ...	4	4	0

Of the present members, 49 would come under the first scale, 49 under the second, and 44 under the third.

Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Central Committee, held on the 21st December, 1880, after the Deputation to MR. BERRY.

27.—The following resolutions were passed, and are now submitted to the Groups for approval:—

1. Resolved—“That a letter be written by the Secretary to all Councils asking them to call upon their representatives in Parliament to support the Municipal Subsidy on the late scale and by the same mode of distribution, until Parliament has passed a new “*Local Government Act*,” and it comes into operation.”
2. Resolved—“That it should be pointed out that, in the opinion of the Central Committee, any system of Differential Endowment will be detrimental to the interests of Local Government, and will be calculated in a short time to lead to the abolition of all subsidy.”
3. Resolved—“That there are certain Municipalities whose circumstances entitle them to special consideration, and that in the Amending Bill provision be made for those Municipalities which have not participated in the Main Road Subsidy.”
4. Resolved—“That in asking the support of Members of Parliament the Committee are of opinion that the Endowment to Municipalities should be considered as a portion of the Land Fund, and not as taken from the general revenue of the colony.”

Clause 1—Adopted with the words “for the next six months, and” struck out.

Clause 2—Adopted.

Clause 3—Not agreed.

For—Beechworth, Sandhurst, and Ballarat (2).

Against—Geelong, Melbourne Groups (3), Western, and Castlemaine.

Clause 4—Adopted.

28.—MOUNT ROUSE SHIRE—Submits the following scheme of Endowment to Municipalities:—

1. That the Endowment to Municipalities be continued at the sum of £310,000 for the next five years. Continuation of endowment.
2. That of this amount £30,000 be set aside as a Special Maintenance Endowment, to be allotted to Municipalities which strike a special Main Road Maintenance Rate. Special maintenance endowment in lieu of tolls.
3. That this special Maintenance Endowment be distributed *pro rata*, but that no Municipality receive a greater sum than £2,000 from the fund, nor a greater amount *pro rata* than £2 for £1.
4. That, in the distribution of this fund, preference be given to Municipalities in which Tolls formerly existed. Preference in distribution to be given to municipalities where tolls existed.
5. That Cities and Towns be allowed to participate in the distribution of the Maintenance Endowment. Cities and towns to participate in special maintenance endowment.
6. That also out of the £310,000 a sum of £30,000 be set aside as a fund to be allotted among *Shires* which did not in former years participate in the Main Road Construction subsidy, and that it be distributed at the rate of £1 for every £1 spent on Main Road Construction. A main road construction fund. £30,000 to be allotted among new shires.
7. That special grants be abolished. Special grants to cease.
8. That the remaining £250,000 be divided (*pro rata*, as at present) among all Municipalities with the exception of Cities and Towns. General endowment.

CONTINUATION OF ENDOWMENT AFTER 1886.

9. That in the year 1886, and every year thereafter until 1890, the amount of the *pro rata* Endowment be decreased by £25,000, and the amount of the other subsidies be increased by £2,500 each in every year. Proposed endowment between 1886 and 1890.

Amount <i>pro rata</i> .	Special Endowment.	Total Endowment.
1886—£225,000	£65,000	£290,000
1887—£200,000	£70,000	£270,000
1888—£175,000	£75,000	£250,000
1889—£150,000	£80,000	£230,000
1890—£125,000	£85,000	£210,000

Moved—“That Clause 1 be amended by striking out the words ‘for the next five years.’” Carried unanimously.

The remaining clauses, from 2 to 9 inclusive, were struck out.

The correspondence was now taken into consideration.

Mr. Ryly's letter on the subject of Local Government.

The Secretary was instructed to reply to Mr. Ryly with the thanks of the Committee.

Two letters from Shire of Echuca announcing their retirement from the Association, and stating the reasons.

The Committee expressed surprise at these letters, and at the mistaken opinions contained in them, and the Secretary was asked to reply, letter to be first submitted to the Executive Committee.

Letter from the Shire of Stawell submitting two cases with reference to responsibility for damages for accidents on roads.

Proposed by Cr. THOMSON, seconded by Cr. KELLY—

“That both cases be referred to the Executive Committee, Executive Committee to consult the solicitors to the Association, and that in any case brought before the Central Committee, and which is deemed of sufficient importance to be sent for counsel's opinion, the question of selection of barristers for the particular case be left to the Association's solicitors—Messrs. Malleson, England and Stewart.”

Mr. Ellingworth sent in his resignation as a member of the Central Committee, he having resigned his seat in the Nuna-wading Shire Council. This was accepted, with regret at the loss of his services, Mr. Ellingworth having from the first taken a great interest in the success of the Association.

It was moved by Cr. THOMSON, seconded by Cr. KELLY—

“That Mr. E. H. Cameron, M.L.A., and Chairman of the East Melbourne Group, be added to the Executive Committee in the place of Mr. Ellingworth.” Carried.

A letter from the Brunswick Borough Council, giving statistics of the amount of traffic on the main road through the Borough, was received and read.

DEPUTATION.—It was agreed that a Deputation of the whole Committee should wait upon Mr. Berry with the resolutions arrived at by the Association.

ACCOUNTS.—The Accounts were referred to the Executive Committee.

It was moved by Cr. THOMSON, seconded by Cr. CAMERON—

“That the Secretary write to those Municipalities who are not yet members asking them to join the Association.” Carried.

It was agreed that the Executive Committee should meet on the first Tuesday of every month, at the Secretary's Office.

The meeting then adjourned *sine die*.