Minutes of a meeting of the Township Town Council held at the Town Office Huddersfield on the 14th June 1891

Present Cr. Steel, Marquess, John Curtis, Robinson Peterson, James Curtis, Hall, & Johnson

In the absence of the President (Cr. Anderson) it was moved by Cr. Marquess and seconded by Cr. Johns – That Cr. Steel be appointed Chairman. Carried.

Cr. Steel then took the chair.

Moved by Cr. Hall that Cr. James Curtis be appointed to sign cheques on the Council's banking account in the room of Cr. Anderson. – Carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence

1. Thomas H. Bridges Office re Shire boundaries
2. do do do Town Sewerage
3. Jas. Halgreen asking for the erection of a footbridge near Jas. C. Peterson's house in Huddersfield & East Charlton road.

Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Jas. Curtis That the members for the Huddersfield Riding be authorised to have footbridge erected. And that engineer's attention be called to necessity of having decision cut near same place

Carried

4 Mr. F. H. Allsop stating that he has given up the 110th section recently on the Beechworth and Beechworth road and asking if the Council will take the fence.

Moved by Cr. John Curtis
Sec. by Cr. James Curtis That the Council decline to take the fence it not being required.
Carried

5 Treasury Melbourne, requesting that a statement of all licence fees collected in the Shire during the year ending 1st June 1877 be furnished and that a payment equal to five per cent of such fees be made to the Treasury under the provisions of Sec. 11 of the Licensing Act.

The Secretary stated that he had furnished the return but had declined to make the payment on the ground that all licenses in force in the Shire were granted and the fees paid before the Act was passed.

6 The Acting Secretary for Railways stating that the Commissioner will receive representations from the Shires of Bet Bet and Korong on the subject of the Shire boundary on the 13th prox.

Moved by Cr. John Curtis
Sec. by Cr. Steel That the President & Secretary be appointed to represent the Council
Carried

7 Ratepayers at Buckrabanyule requesting that the road in that parish may be cleared

8 Secretary to Shires Conference forwarding report of proceedings and requesting that two pounds be sent in proportion of expenses

Moved by Cr. Macgeorge
Sec. by Cr. John Curtis That the amount be paid
Carried

9 Mr. R. C. Cornborough stating that he will furnish tracings of that part of the Shire within the Castlemaine Survey District for £6.6.0

The letter was referred to the Secretary with instructions to make arrangements for obtaining the information required.

10 Roads & Bridges Department. Advising date of carrying deputation to the 20th prox.

11 Mr. E. Speedy calling the attention of the Council to the necessity of metalling the approaches to a culvert on the Newbridge & Bridgewater road, and also to the state of the road from Kingsbridge to Walkerville

12 Crown Office Melville forwarding notice that the application of Joseph Gassoni for part of a reserve at Powlett will be heard at Melbourne on the 15th prox.

13 Mr. H. Barnes of East Charlton Tribune asking that tenders may be called for the printing of the Voters' Rolls and the job printing of the Shire.

Moved by Cr. Robinson
Sec. by Cr. John Curtis That the present

printing arrangements, being satisfactory
remain unaltered.

Carried

14 Mr. Sloyd stating that he has received instructions from the District Surveyor to survey road to Inglebatten and asking if the Council wishes to adopt any particular route.

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Ross That Crs. Macqueen and Patterson, with the engineer be appointed to meet Mr. Sloyd for the purpose of deciding upon the best route.

Carried

15 Mr. M. Gibbon complaining of drains near his land which collect the water and cause it to flow over his paddocks.
Cr. Redwood said that the drainage there was in a very unsatisfactory condition and should be amended

16 Mr. Slight stating that access from his farm to the main road was cut off by the Inglewood Stoneclearing. That he had erected an bridge at his own cost which was destroyed by the washing away of the banks, and he had consequently been obliged to erect another at a cost of about £15–. He asked the Council to pay half the cost.
Councillors stated that the bridge was a substantial and useful one and it was Moved by Cr. Redwood
Sec. by Cr. John Coutts That a sum equal to one half the cost of the bridge be put in next years estimates for the purpose of repaying the amt. to Mr. Slight. Carried

17 Mr. R. Nelson calling attention to the state of the East side of the High St. Reddenburn near his premises and asking to be provided with the permanent level of the street there.
Engineer instructed to supply the level.

18 District Surveyor, A. Cormack, stating that unless the survey has been in fault, he cannot recommend any alteration in the present survey of the Reddenburn & Parkenmyle road except at the cost of the Shire.

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Macqueen That Mr. Sloyd be requested to alter the survey referred to so as to bring it out on the Reddenburn & East Creighton road about one mile nearer Reddenburn than at present.

