Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kooyong Shire Council held at the Shire Office, Inglewood, on the 17th October 1899

Present. Cr. John Coutts (president) in the Chair and Cs. Marquam, Stark, Hall, Redwood, Johns, Patterson, James Coutts, & Cutler.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Cr. Stark referred to the application for the office of rate collector for the tax division of the Maldeborough Riding, and stated that the intention was to have had applications called for both divisions instead of one only as had been done. The matter was postponed to a later period in the meeting.

Correspondence:-

1 Ratepayers at Terrapin & Buckrumbungle requesting that a road may be cut through the selection of Mr. F. McCullough to give access to wood and water.
The Secy. was instructed to reply that if the applicants can make a reasonable arrangement with Mr McCullough the Council will endeavour to have it carried out.

2 Shire of Warrambool requesting the advisability of attaching the L.G. Act so as to empower Councils to levy differential rates.
3

The Council was of opinion that the powers already given are sufficient.

4 Borough of Terrappee asking for support of the Council to application for authority from Inglewood to Avoca

Moved by Cr Johns
Sec. by Cr Hall that the Council assist in the endeavour to obtain the line.
Carried.

5 Shire of Alexandra suggesting that members of municipal Councils should be allowed to travel free on Govt. lines of railway

6 Shire of Korumburra to same effect
Moved by the president
Sec. by Cr Patterson that the Council support the movement in the hope that it will have the effect of doing away with the system of free passes altogether.
Carried.

7 Shire of St. Arnaud declining to assist in establishing a pound at East Charlton.

8 Receiver of Revenue, Inglewood, applying for refund of licence fees paid by Kennedy & Brychetto

9 Treasurer with accts for endorsement £1490.12.5.

10 District Surveyor, Castlemaine, stating that instructions will be given to survey a road from Barker's Flat to Bealiba provided that the Council will pay the cost.

Moved by Cr. Jas. Coutts.
Sec. by Cr. Johns That the Council pay the cost of the survey of that portion of the road referred to which is within the Shire, to be charged to the Kingston Riding.

Carried.

11 Benevolent Asylum in reply, stating that there is not at present any vacancy in the Institution, and giving information as to the mode of admission &c.

Moved by Cr. Macgregor
Sec. by Cr. Hall That the Council give an annual subscription of ten guineas to the Benevolent Asylum

Carried

12 Shire of Belvoir suggesting that the Govt. should be requested to pay the cost of preparing returns ordered by Parliament

13 M. Bill asking for reduction of Water Reference to Secretary.

14 Courtney & others referring to proclamation of Camp and water reserve at Lower.

15 Mayor of Melbourne asking the assistance of the Council in collecting funds for the relief of the sufferers from famine in India

16 District Surveyor Castlemaine re survey of roads from Vehla to Spring Hill &c.

17 W. P. Floyd applying for payment of £10-0 half cost of bridge over Storm Channel at Ballarat and promised by the Council

the amt. was ordered to be paid.

On a postponed application for donation to Sylvester Benevolent Society it was.
Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Robinson That £10 pounds be given to the Society.

Carried

On letter from the Mayor of Melbourne it was
Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by the President. That the members do the Relieving collect subscriptions to the Indian Relief Fund and forward the amount received to the Secretary for transmission to Melbourne.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Macgregor
Sec by the President That the Council give ten pounds to the Fund

Carried.

18 Secy. Sandhurst Industrial Exhibition at Ballarat asking for prizes.

19 Patrick Egan applying for permission to erect a fence three feet on a road to protect a live fence proposed to be planted.

Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Jas. Coutts That permission be granted provided that the planting of the fence proceed simultaneously with the erection of the other.

Carried.

