Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kerang Shire Council held at Kerang on the 10th May 1897

Present Cr. Andrew President in the Chair and Crs. Wall, Patterson, Hall, Robertson, Johns, John Curtis and James Curtis.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence

1 Town Clerk, Sandhurst re fees for transfer of licenses. Received.

2 Secretary to Local Shires Conference re suggesting that a general conference be held in Melbourne on the 22nd May to take into consideration certain matters affecting local bodies; especially as to exchange and purchase of roads.

Moved by Cr. John Curtis
Sec by Cr. Wall } That the Secretary reply approving the proposals of the Conference and recommending that all reserves be placed under the control of Councils and that some simpler method of exchanging roads should be devised

Carried.

3 Thomas Kelly forwarding acct for work at Cowanna. Referred to Engineer

4 Poundkeepers returns.

5 Secretary for Lands re appointment of Mr Gillespie as member of local Land Board.

6 Secretary Kinsey Cricket Club applying for donation towards cost of fencing and clearing market-square

Moved by C. Patterson
Sec. by C. Stock That a donation of six pounds be given. –

Carried

7 Treasurer re payment of first instalment of debentures. And acknowledging that £450 has been invested in Gov. Stock in the joint names of the Treasurer and the Shire

8 Mr Cannont re repairs of bridge at Neville

9 Chief Engineer Goldfields Water Supply stating that before he can make any report on the application for a grant for reservoir certain information as to the proposed site must be supplied and also an estimate of the revenue likely to accrue.

10 J. R. Cross offering to obstruction on track from Berlin to Pithara.

11 Farmer Crosen Forest, stating that when he fences his selection road will be stopped

Referred to engineer

12 Cons. Sharkie asking that his salary as Inspector of Slaughter yards &c at Yoongarillup may be paid as although he has now left the district the licenses are all taken out.

Moved by Cr. James Coates
Sec. by Cr. John Coates That Constable

Sharkie receive the salary paid for the whole year.

Carried

13 Application from ratepayers at Bunbury asking for removal of fence to bridge approach.

Referred to engineer.

14 Morris & Hanson applying for additional payment on contract for cutting drains on Inglewood & Wedderburn road, owing to loss sustained by having to cut through cement

Referred to engineer

15 Robert Procter East Chowlton stating that outlet drain is required there.

16 Ratepayers at Wedderburn applying for erection of culvert or road by cemetery.

Referred on acct. of conditions, Traffic

17 Ratepayers at Wedderburn applying for clearing road at Possum point

Referred on same grounds.

18 Shire of Moffra re proposed conference

19 H. Hall asking for increase in allowance for collection of agricultural statistics.

Application to be considered next year.

20 Shire of Thirlmere re Conference

21 J. A. Ferrie applying for reduction of rate on the ground that occupation not yet commenced when the rate for 1890-10 was made.

The Secretary stated that Elizabeth Ferris occupation licence was not issued until the 1st January 1896 but that the others were issued for 1st Nov. 1895.

The rate on Elizabeth Ferris land was ordered to be collected for 1895-6 by two months.

Cr. Redwood asked for a small expenditure in widening the slopes of the crossing at Bridgewater and the engineer was instructed to have it done at a cost not exceeding £5.

The pound keeper applied for the refund of two pounds for a quarter's premium paid by him

Moved by Cr. Andrew
Sec. by Cr. Steel That the quarterly premium be refunded to the pound keeper.
Carried

The Treasurer reported receipts for the month £639.4.0 including first portion of endowment £1499.- Expenditure £326.4.0 including transfer of Nat. Stock for sinking fund. £445.19.10

The report was received and adopted

The engineer reported that with reference to the application of ratepayers at Buckenbangale for the survey of a direct road to Bridgewater he found that a contract surveyor was then engaged in surveying a road there.
Cr. Patterson said that the road did not join the East Charlton road at a point convenient

for traffic and the Secy. was instructed to apply to the Contract surveyor to have it altered.
The report recommended the expenditure of a small sum in clearing and making crossing on road to proposed bridge at Harrison's.
Also that the work applied for by Messrs. Langston & Slight over the boundary of the borough of Bryeburn should be included in next year's estimates as a culvert and approaches will be required there.
Tenders had been called for works ordered, and estimates of cost were submitted.
Survey had been made of site for bridge at Mr Bradbrook's farm on Bryeburn & Hadlebourn road and plan prepared. The report strongly recommended the erection of a bridge at Mr. Logmill's farm on same road and the widening of the clearing there.
Several contracts were reported as completed and others as progressing satisfactorily except that of McCarter for crossing on East Loddon road which had been sublet.
The engineer asked for a list of music posts required in the Shire.
No answer had been received from the Shire of East Loddon relative to proposed asphalting of floor of Salisbury bridge.
The engineer did not advise the expenditure of the money voted for Harrison's bridge in clearing as the bridge was wanted and it would be better to wait until funds are available.

