Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kerang Shire Council held at the Shire Office, Heidelbrook, on Wednesday the 14th June 1893

Present Cr. Stuart (President) in the Chair, and Cr. Hall, Johns, Roy, Coutts, Cosbaldi, Thurbon, Steel, and Griffith

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence:-

1 From Pierre Gerard applying for the consent of the Council to the sale of a cow-yard adjoining his selection at Mt. Wheps, and stating that he had obtained the written consent of his neighbours, but that the document was at the District Surveyor's Office Bendigo

Moved by Cr. Roy
Sec. by Cr. Johns That Gerards request be granted subject to the Engineers report
Carried.

2 From the Town clerk Melbourne stating that the City Council has no house and villas for sale

3 From the Shire of Kyneton calling attention to the scarcity of labour in the Colony, and asking the Council to support an application to Parliament for the resumption of assisted immigration

Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Thurbon That this Council agree with the suggestions of the Kyneton Council, and will join in an endeavour to obtain the resumption of assisted immigration.
Carried.

Cr. Steel opposed the motion and moved as an amendment
That this Council refuse to co-operate with the Kyneton Council in the proposed movement
The amendment not being seconded, lapsed, and the original motion was carried Cr. Steel voting against it.

4 From Evans Bros relative to the map and stating cost of copies

Moved by Cr. Roy
Sec. by Cr. Thurbon That the map be ordered to be photo lithographed, and that 100 copies on cartridge paper and twelve mounted copies be ordered.
Carried.

5 The Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands & Survey giving notice of the holding of a Land Board at Inglewood on the 27th June

6 From the Surveyor General calling attention to the proclamation of the reserve of a site for procuring stone in the parish of Kaing

7 From the Chief Secretary's Office forwarding map showing proposed new Electoral Districts.

8 From Pardoe & Reid asking for an extension of one month to complete their contract at East Charlton.

Moved by Cr. Hunter
Sec. by Cr. Hall that the extension of time applied for be granted
Carried.

The Secretary read copy of a letter to the Chief Secretary with reference to the Electoral Map objecting to the proposed North-western boundary of the new Cooee District, by which half the township of Huddersfield and the Northern portion of that Riding will be included in the Horsham District and suggesting that the Northern boundary of the Shire should be adopted as the Northern boundary of the Cooee Electoral District

The letter was approved, and the Secretary was instructed to urge the adoption of the alteration suggested.

9 Postponed application from A. H. Brett for leave to close a road at Pookett.

10 From the Courts of Pookett objecting to the granting of Brett's application

Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Phillips that, as the closing of the road in question will be an inconvenience to the public the request be not granted
Carried

11 J. Lockhart asking for formation of road - continuation of Chapel St. at Huddersfield.

Moved by Cr. Hunter
Sec. by Cr. Hall that the request be complied with.
Carried and leave given to the Huddersfield members to carry out the work

12 John Cox, Birdsman, stating that the Pasley Common is so much reduced by selection that the farmers object to paying fees for the whole year, and asking for instructions

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Cooland that the Birdsman be instructed to accept Common fees for half year in accordance
Carried

13 From Edward Lawn asking for payment for extra work done by him for Brown & Gass, contractors

Secretary instructed to reply that the application must apply to the contractors who employed him.

14 From the Assistant Commissioner of Lands forwarding copy of Mr. Contract Surveyor Cockman's report on the application of the Council for the survey of a direct road from Ballarat to Gisborne dated 2nd May 1892.

The report stated that to effect the survey would interfere with a number of selections already granted on the proposed line, and that the Shire engineer had stated to Mr. Cockman that he was not aware of the application and that he considered that such a survey was hardly necessary.

The engineer, in reply to the letter part of the report denied that he had made any such statement to Mr. Cockman.

The engineer was instructed to report on the proposed road at next meeting.

15 John Cutts applying for lease to mine under the Kingston and Ballarat road at Ballan

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Bell that Mr. Cutts's request be granted subject to the usual conditions

Carried.

16 From the Registrar of the School of Mines Ballarat forwarding papers and applying for a subscription in aid of the funds of the institution.