Carried

19 Mr. G. H. Leithall requesting the attendance of a member of the Council at a meeting of the Loddon Valley Railway League.–

20 Longston & Fay, contractors, applying for payment for extra earthwork in approaches to Culvert on East Loddon Road, amt. £7–10–0, and also for removing earth from side drains £10. 13. 4. Mr. Longston was in attendance and after hearing his statement and also that of the engineer who said that the specification provided for spreading the earth from the drains on the road, it was Moved by Cr. Wm. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Redwood That £7–10–0 be paid to Longston & Fay for additional work on approaches to Culvert and that the application for £10. 13. 4 be refused. Carried

21 E. McLean asking permission to put a gate in the fence of the approach to the Loddon bridge at Bridgewater
Leave was granted subject to the supervision of the engineer.

22 J. Harmon offering a pile drive for sale for £40.
The engineer was instructed to inspect and report on it.

Engineer's report recommended that an additional payment of £10 be made to Harris & Hanson on their contract on the Inglewood & Huddlebum road on acct. of the unforeseen difficulties encountered by them in carrying it out. The report advised the purchase of a number of spare railway sleepers from Mr. McLean at 1/6 each and stated that a few of them had been used in constructing a culvert for which purpose they were well suited. Work at Bridgewater as ordered had been done. Crossings and culverts are much required on the Town Green road. Formation is necessary on the West Loddon road near Bertems and also near Callender's former blacking. Stone crossings on Rheola & Bridge road have been completed. With reference to drains required near Mr Edwards and Mr Gibbons the report referred to previous report on same and advised the construction of a crossing to carry away the overflow caused by the removal of earth by Mr. Gibbon.
Contracts in progress are generally going on satisfactorily and several are completed

Keogh's contract for bridge at Prolett is at a standstill for want of timber. With reference to acct. sent in by Mr. Jas. Kirby for £40.16.0 for work at Connor the report stated that the engineer had only authorised the cutting of the necessary drains and crossing as authorised by the Council & for which Kirby charged £23.16.0, payment of which was recommended; the additional £17 for forming the crossing from cutting of drains but not authorised.

The Report was received and adopted.

Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Redwood That £10 – addition to contract money be paid to Harris & Hanson on their contract on Inglewood & Huddlebum road as recommended by engineer.
Carried

Small culvert erected by engineer at junction of Bannockburn road with Inglewood road was ordered to be paid for

Moved by Cr. John Coutts
Sec by Cr. Redwood That sufficient drains be cut to carry off the water from the road near Mr. Gibbon's land. Inspection committee and engineer to have work done.
Carried

Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. John Coutts That £23.16.0 be paid to Joseph Kirby for work at Connor as recommended by the engineer and that the Council require payment of the balance of his acct. £17/ on the ground that the work was not ordered to be done. Carried

Motions of which notice has been given

By Cr. Patterson
Sec. by Cr. Steel That tenders be called for clearing about five miles on Beddenbourn & Berkenbungle road.

Carried

By Cr. Redwood
Sec. by Cr. John Coutts That tenders be called for construction of bridge at Loghlin's on the Inglewood & Beddenbourn road.

Carried

By Cr. James Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Moore That tenders be called for repairing road, cutting drains, repairing crossings &c. on Kangaroo & Beddenbourn road from Mr. Lemon's sawmill to down back hill

Carried.

By Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Macpherson That the mode of redivision the Shire into Ridings proposed by the Committee appointed for that purpose be approved by the Council subject to such slight modifications as may be deemed necessary; and that the Secretary take the necessary steps to have the matter completed.

Carried

The Public Works Committee brought up the following tenders:—

1 For constructing bridge near Mr. Bradbury's farm Inglewood & Beddenbourn road Est. £200

Longston & Fry	264. 11. 4
Taylor & Kinsey	283. 7. 6
James Harmon	307. 1. 3

The Committee recommended the acceptance of Longston & Fry's tender

2 For clearing on the East Avoca road from Owens selection to Shire boundary Est. 3/- per chain.

P. Cronk	£36. —
F. Hughes	4/- per chain
Fowler & O'Keefe	3/5 —
Hayfield	4/. 7. 6
Ryan & Lyon	3/- per chain
J. & J. Gunling	2/6. 15/-
N. Bennerson	3/- —

Fowler & O'Keefe's tender recommended.

3 Clearing on Kangaroo & Ballotta road from Schumann's to Jones selections Est. 4/- chain.

A. Tracy	3/10 per chain	53. 13. 4
Harris & Harmon	4/- —	76. 10. —
Kinsey	3/5p	
N. Jones	3/4½	47. 5. —
A. Keogh	3/-	42. — . —
Conway & Simpson	4/-	59. — —

Keogh's tender recommended.

4 Clearing at Avoca Forest run Stewart's Est. 4/-

Wm. Walker	4/9	39. —
F. Hughes	3/8	29. 6. 8

Hughes tender recommended.