Moved by Cr Johns
Sec by Cr. Redwood. That the engineer's report be received and adopted.
Carried.

Moved by Cr. Redwood
Sec. by Cr. Anderson That the contract of Mr. Rowley for clearing on the Bringwatta and Mudbridge road be extended to the end of present clearing within the Bog Lowland Riding.

Carried

Cr. Hall objected to the extension the work not being on the estimates and the amount was ordered to be taken from the estimate for the Bog Lowland & Bringwatta road.

The sum of £1-1-0 expended by Cr. Redwood in removing stumps on Salisbury road was ordered to be paid.

The Sanitary committee, on behalf of the Committee appointed for the purpose, a report on the proposed re-division of the Shire giving the boundaries of the new Ridings with the number of ratepayers and value of ratable property in each.
The consideration of the report was postponed to next meeting and the Secretary was instructed to ascertain the mode of proceeding to obtain the subdivision

Motions of which notice has been given
Cr. Jas. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Redwood That tenders be called for clearing on Kingston & Powlett roads by Scherimers farm towards Powlett. Amount not to exceed £65. —

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Steel That the amount placed on the estimates for erecting bridge at Hearsons & expended on clearing Kingston & Powlett road.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Jas. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Redwood That tenders be called for erecting bridge over creek at McBeatheons farm on Bog Lowland & Powlett roads

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Jas. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Jas. That tenders be called for clearing at Stewarts and Farmers on the East Avoca road. Cost £25.

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Peterson in the absence of Cr. Marquerson
Sec. by Cr. Steel That tenders be called for clearing on East Avoca road from Hearsi selection to boundary of Shire at per chain for whole distance including plains or at a lump sum

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Jas. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Jas. That tenders be called for cutting drains from near Blakes farm on the Kingston & Ale Bogluwarra road. Cost not to exceed £16. —

Carried

Cr. Marquerson reported by Cr. Peterson that he did not think that the clearing applied for by J. Howard towards Maxwell is required at present

The Secretary reported that several persons in different parts of the Shire were desirous of obtaining publicans licences but could not do so under the present act for three years unless the Shire is proclaimed a special licensing district.

Moved by Cr. Anderson
Sec. by Cr. Steel That the Secretary apply for the proclamation of the Shire as a special licensing district

Carried

Instructions to Officers.

Cr. Macqueen, Cr. Steel. Engineer to report on stone crossing required on East Charlton and St. Arnaud road about ten miles from junction of Lower Avoca road with estimate of cost. Also for culvert on Lower Avoca road near Churchills.

Cr. Steel. Engineer to have a few chains of drains cut at the junction of Bent & East Charlton roads, one mile from Wedderburn.

Cr. Wm Coutts. Engineer to report on Inglewood & Tarnagulla road South of Western home and near Callanders. —

Cr. Kenwood. That plan and specif. be prepared with estimate of cost for bridge at Mr. Taylor's house Nyld. & Boulder road.
Engineer to report on drains required near Collins Bridge.

The Public works committee brought up the following tenders: –

1 For clearing & cutting main Sutton's East road Est. £8.
F. Lusch 47 - 10 - 0
Not recommended.

2 Forming & metalling Kingower & Inglewood road Est. £25.
Jas. Walker 29. —
John Bolitho 34 - 6 - 8
C. Rose 29 - 15 - —
Not recommended

3 Crossing for Simpson's Flat to Bendigo
No tender

4 Clearing Boulder & Inglewood road 4/ per chain
A. Chisholm 3/9 per chain.
Thos. Walker 5/6 ..
Walker's tender recommended.

5 Excavating tank at Richmond Plains Est. £60
J. Bowell 9/ per yard 6/8 per cube yard
J. Kinsing 49 - 15 - 0
Ward & Co 1/ per yard 2/6 cube –
E. Sullivan 11½ 11 3/4 – 6/ – –
Smith & Davidson
Kinsing's tender recommended

6 Constructing culvert near Rickards Hotel West Golden road, Kingower. Est. £45.
A. Guthrie £52. —
F. Hughes 53. —
H. Ennis 49 - 15 - 5
Guthrie's tender recommended.