The letter was received.

17 A. Macarthur & John Wright asking for payment for work done for Hughes & Boyd Contractors on the Inglewood & Sandhurst road. –

The Secretary was instructed to reply that the Council cannot entertain the claims

18 From Thomas Lozer, Melbourne, offering to supply roller similar to that supplied to the East Loddon Council for £100, or iron roller weighing five and a half tons for £85 delivered at Melbourne station

19 D. T. Cahill requesting that a drain may be cut to carry away the water flowing through a culvert in High St. Bendigo and which at present passes [illegible]

It was stated that a drain can only be cut through private land, and the request was therefore not acceded to

To From Bairnsdale Shire Council forwarding suggestions for alterations in the Abattoirs Statute with a view to the prevention of sheep and cattle stealing.

Moved by Cr. Beveridge
Sec. by Cr. Hunter That the Council co-operate with the Bairnsdale Council in the matter and that a Committee be appointed to consider and report on it, such Committee to consist of Crs. Coutts, Hall, Marcuse, Roy & Hunter, three to form a quorum

Carried

The Treasurer reported receipts since last meeting £168-9-0. Expenditure £237-15-7.
Moved by Cr. Hunter
Sec. by Cr. Cosland That the report be received and adopted.

Carried.

The engineer reported that he had called for tenders for works ordered at last meeting and had had the main road contracts which were completed put in repair for inspection by the inspecting engineer who had not yet visited the district.
That an estimate of the cost of a culvert had been obtained. That the contracts in progress on the Mylwood & Nelderberg main road, had been delayed by the

rains, but that the boring is cut on Rose's No. 2 Cont. and the metal is all delivered and taken for No. 2. & 3. —

Cr. Hunter called the attention of the Engineer to the metal on Rose & Rowley's Contract some of which appeared to be not good.
The Engineer replied that the metal is as good as can possibly be got.

Cr. Hunter also called the Engineers attention to the state of the drains on the East Charlton road.

Cr. Marcuse asked if the contract now being carried out in the East Charlton township is according to order as the inhabitants object to it as unnecessary and as injuring the road through the township.
The engineer replied that the work had been asked for by the East Charlton people and is according to specification.

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Cosland That the engineers report be received and adopted

Carried.

The President reported that he had accompanied the deputation from Sandhurst, Eaglehawk, Bylewan &c. which waited on the Minister of Railways and Roads relative to the proposed

from Sandhurst through Inglewood. and that the Minister had received the deputation favorably and ~~that~~ promised that the line should be submitted to his colleagues, but would not say that it should be included in the Bill of this Session, though he, himself, was favorable to its construction.

The report was received and the thanks of the Council given to the President.

The following tenders were brought up by the Public Works Committee
For potatoes crossing 93 at Kingower on the Sandhurst & Inglewood Road Est £90

Langston & Fry	£46-7-6
Rowley & Son	£55 5- -
A. Appleby	£61. 18- —

On examining the tenders an omission was discovered which raised the costs of Langston & Fry's tender above that of Rowley, and the Committee therefore recommended Rowley

For work on Kingower & Glenalbyn Road
Est £17-10-0

J. Gilmore	15-5-0
J. Kennedy	25. —
Mrs. Walker	15-17. 6
John Goss	19. 18. 6
M. O'Shannessy	15. 13. 4
J. Archer	18. —
E. Hughes	[illegible]

Gilmore's tender recommended.

Draining at Green Forest and erection of a bridge at Lamotte: Est 54.

Sly & Co	£7. 14. 0
J. Goss	£8. 12. —
E. Whitney	65. —
E. Hughes	66. 10.

Whitney tender recommended.

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Seconded by Cr. Johns, that the tenders of Rowley & Son, J. Gilmore, and E. Whitney as recommended be accepted.
Carried.