20 Cr. Macgregor was requested to report on an application from Egan for extension of road adjoining owner his land.

21 Chief engineer of Water supply making appointment to be at Headquarters

22 Mr. Lyon, East Charlton re duty mail to that place.

23 District Surveyor St. Arnaud, that earth is left for a road on South side of Lemphies Lane Inglewood

24 Bell Bat Shire re road from Bankes Flat to Bealiba

25 R. Ireland, Lands Office, offering to compile a map of the Shire on a scale of 40 chains to the inch showing all surveys

Moved by Cr. Macqueen
Sec. by Cr. John Scott, that the Secretary be empowered to make an arrangement with Mr. Ireland to furnish a map at cost not to exceed £60 – all selections to be shown for twelve months after completion.

Carried

26 Ratepayers in Salisbury West complaining of the mode in which the survey of Watchem to Inglewood has been carried out, and stating as passing over country impracticable for heavy traffic

The president stated that by Cr. Ramsay and the engineer had inspected the road referred to in the last letter and that they consider that it is carried over the best route obtainable, and are quite satisfied with it,

but that the contractor for clearing the road has done his work very badly. —
The engineer stated that no better line could be obtained, and that the road will be quite practicable when necessary alterations are completed, also that the road is perfectly straight until it reaches the boundary of the Borough of Inglewood, where it is altered slightly in order to pass a street.

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Jones that the letter be received and the report approved.

Carried

27 A. Keogh asking for an allowance on his contract for bridge over Kangaroo Creek on acct. of loss sustained by him from the difficulty of getting sawn timber, and by the work being twice flooded.

The application was refused.

28 Treasurer stating that the sum of £4- has been credited in the Govt. State Loger to the Council being interest on sinking fund.

29 Chief Lands Office notifying appointment of W. Baragwanath as Govt. Auditor.

30 Shire of Korong postponing conference for Six months.

31 R.A. Ritchie and others Glengower complaining of want of proper road to St. Arnaud & East Charlton

32 Ratepayers at Lombardstown complaining of the fencing in of a corner which they state cuts off the approach to the Post Office.

The Treasurer reported Receipts & Expenditure for month ending £1551.10.5 receipts including endowment and £630.9.11 Expenditure. Report received & approved.

The Treasurer also submitted statement showing receipts & expenditure for each Riding during year ending 30th September and for which Shire Receipts £6162.6.11 with Balance in Bank on 30 Sept. 1896 £978.12.11 Expenditure £6165.0.2 and balance in bank on 30th Sept. 1897 £953.19.8. The liabilities on current contracts were £676.7.– and after deduction cash balance the w/c for each Riding stood as follows.

Fredderburn Riding Dr. Balance	142. 6.11
Inglewood – –	589. 5.8
Kingower – –	90. 4.11

The endowment received during the year amounted to £1.10.1½ on each pound received for rates, and the sum of £660 had been appropriated to payment of interest on debt and purchase of Govt. stock for forming sinking fund to reduce debt.

The report was received.

The valuer reported that he had completed the valuation of the rateable property in the

Shire which he returned as follows

Fredderburn Riding	36 941 10
Inglewood Riding	13. 671 —
Kingower Riding	8. 982 —
	£59. 594 – 10.

Moved by Cr. Macqueen
Sec by Cr. J. McCutts That the valuers report and return be received and approved and the valuation confirmed.
Carried unanimously.

The Secretary submitted Estimates of receipts and expenditure for coming year showing moneys required for:

Balance on existing contracts	150. 16. 9
Deposits returnable	85. 12. 10
Supplies for valuation	10. — —
Interest on loan	210. — —
Sinking fund 5 years deduction	300. — —
– – 10 – –	150. —
	2326. 7. 7
For General Expenditure	1385.
	£3711 – 7. 7

For Public Works

Fredderburn R.	3045.	
Inglewood	490 50	
Kingower	633	
		4218. —
		£7929. 7. 7

Moneys available

Balance in Bank	955. 19. 8
Licenses &c	700.
Endowment Estimated	3400. —
	5055. 19. 8

Balance to be provided for by a General Rate £2873. 7. 11

Moved by the President Ch. McCutts
Seconded by Ch. Stark That the estimates submitted by the Treasurer be approved and adopted.

