Minutes of a meeting of the Kerang Shire Council held at the temporary Office of the Council Old Inglewood on Thursday the 11th February 1864.

Present Messrs. Roy (in the chair) Coutts, Macnan, Griffith, Hunter, Morley, & Kegarty.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

1 Correspondence. From Borough of Ballarat East asking the co-operation of the Council for initiating an Inter-colonial Exhibition to be held at Ballarat, and inviting members to attend a meeting to be held on the 5th March.

Secretary to acknowledge receipt and say that, though approving the idea the Council cannot send delegates to the meeting.

2 From the Crown Law Office relative to proposed Court of Petty Sessions at Kingower

3 From Clerk of Courts Inglewood offering to act at Kingower in same capacity

4 From Shire of Maldon forwarding for approval certain proposed amendments in the Shire Statute

Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec by Mr. Kegarty that the Secretary apply to the District Surveyor for the survey of a line of road along the East bank of the Green Hill to connect the present survey as far as East Charlton

Carried

Moved by Mr Coutts
Sec. by Mr Morley that an application be made for a township reserve near the site of the proposed bridge at Green Forest

Carried.

Mr President reported that no tender had been accepted for the dam & crossing at Nisbett the amounts being too high although the work had been reduced by the engineer

The Kingower members were authorised to call for fresh tenders and accept one.

Moved by Mr. Morley
Sec. by Mr. Macpherson that the Secretary give notice to the managers of Commons within the Shire to eradicate thistles on a (date) that failing compliance the Act be enforced

Carried

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid

A. Lamont	27 - 10 - 6
J. Murrell	5 - 7 - 0
Co Carriage	19 - 6
Interest to Sol. Lepos.	46 - 7 - 6
Contract 107 (Davis)	3 - 0 - 0
Mr. Davis fencing	2 - 5 - 0
E. B. Jones filling holes	1 - 10 - 0
Engineer	20 - 8 - 4
Beacon up & bridge	1 - 10 - 0
	108 . 17 . 10

Moved by Mr. Morley
Sec. by Mr. Hunter That the President and Treasurer be empowered to sign cheques for progress payments on contracts, salaries &c. on the certificate of the Officer by whom the liability has been incurred

Carried.

The next meeting was ordered to be held at the Shire Office Heidelberg on the second Thursday in December, and the meeting then closed. —

Confirmed
Geo. Roy
President

10th Dec 1866

attending the opening of the St. Amand East Charlton Bridge

The Engineer reported that the contract for main road work (Butters No) is progressing very satisfactorily and will shortly be completed. — Also recommended that the contracts for clearing from Bridgewater to Patton should be extended to the Shire Boundary and that the short track leading to the mills at Bridgewater should also be cleared — in all about 75 chains at 6/6 per chain amounting to £24-7-6. — Also that a road have been marked at Cleland Gully Berlin — and repairs effected at Rebecca. That the contractor for main road work near Inglewood (E. B. Jones) have refused to carry out the engineer's instructions with reference to the maintenance of the road, and that Messrs Tuson two men were employed at his expence.

The engineer also reported that he had made the necessary surveys of the road from Kangaroo to Bridgewater and estimated the cost of forming and drawing same for a distance of 153 chains at £264-16-0. —

And that tenders have been called for clearing &c. on the Lower Loddon Road. Estimated cost £172-0-0

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

Carried.

The Secretary read the report of the committee appointed at last meeting to act in conjunction with a committee of the Inglewood Borough Council.

The report stated that a deputation from the two Councils had been sent to Melbourne and had waited on the heads of several departments with reference to the proposed removal of various government offices from the district.

Moved by Mr. Coutts
Sec. by Mr. Macrae That the report of the committee be received and adopted.

Carried

The following tenders were then opened. For clearing and formation on Lower Loddon road.

Henry Latchell	198 - 6 - 8
Joseph Whitfield	318 - 11 - 8
Thomas Bran.	182 - 5 - 0
William Guilfoyle	140 - 1 - 3
John Clark	169 - 0 - 0
Doe & Co	169 - 0 - 0

Moved by Mr. McGarty
Sec. by Mr. Griffith That William Guilfoyles tender be accepted

Carried.

Mr. Morley moved according to notice That the Council take into consideration the desirability of reducing the expenditure and that a committee of the whole be formed for that purpose

Sec. by Mr. Coutts and carried.

The Council then went into committee Mr Roy in the chair. —

On resuming the Chairman reported that the committee recommended that the travelling allowance to the engineer be discontinued and that his salary be fixed at £200 pr. annum the alteration to take effect on the 1st April next, and that more economy be observed in advertising.

Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Coutts That the report of the Committee be adopted and that notice be given to the engineer of the proposed alteration.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Morley
Sec. by Mr. Coutts That the Secretary obtain the Council's pro. note from the Bank in order to replace it by one for a smaller amount.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Roy
Sec. by Mr. Macman That the sum of twenty-five pounds be appropriated to each Ward to be expended under the direction of the members.

Carried.

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid.