Moved by Cr. Hall according to notice
Seconded by Cr. Griffith,
That the Secretary be instructed to write to the Castlemaine Shire Council requesting them to join in the application to the Government for a grant in aid of the erection of a bridge over the Loddon at Ferguson's crossing

Cr. Coutts opposed the motion on the ground that the Council cannot afford the expenditure, and that the main road from Bridgewater to Bendigo should be put in repair before any other large work is undertaken. Also that the work is not on the estimates [illegible]

Avon Forest over the Avon would be more beneficial to the district, but the Council had refused to build that bridge on the plea of poverty of funds.

Cr. Crosland supported the motion.

Cr. Crotts moved an Amendment "That the Council build both the bridges referred to."

Cr. Steel opposed the motion on the ground that the main road should be first completed, or made passable.

Cr. Roy objected to the site of the proposed bridge as one can be built lower down the river at much less cost.

Cr. Hall replied, and the amendment by Cr. Crotts being withdrawn
Cr. Steel moved, } That the question be
Cr. Crotts sec. } postponed for twelve months.

The amendment was lost and the original motion carried, the voting being as follows.

For	Against
Crs. Hall	Cr. Crotts
Hunter	Roy
Griffith	Steel
Crosland	Johns
Macrae	

Moved by Cr. Hunter
Sec. by Cr. Roy That the Revision Court be held at Inglewood on the 1st July
Carried.

Moved by Cr. Macrae
Sec. by Cr. Crosland That a valuation of all taxable property within the Shire be made and that Mr. L. Rennie be appointed Valuer
Carried.

Moved by Cr. Johns
Sec. by Cr. Crotts that tenders be called for cutting drains at Rushis Flat on Avon Forest road.
Carried.

Moved by Cr. Crosland
Sec. by Cr. Griffith That tenders be called for cutting drains near Guilfoyle's at Powlett.
Carried

Cr. Crotts was empowered to expend five pounds in improvements at Nebla and to have crossing at Benamuk repaired.

Cr. Roy called attention to the delay in surveying roads applied for by the Council and mentioned the following as requiring immediate attention:
Benamuk to Inglewood, Kingower to Arnolds Bridge, Inglewood to Salisbury, Kingower to Powlett, Heathcote to Nebla, Heathcote to Powlett, Berlin to Bealiba, Stewartown to Nebla.

The Beaconsfield members were empowered to expend five pounds in repairing roads at Sandhurst (Beaconsfield) and £7-10-0 in constructing crossing on Kingower road.

The Kingower members were empowered to have some repairs done to the Inglewood Hospital road and to the Kingower Flat road and to expend three or four pounds at Johnstown.

Moved by Stanton
Sec. by C. Coutts That the following accts. be passed and paid

				Amount
184	Cont. 224	Reid & Proctor		3. —
185	" 188	Rowley		1. —
186	Deposit Cont. 188			2 - 10. —
187	Labour	Rowley		1 - 3 - 6
188	Cont. 228	"		15. —
189	Labour	Brown & Gross		7 - 13 - 6
190	Sayers Bros.			14. 6 - 1
191	Secretary			20. 16 - 8
192	Labour	Sundries	2. 0. 6	
	Stamps P.	—	1. 16. 6	3 - 17. —
193	Inglewood Hospital			20. — —
194	Labour	A. Leig		2. 10. —
195	Railway League			2. 2. —
196	Cont. 228	Rowley		25. —
197	St. Thomas	Meeting E.		4. 10. —
198	Engineer			16. 13. 4
199	Contract 229	Rose		60. — —
200	Labour	Hughes		3. —
201	"	"		2. —
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202	Cont. 218	Hughes		11 - 4 - 6
203	" 208	"		7 - 16. —
204	"	"		19. 5. —
205	Secretary			20. 16. 8
206	Hamblett	Printing &c		5. 5. —
207	Cont. 228	Rowley		10. —
208	Labour	Reid		4. 16. —
209	"	"		3. 10. —
210	"	"		7. 18. —
211	Cont. 233	Caldwell & Co.		35. —
212	Labour	do		1 - 10. —
213	Deposit Cont. 220	Langston		4 - 8. —
214	Labour	Rowley		14 - 17. 2
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The next meeting was ordered to be held at Inglewood on Tuesday 17th July and the meeting then closed.

Confirmed
17th July 1873
Henry Hunter
President