Carried

Moved by the President according to notice
Seconded by Ch. Stark That in order to raise the sum of £2873. 7. 11 shown by the estimates now adopted to be required for the expenditure of the year ending 30th September 1898 a General Rate of one shilling on each pound of the full rateable value of all rateable property within the Shire be now made and levied in accordance with notice given by advertisement and placard during the week previous of the intention of the Council to make such rate. And that such rate be made and levied for the period ending the 30th September 1898 and be due and payable on and after the first day of November 1897.

Carried unanimously.

The engineer reported that he had again inspected Marshallsea's contract on the Royal & Salisbury road by Whitehouse and that the work is done in a very unsatisfactory manner the conditions of the specification having been totally disregarded. — But the rolling timber on road on the North boundary of Inglewood Riding is being removed and that it is necessary to clear about two

miles of that road to join the present clearing. That the cost formerly constituting on the bridges, & East Charlton road from the terminus fence to Winter, 40 chains, will be £380. and that the work should be done as soon as possible. That tenders have been called for various works in accordance with instructions and estimates of cost were given. That contracts in force are progressing satisfactorily and several of them are nearly completed.

The Report was received and approved.

Moved by Ch. Redwood
Sec. by Ch. Coutts That Mr. Marshallsea be allowed one week to complete his contract & if not satisfactorily completed within that time that the engineer have it finished at the cost of the contractor

Carried

The following tenders were brought up by the Public works Committee

1 For forming & metalling main street East Charlton

C. Rose	156 –	0. 0
Taylor & Vinney	205.	——
F. Hughes	133.	10. –
Reader & O'Keefe	238.	10. –

Hughes' tender recommended

2 For clearing about 540 chains East Avoca road from Avoca going South where required Est. £101. 5. 0

F. Hughes 3/5 pr. chn. 92 – 5. 0

Recommended.

3 For crossing Bedeck & Boat Road
L. Hughes 11. 10. 0 + £8 per rod. for cutting work
C. Rose 9. 17. 6. 9 — —
G. Ham 18. — 8. —
R. Walker 11. 10. — 9. —
C. Rose recommended.

4 For clearing over ~~constructing~~ bridge on creek at Mr. Harrison's selection Kentering 210 chains 1/6 chain
J. Minnis 21. —
Chas. & Hanson 2/ per ch. 17 — 10. —
S. Sullivan 1/6 — 27. —
Harris & recommended.

5 For forming & metalling on Bedeck & East Charlton road at Winter's plain Est. 280
J. Golich 255 — 10. —
Taylor & Vinning 336 — 10. —
C. Rose 230 — 17. 6
C. Rose recommended.

6 For constructing culvert with approaches and drains on East Charlton & Bedeck road near Churchill's selection Est. £107.
Taylor & Vinning 188. 10 6
S. Sullivan 137. 10. —
Rowler & O'Keefe 130. —
Rowler & O'Keefe recommended.

Robert Sykes tender for letting deviation fences at 5/ per letter was accepted.

Moved by Cr. Johns
Sec. by Cr. Steel That the tenders of Hughes, C. Rose, Harris & Hansen, & Rowler & O'Keefe be accepted. — Carried.

Moved by Cr. James Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Johns That tenders be called for constructing a dam over Simpsons creek on the Kangaroo & Bedbridge road
Carried.

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Johns That tenders be called for supplying material and labour for maintenance of roads &c. in Kangaroo District.
Carried.

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Jas. Coutts That tenders be called for 100 ft of log culvert near Mr Robertson's farm on Chester & Donnelly road.
Carried.

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Patterson That tenders be called for supplying metal on Inglewood & Bedeck road for maintenance about 400 yards.
Carried.

