Minutes of a meeting of the Lanark Shire Council held at Renfrew on Thursday the 16th March 1887

Present Messrs. Hunter in the Chair, Roy, Kerhew, Thomson, & Deputy Hoults

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Correspondence

1 From the Clerk of St. Armand stating that a sum of £150 has been voted by that Council towards the erection of the East Charleston Bridge

Received

2 From the Clerk of Bathurst calling the attention of this Council to the state of the Ennis Bridge.

The Secretary stated that he had replied to the effect that the Ennis Bridge was on the list of works to be immediately carried out.

3 From the Clerk of Tullaroop asking the co-operation of the Council in an endeavour to obtain the transfer from the Mining Board to the Shire Councils of the control of Gold-fields Commons and requesting the Council to grant the assistance of the parliamentary representatives of the

assisted in carrying out this object.

The Secretary was instructed to reply that the Council will assist in the matter, and also to write to the local members as requested.

4 From John Rogers Glendhyn requesting a compliment of one Murphy, and stating that the dam on his property does not injure the road.

5 From the Office of Crown Lands stating that a Common for the Architectural Dist of A'Beckett Plains was proclaimed on the 19th Feby.

6 From the Registrar General acknowledging receipt of statistical returns

7 From Mrs. Wallis asking if he can obtain a Licence for Licence

8 From the Secretary to the Inglewood Hospital asking for a donation to the funds

Moved by Mr Ray
Sec. by Mr Hunter That the sum of twenty pounds be granted to the Inglewood Hospital

Carried

From Messrs. Alfred Macpherson & Co. Limited calling the attention of the Council to the recent proclamation of a Common in A'Beckett Plains and stating that the common includes all the water reserves on the Common and that the proclamation of these reserves will cut off the all access to the river, both for stock belonging to occupiers of the back country, and for watering stock. He then requested the Council to apply for the withdrawal of the reserves in question by Allotments 5-, 11-26-39-57- & 52.

The Secretary stated that he had made enquiries in the matter and found that the occupiers of leases within the area attached to Commonage would not object to the withdrawal of the water frontage reserves

Moved by Mr Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Coutts That the Secretary apply to the Board of Land Works for the withdrawal of the allotments mentioned from the Common area

Carried

9 From the Revenue Officer stating that he has obtained convictions for breaches in several dog cases and also against T. Buck for unlicensed sale of liquor but he has failed to obtain a

conviction in the case of Henry Brewster the defendant having brought forward a witness who swore that the evidence given by the Revenue Officer in the case was false. The case was adjourned for further evidence and the Revenue Officer now asked for the assistance of the Council in obtaining such evidence

Moved by Mr. Bowes
Sec. by Mr Hunter. That the Secretary be empowered to incur any necessary expence in the matter. —

Carried

The Treasurer reported that the expenditure for the month was £312 - 13 - 4 and the receipts £30 - 10 - 0

Moved by Mr Roy
Sec. by Mr Hunter That the report be received and adopted

Carried

Moved by Mr Hunter
Sec. by Mr Roy That the Secretary write to the St. Amand Council proposing that the two Councils shall meet at East Charlton to open the bridge when completed. —

Carried

The engineer reported that he had met the St. Amand engineer at East Charlton and inspected the bridge with him. The work was proceeding most satisfactorily.

He had also met the engineer of the Town of Massey at Bridgewater and inspected the contract for painting & repairing the bridge there. He reported stated that this work was most unsatisfactorily performed. A copy of the report of the Massey engineer was attached confirming Mr. Bymes report and stating that the contractor had resorted to a most disgraceful trick in substituting wooden for iron nuts and washers." Mr. Bymes produced one of the wooden nuts for the inspection of the Council.

Moved by Mr Blackwood
Sec. by Mr. Roy That the Secretary write to the contractor insisting upon his immediately completing the contract according to specification.

Carried.

The engineer also reported on the East Charlton road recommending the clearing of 44 miles at a cost of £120 and also the metalling an embankment at the culvert at a cost of ten pounds

The report also estimating the lowest cost of a culvert near Kurting on the Loudon road at £45.

Moved by Mr Watts
Sec. by Mr Thomas That the engineers report be accepted.

Carried

The Brylewood committee reported that the tender of Thomas Sly has been accepted for the construction of a small timber bridge over the Brylewood storm-channel at a cost of £7-10-0

The report was received and the acceptance of the tender confirmed

Moved by Mr Hunter
Sec. by Mr Robertson That tenders be called for clearing six miles on the East Chatham road

An amendment was moved by Mr Watts seconded by Mr Thomas that the question be postponed to next meeting
The amendment was carried.

Moved by Mr. Rushton
Sec. by Mr. Hunter That tenders be called for the construction of a culvert on the Loudon road n. Kurting

Carried