Est. 3/9 per chain

7 Clearing on Heddesdorp & Kingsporal road

J. Penney	3/11 per chain.
J. Oolich	3/2 —
F. Hughes	3/5½ —
R. Steel	4/6 —
Ross & Henderson	4/- —

Oolich's tender recommended.

8 Contractors crossing at Gibson & Allen's, selection Kingsporal (¼ mile) Est £15

J. Kinsey	£16 —
F. Hughes	£8 - 4 2/2 per yd. for bank.
Black & Co	£12 4 10 — —

Hughes' tender recommended

9 Drain on Banks's flat to Beaconsfield road £50

J. Lusch	£1 - 18 - 4
E. Whitney	49 - 19 - 6

Whitney's tender recommended.

10 Filling up near Litchfield's hotel & culvert £30.

J. Kinsey	£40. —
Jas. Hannon	35 - 5. —

Hannon's tender recommended

Moved by Cr. James Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Jones That the tenders of Robt. Walker, J. Kinsey, D. Guthrie, J. Oolich, F. Hughes, E. Whitney, and J. Hannon as recommended by the public works committee be accepted.

Carried.

It was resolved that the work required on No. 2 contract, Kingsborough & Gilbert road

should be done by day labour under the supervision of the Kingsborough members & the engineer

The guide post at Barwise hill on Heddesdorp and East Charlton road was ordered to be removed to its proper position.

Notices of Motion for next meeting.

1 By Cr. Paterson, That tenders be called for clearing about five miles of the Heddesdorp and Beaconsfield road

2 By Cr. Robinson, That tenders be called for erection of bridge at Tozhill's farm Sylvester & Heddesdorp road

3 By Cr. James Coutts that tenders be called for repairs to portion of Kingsborough & Heddesdorp road near Garibaldi known as the Gap.

4 By Cr. Andrew That the Council adopt the method of determining the Shire into Ridings submitted by the committee appointed for that purpose and that the necessary steps be taken for effecting such redivision.

Moved by Cr. Paterson
Sec. by Cr. Bell That the following accts. be passed and paid.

Carried

✓ 199	East Charlton water supply	£20. 0 - 0
✓ 200	R. Jones labour	£5. — —
✓ 201	Lucretary	£20. 16 - 8
✓ 202	J. Gilmore labour	£5. 5. —
✓ 203	G. Ford —	£4. 10. -
✓ 204	Cont. 3/42 Rose	£14. 4.
	Summe	£82. 15 8

			Forward	£2	15	8
✓ 205	Cont.	373	J. Kinney	✓ 30	—	—
✓ 206	"	377	"	✓ 20	—	—
✓ 207	"	376	Hughes	✓ 30	—	—
✓ 208	"	369	Phillips	✓ 4	—	—
✓ 209	"	363	Lusch	✓ 5	5	4
✓ 210	Cabom		Lusch	✓ 4	10	—
✓ 211	E. Williams Jr			✓ 5	5	—
✓ 212	G. F. Grant		Sidney	✓ 18	—	—
✓ 213	Cabom		H. Lindle	✓ 8	—	—
✓ 214	"		ed. Pinsley	✓ 11	15	—
✓ 215	"		J. Bedson	✓ 2	12	6
✓ 216	Deposit	Cont. 370		✓ 1	—	—
	Dungeon	Cabom		✓ 1	2	—
	Legendrie			✓ 2	4	11
✓ 217	Cabom Bros.			✓ 9	5	4
✓ 218	Martin & Co.		J. Bancroft	✓ 4	5	—
✓ 219	Sandstone Co			✓ 9	9	—
✓ 220	Cont.	376	Hughes	✓ 20	10	—
✓ 221	"	372	Ross	✓ 16	16	—
✓ 222	Cabom		Hunter	✓ 1	15	—
✓ 223	Hudson	& James	Fry & Kelling	✓ 11	—	—
✓ 224	Cont.	380	Pinsley	✓ 43	—	—
✓ 225	"	360	Harris	✓ 10	—	—
✓ 226	Cabom		Pinsley	✓ 22	8	—
✓ 227	Cont.	353	Harris	✓ 1	10	—
✓ 228	"	368	"	✓ 23	10	—
✓ 229	Cabom		"	✓ 1	10	—
230	"		Bancroft	✓ 2	—	—
✓ 231	Engineer			✓ 30	16	8
				£ 425	7	

The next meeting was ordered to be held at the Office Weldaburn, on the usual day and the meeting then closed. —

Weldaburn 13th June 1877

Confirmed

Robt Steel Chairman