5 Cleaning on Inglewood & Kangaroo road. 3/-

A. Tracy	5/6 per chain	25. 15. 0
Harris & Harmon	9/-	41. 10. —
F. Hughes	5/9.	25. 17. 6

A. Tracy's tender recommended.—

Moved by Cr. Moore
Sec. by Cr. Steel That the tenders of Longston & Fry, Fowler & O'Keefe, A. Keogh & A. Tracy as recommended by the Committee be accepted.

Carried.

Instructions to Officers.

Cr. Macqueen That Secretary write to the Councils of the Shires of St. Arnaud and Avon Hill asking if they will join in the erection of a public pound at or near East Charlton, the Council of the Shire within which the pound shall be erected to have control of it.

Moved by Cr. Patterson for Cr. Macqueen

Sec. by Cr. Hall That the engineer be empowered to employ a sufficient party of day labourers to work on the Wedderburn and East Charlton and other roads in the Wedderburn Riding in cutting drains, filling ruts, and clearing repairs.

Carried

Cr. Macqueen Engineer to furnish estimates at next meeting of following works:-

1 Extending metalling in East Charlton street to Arnolds and forming sidepath on South side of street to same point.

2 Metalling on present formations North and South of Barnahu hill

3 Clearing at per chain for about five miles from Common bridge towards Avoca Forest.

4 Drains and crossings required on East Charlton & Boort road from R. Sparks to Mitchell's selection about two miles.

5 Side cutting on E. Charlton road North of Polito's contract.

6 Cutting to three feet depth on crest of hill and shaping perpendicularly, and forming on North side at cutting on hill near boundary of Spring Hill & Tarpichen run on Wedderb. & E. Ch. road.

The Secretary submitted list of defaulters. Consideration postponed.

Moved by Cr. Jones (with leave)

Sec. by Cr. James Coutts - That tenders be called for filling holes on road from Simpson's Flat to Jingle post on Rheola & Bealiba road.

Carried

Cr. Jones called the engineer's attention to drains from Tuscotts at Burke's Flat.

Notices of Motion for next meeting

1 Cr. Hall That tenders be called for erection of bridge at Barnsons selection Kinsting.

2 Cr. Macqueen That tenders be called for clearing from Bingfield selection to Spring hill on Wedderburn & Avoca Forest road.

3 Cr. Macqueen That tenders be called for cutting twenty chains of drains on North side of Wedderburn & E. Charlton road near Mr. Moncrieff's farm

4 Cr. Patterson, That tenders be called for clearing five miles Wedderburn & Inglewood road.

5 Cr. Richmond That tenders be called for ~~clearing~~ forming and metalling near Westons and near Pollock & Ellis on Nyleb & Salisbury road.

Moved by C. Jones
Sec. by C. Peterson that the following accounts be passed and paid

			Carried	
232	Contract 371	Guthrie	55.	—
233	" 351	Keogh	14.	—
234	Deposit Cont. 357		5.	—
235	G. F. Grant	Stationery	22.	—
236	Hall	do	15.	—
237	Secretary		20.	16. 8
238	H. Barnes	Advertising	2	17. —
239	Cont. 374	Graham	41.	—
240	Denis Lahoon		27.	5. —
241	Ruby " Wp. Watson 371		1	11. —
—	Deposit Cont. 374		2.	—
242	Cont. 377	Graham	50.	—
243	" 373	Kenny	53.	—
244	" 375	Keogh	70.	—
245	Labour	Kenny	5	—
246	Cont. 364	Cook	18.	—
247	" 349	Harris	1.	—
248	" 360	Harris	10.	—
249	Hall	Dog Regis. Commission	5.	—
250	Plumdrapen	Quarter prem.	12.	—
251	Cont. 342	W. Steel	13.	—
252	" 385	Rose	15	—
253	" 345	"	1.	10. —
254	" 343	Henderson	1.	8. —
255	" 378	"	30.	—
256	" 367	Hayes	18.	12. —
257	" 322	Ely	12.	—
258	328	"	11.	—
259	Labour	Philips	7	12. —
260	Cont. 317	Rose	14.	—
261	" 324	Polich	16.	12. 6
262	" 357	Christian	12	7. 9
			518	11. 11

	Forward		518. 11. 11
263	Deposit Cont. 373	Kenny	15. — —
264	Cont. 380	Pardey	30. —
265	" 353	Guthrie	5. — —
266	" 327	Hughes	2. — —
267	" 347	Gibbons	3. — —
268	Labour Rose		16 — 18. 9
269	Meeting Exp.	Thomas	14 — 10. —
270	Engineer	Lahey	40. 16. 8
271	Cont. 385	Rose	5 — 6. —
272	" 387	"	5 — 4. —
			£ 616 . 7 . 4

The Revision Court was ordered to be held on the 19th July at the Royal Hotel Bylawns.

The next meeting was ordered to be held at Bylawns on the 19th July, and the meeting then closed.

Confirmed July 19th /77
John Andrew President