Moved by Cr. Robertson with
Sec. by Cr. Hale That the Inspection members be empowered to call for and accept tenders for clearing from Whitehouse to Bissetts in Salisbury last 1/4 chain wide, and also for clearing from Mr. Gibbons along the road to Salisbury Plains by Brockhouses 1/6 chain wide. Tenders to be in in 14 days.
Carried

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Johns That tenders be called for widening road through Berlin and road at Big Hill near ~~Wickle~~ Pittsburg also for small culvert near Pastor Kangaroo approaches. —
Carried.

Moved by Ch. Steel
Sec. by Ch. Jas. Coutts That tenders be called for the office of cattle collector and dog registrar separately for the Northern & Southern division of the Middlebrook Riding, and that a special meeting of the Council be called to be held at the Town Office Middlebrook on the 1st November for the purpose of opening and dealing with tenders.
Carried.

Introductions to Office

Ch. Hall. - Engineer to report on cost from Harrisons Bridge through Smith's lot to Joppin as to natural obstacles, culverts &c.

J. Carman Coutts. - Engineer to furnish estimate of cost of asphalting Salisbury bridge.

Ch. Montgomery. - Engineer to report on cost of work required to complete improvements at Kirkton Cameron Lake, on crossing North of Cameron township on Blair creek, and of metalling one crossing at Princes station and two crossings near Kirkton. Also on cost of fencing, or laying pipes, or covering drain near Bank of Britain East Hamilton and of raising drain near Mr. Orrins house there.

The Secretary was instructed to write on behalf of Lands and Forests re waste reserves and to take the necessary steps for hastening the re-division of the Shire Council.

Ch. Coutts suggested that an alteration should be made in the line of the Rhodes and Middlebrook road, a contract for clearing part of which was accepted at last meeting. Referred to members for the Kangaroo Riding with leave to alter the line if they might decide.

The Secretary presented an acct. for £16. 16. 0 from B. Rankin for collecting signatures to petition for re-division of Shire

Moved by Ch. Steel
Sec. by the President That fifteen pounds be paid in settlement of acct. —
Carried.

Notice of Motion

By Ch. Robinson That the engineer be required to take proper levels of all drainage work before tenders are called on the work let. Also to lay out all work for contractors. And that in future if work be passed by the engineer and afterwards prove unsatisfactory that the engineer be required to pay the extra cost.

Moved by Ch. Johns
Sec. by Ch. Steel That the following accounts be passed and paid.

			Carried.
1	Interest on debentures		105. 0. 0
2	Engineer Salary		20. 16. 8
3	Cont. 367	E. Grand	3. — —
4	" 407	J. Bolich	12. 1. 7
5	" 408	J. Rose	30. ——
6	" 390	R. Guthrie	9. .
		Forwd. -	187. 18. 3

	Bal. forward	18/.	18. 3
7	Cont. 355 McCauley	5.	—
8	Doyle Roomm Officer	6.	9. —
9	Rooney, Lisbon	3.	15. —
10	Sundries	3.	7. —
11.	J. McPherson, Lisbon.	2.	—
12	Nolan Inspector of Sly. gds.	5.	—
13	Collinny ~ ~ ~	2.	10. —
14	Cont. 382 Rowley	21.	3. 9
15	Whitney Lisbon	8.	2. —
16	Cont. 376 Hughes	2.	—
17	~ 406 Sullivan	14.	—
18	~ 399 Longstaff Esq	100.	—
19	~ 365 Chesholm	5.	—
20	~ 393 Whitney	18.	6. 6
21	~ 350 Keogh	9.	—
22	~ 375 ~	52.	10. —
23	~ 402 ~	35.	—
		£ 471	1. 6

The next meeting was ordered to be held at the Shire Office, Kingston, on Tuesday the 20th November, the day of the annual meeting, and the election time thereof.

20 November 1877 John Coutts
President

At the special meeting ordered to be held on the 1st November 1877 the following Commissioners attended
Ch. Steel, Macqueen and Paterson.
A quorum not being present the meeting lapsed and a committee meeting was afterwards held. —

20 November 1877 John Coutts
President