Minutes of a meeting of the Koorong Shire Council held at Kingower on Thursday the 14th January 1869.

Present Messrs Roy in the chair, Griffith, Oldham, Hunter, Coutts, Morley, Hegarty and Macpherson

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

Correspondence.

1 From Roads & Bridges Dept. acknowledging receipt of signatures of President & Treasurer

2 From same advising the payment of main road subsidy endowment £156-15-0

3 From the Treasury forwarding Secy. for signature for £204-14-8 balance of annual endowment

4 From the same stating that the special vote of eighty thousand pounds will be distributed on an early day.

5 From Roads & Bridges Office relative to main road accts.

6 From the Town Clerk Sydenham stating that a deputation from the Bridge Commission proposes to visit

on this Council to-day for the purpose of consulting them on subjects of mutual interest.

7 From the Insurance forwarding forms for return of rates collected during 1864.—

8 From the Revenue Officer relative to licenses at Berlin.—

9 From Mrs McCarty asking for a remission of her rates on the ground of inability to pay them.—

The Treasurer was instructed to allow the rates to remain uncollected.

The Treasurer reported receipts for the month £789-7-5. Expenditure £81-0-7

The report was received and adopted

The Engineer reported that a small bridge recently constructed near the Berlin rush was destroyed by fire on the 5th inst. Tenders have been called for main road work on the Inglewood & Beaverbank road and for constructing a crossing near Drummond's Garden. For the former work the tender of Charles Battersby Esq. have been accepted by the County members for £63-14-6 the estimate being £99—. For the latter no tender was accepted the amount being considerably in excess of the estimate. — A. Smith's contract for Mun. No. new Rishcash road was completed, and the report recommended that the bye-roads should be potched and metalled.—

Moved by
Sec. by

That the Engineers report be received and adopted and the acceptance of Battersby's tender be confirmed.—

Carried.

The President stated that an inquest had been held on the fire near Berlin and the verdict was that there was no evidence to show how the fire occurred but it was the general impression that the bridge had been wilfully burnt. He would suggest to the Council the propriety of offering a reward for the conviction of the incendiary which would no doubt be supplemented by the Govt. to whom an application to that effect had been made.

Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Roy

That a reward of £50 be offered for the conviction

of the person who set fire to a bridge the property of the Council near Berlin and that the reward be advertised and posted by placards. –

Carried

The following tenders were then opened for the eradication of thistles for three years Wellesbourne Riding

Daniel Sullivan Wm for Armour	£3 – 6 – 8	
Russell Gordon	"	5£. – –
Charles Butterick	"	75. –
John Clark for three years		45. – –

Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Macpherson That John Clark's tender be accepted.

Carried

For destroying thistles on the Intyre's Common

John Condon	£5 – 10 – 0

Moved by Mr. Roy
Sec. by Mr. Hunter That Condon's tender be accepted

Carried

Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Macpherson That the sum of twenty-five pounds be placed at the disposal of the members for the purpose of destroying thistles within the Riding

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Roy That a sum of ten pounds be expended in repairing the road into Berlin and forming a dam at the place where the bridge was burnt. Also for raising the embankments at Bisbeach

Carried

The Secretary was instructed to apply for the survey of a road through Berlin and also of a township there.

Moved by Mr. Griffith
Sec. by Mr. Hegarty That tenders be called for clearing that part of the (West Lodgton) road to Powlett extending from Smiley's to the junction with the New Chain road. Tenders to be in at next meeting.

Carried

Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Macpherson That the engineer report on the Kongwarra & Wesselbrum road with a view to clearing the worst portions of it

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hegarty
Sec. by Mr. Griffith, That the engineer report on the main road from Kingarra bridge to the Loddon with estimate of probable cost of forming and cleaning same.
Carried.

The following accts. were passed and ordered to be paid

Stamps	1.	—
Mr. Allen Cabman	2.	—
John Smith Cont.	1.	—
Cont. 109 Bartholomew	3.	—
do expgs		9-6
do 116 R. Smith	15.	—
Engineer	20-	8-4
H. Hall	30.	—
Cont. 116 R. Smith	13-	—
do 108 E. B. Jones	5.	—
Labour Acc. Berlin road	12-	12-6
Mr. Ward	3-	2-6
A. Mc. Houghton	10.	—
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Mr. Worley gave notice that he would at the next meeting move that the Council take into its consideration the desirability of reducing the expenses of the management of the Council.

The mayor of Inglewood (Mr Cooland) with Councillor Patchell and the town clerk were introduced to the Council as a deputation from the Inglewood Borough Council.

The Mayor stated that the business of the deputation was chiefly to obtain the assistance of the Council in preventing the approval of the Court of General Sessions from Inglewood —

Mr. Patchell read a memorial to the Minister of Justice on the subject which proposed for certain alterations in the Loddon Sessions District and suggested that a similar one should be forwarded by the Shire Council.

After some discussion it was
Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Mackinnon That the President Mr. Kilshaw and the Secretary be appointed a committee to act with the Borough Council in the matter.
Carried

The next meeting was ordered to be held at Old Inglewood and the meeting then closed

Confirmed