H. Cavenagh Salary	27 - 10 - 0
Contract 116	13 - - -
Office Expenses	2 - 5 - 0
Labour Acct. by J. Byrne	2 - - -
J. Byrne Salary	20 - 8 - 4
Contract - 118	12 - - -
Deputation Exp. -	15 - 8 - 4
R. Thomas	6 - 10 - 6
Evans Bros. -	1 - 9 - 10
J. S. Hamblower	17 - 18 - 3
	£ 8 . 11 . 3

For clearing 80 chains of the Old Inglewood and Kingower road.

Thomas Boan	25 - 0 - 0
Joseph Harris	39 - 0 - 0
Robert Morse	18 - 0 - 0

Moved by Mr. Coutts
Sec. by Mr. Hunter That the tender of Robert Morse be accepted

Carried

For clearing 80 chains of the Kingower & Wehla road

Thomas Boan	28 - 0 - 0
Joseph Jenkins	32 - 0 - 0

Moved by Mr. Macpherson
Sec. by Mr. Griffith That the tender of Thomas Boan be accepted

Carried

For clearing 120 chains on the Wehla and Burke's Flat road

Thomas Boan	42 - 0 - 0
Morgan Connell & Co.	45 - 0 - 0

Moved by Mr. Macpherson
Sec. by Mr. Griffith That the tender of Thomas Boan be accepted

Carried

The engineer was instructed to write to the District Surveyor with reference to the proposed deviation on the Kangaroo Creek Mulwaree road, and to approve to call for tenders for clearing same. to prepare specification for clearing same. –

Moved by Mr Hunter
Sec. by Mr Morley That tenders be called for forming and draining on hill near Mehla

Carried.

Moved by Mr Morley
Sec. by Mr Hunter That tenders be ~~formed~~ called for forming and draining about 250 chains on the Inglewood & Heddesburn road – to be in at next meeting

Carried

Moved by Mr Coates
Sec by Mr Morley That ten chains of clearing be added to the contract on Mehla & Buckes Flat road

Carried

Mr Morley called ~~attention~~ to the practice of felling trees across and otherwise obstructing the roads. The Secretary was ~~instructed~~ to have calico posters printed warning persons against doing so.

of Return tollers for roads. –

6 From the Registrar General acknowledging receipt of ~~Statistical~~ returns.

7 From the Inspector of Police recommending the appointment of Constable John Sullivan as Inspector of Slaughter yards.

8 From the Assistant Commissioner for Roads & Bridges requesting that a copy of the ratepayers roll may be furnished

9 From the Secretary to the Inglewood Hospital asking for donation to the funds. –

10 From the Revenue Officer stating that he had visited Heddesburn on Despatch but could not detect any cases of Illegal sale of liquor.

11 From the Shire Solicitor enclosing acct. and list of rates recovered in the Court of Petty Sessions. –

On Rec. 2 Mr Morley with the consent of the Council withdrew his motion for the cancelling the pro. note given to the Bank of New South Wales. –

Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec by Mr. Morley That the Council agree with the scale of licence fees proposed by the North Ontario Council viz. £10. £15 & £25 according to the position of the house, and will support its introduction into the new Bill.

Carried

Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Macpherson that Constable John Sullivan be appointed Inspector of Slaughter yards.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Morley That the sum of twenty pounds be given to the Inglewood Hospital, at the expiry of twelve months from the date of the last grant

Carried.

The Treasurer reported that £532-7-0 has been collected under the current rate and that only two publicans' and four beer licenses have been issued at Berlin.
Receipts for the month £25-8-6
Expenditure 193-7-1

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

Cd.

Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Coutts That the Council resolve itself into committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the licensing question and the duties of the Revenue Officer

Carried

On resuming it was
Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Morley That the services of Mr. Cavenagh as Revenue Officer be dispensed with from this date and that one months salary be paid in lieu of notice

Carried

The engineer reported that the main road contract near Wadesburn is nearly completed, that the clearing contracts at Doolett & Bridgewater are progressing satisfactorily; and that an embankment has been constructed over a creek near Berlin. Also that the contractor for carrying out the embankment at Mebeach had declined to carry out his contract.

Moved by Mr. Coutts
Sec. by Mr. Olshian That the report be received.

Carried.

Moved by Mr Hunter
Sec. by Mr Macpherson } That the sum of £40 be appropriated to the repair of the road to Berlin to be expended by the members for the Riding.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hegarty
Sec. by Mr. Aldred That plans and specification be prepared and tenders called for draining & forming the road from Kingarra to Bruycrater

Carried

Moved by Mr Hunter
Sec. by Mr. Coutts. That the engineer be instructed to report on the cost of forming and draining the main road between Inglewood & Heddington accompanied by plan and cross sections shewing the worst portions of the road.

Carried

The following accounts were passed & ordered to be paid

Cont. 11th Butterick & Co.	25 —
Labour J. Moon	13 - 4 —
Condon (Thistle)	5 - 10 —
Destroying do Kingarra	2 - 2 —
S. Fy & Satchell	2 - 16 - 1
J. Power	3 - 3 - 0
A. Ritchie	4 - 15 -
H. Barrett	6 - 6
	56 - 18

The next meeting was ordered to be held at Kingower and the meeting then closed.

Confirmed
8 April 1879

G. A. Ray
President