Minutes of a meeting of the Koroit Shire Council held at the Shire Office Heathmont on the 13th September 1887 –

Present Cr. John Coutts President in the chair and Crs Steel, Macqueen, Peterson, James Coutts, Robinson, Ross & Cotter.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

With reference to the application of Mrs White for compensation for injury received by stepping into an open drain Cr. Steel reported that the committee appointed to enquire into the matter did consider that the Council was in any way responsible but he would move That five pounds be placed at the disposal of the Heathmount members for charitable purposes. Seconded by Cr. Jas. Coutts and Carried.

Correspondence. —

1 C. M. Watson re rates due by Elcan Stewart

2 Shire of Swan Hill declining to join in the erection of a bonus at East Gresitton.

3 Blind Asylum Derby donation

4 Infant Asylum do —

5 Railways & Roads Department stating that the Local Govt. Act will in future be administered by the Public Works Dept.

6 Shire of Warrangu suggesting that a conference be held in Melbourne for the purpose of

endeavouring to have the Local Govt Act Amended by the introduction of a clause empowering Councils to construct short railway lines

The Council approved the suggestion and it was Moved by A. Steel
Sec. by A. Peterson that the Council send a delegate to the proposed conference
Carried.

7 Board of Education re Returning Officer

8 Mr. Carter asking for time to pay his rates
Referred to Secretary

9 Town Clerk Dunolly asking the support of the Council in obtaining the line from Dunolly to St. Arnaud.

10 District Surveyor, Castlemaine, re roads.

11 Secretary to Paris Exhibition

12 Ratepayers at Kennedys applying for survey of roads from Bridge to Spring Hill and Spring Hill to Bonnacrumb.
The Secretary was instructed to apply for the survey of the roads referred to.

13 Ratepayers at Wychitella asking for formation and draining on East Charlton Pyrenees road.
Answer to be put on estimates for next year

15 J. Lockett & others applying for crossing and draining at Dunns Farm Bulubul Creek.

16 Roads & Bridges Office forwarding tracing showing boundary between Swan Hill and Kerang Shires

17 Manager of Williamstown re Harbour Trust

18 James Thomas re grazing on roads.

19 J. J. Webb applying for slaughtering licence
Granted.

20 Secretary Paris Exhibition

21 Sergt. Delaney forwarding 4/- for Coroners expenses.

22 P. T. Leonard re road surveys.

23 H. R. Parkin applying for payment of amt. said to be due to J. Kielly. Referred to previously stated

24 T. Morphesson stating that the engineer required him to do more work than the specification requires on his contract for clearing on Sylvester and Salisbury road by Whitehead, and asking for extra payment.

25 H. G. Watts asking for the support of the Council in endeavouring to obtain an extension of the Sylvester Railway, via Bucklett Plains and Boort.

26 James Patterson applying for payment of surplus proceeds on horse sold out of pound.

27 Ratepayers at Powlett applying for the clearing of the road from Matlebreaks to Bassetts; and for attention of road to Inglewood
The work was ordered to be put on the estimates

28 Ratepayers in Kurting & Kingsmill asking for clearing on road from Fiery Flat dam to Harrisons bridge
Also ordered to be put on estimates

29 Longston & Fry offering to substitute piles for sills at bridge near Lofftus for five pounds for piles and fy workers.

30 Tom. Crane asking leave to substitute non basic planking for red gum.

On the recommendation of the engineer the latter application was granted, and leave given to substitute piles for sleepers if at no extra cost. —

On Letter No. 25 it was
Moved by Cr. Redwood
Sec. by Cr. James Watts that the Council support the application for an extension of the Inglewood railway via Bont.

Cr. Steel objected on the ground that the Council has already supported a railway line to East Charlton via Beaufort and moved an amendment that the letter be received.
Sec. by Cr Paterson and carried.

On Letter No. 26 it was
Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Marquis that £6.18.3 surplus proceeds on sale of a horse at the Tarnie pound be paid to Mr. James Paterson.
Carried.

Cr. Paterson left the meeting during the discussion on the resolution.

The Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £98.8.3. Expenditure £68.11.11

The Report was received and adopted.

Cr. Ross reported case of a man 70 years of age at Tarlton named James York who is in very destitute circumstances and moved that application be made for his admission to the Sunbury Benevolent Asylum & that a donation of five pounds be given if necessary to obtain a ticket
Sec. by Cr Redwood and carried.

The Engineer reported that he had called for tenders for works referred.
That A. Keogh was not finishing his contract for clearing on Kingston & Kurting road satisfactorily and is now amending it. That Nat Hutchinson's clearing contract is very badly done, the timber not removed off the road and the rails fallen. And that Cr Rowley has not completed his contract satisfactorily. In these cases the engineer asked for special instruction stating that he had retained sufficient money in hand to complete the work

The report recommended that two crossings should be made on the Salisbury road.

The Report was received and approved.

In reply to C. Bourgeois the engineer stated that a culvert at Churchills on East Chester will cost £50 and drains £40.

Moved by C. Jas. Coutts
Sec by C. Steel That the president and C. Redwood be appointed a committee to inspect the contracts of W. Pherson and Rowley and if found necessary that the engineer have the work completed at the contractors' cost

Carried

The engineer was instructed to inspect & report on a road in Kempsville near Speers selections.

The Public works committee brought up the following tenders:—

1 For Clearing on Kempsville & Pembroke road.
Est. £14 per chain
Neals 5/6 per chain. Matthews 7/9. Gilmore 3/3
Hansen 4/- Murphy 3/- Innis 4/9 Keogh 7/9
McKeon 7/8
McKeon's tender recommended.

2 Culvert and drains Independent road Est. £55.
T. Hughes 74. 11. 6
C. Rose 79. 5.
Taylor 73. 2. 6
Hannon 78. 0. 0
Rowley & Son 64
Harris & Hannon 63. 2. 6
Guthrie 62. 18. 9
C. Coutts tender recommended.

3 Clearing Berlin & Bonnamick road. Est. 4/- p. chain
Hughes 3/6. Neilson 3/9 Smith 4/- Hanson 3/9
Gilmore 3/6 Cotton 3/10 Steel 3/3 Fitzmaurice 3/-
Aleyette 3/4 + 3d - Martin Edwards 3/9
Hollingsworth 3/3 -
J. Fitzmaurice's tender recommended.

4 Crossing near Oriole. Est. £20
Hannon £32 — Innis £28 —
Churchill 42. 10. 0 Cotton 34. 6. 8
Hansen £30.
R. Cotton tender recommended.

5 Culvert & repairing Pebble & Berkley Hill road Est. £60
Sullivan £53. 13. 0 Guthrie 48. 16. 6
Innis 49. 17. 6 Whitney 48. 10. —
C. Rose £59.
No tender for culvert recommended. Repairs to be done by Whitney at schedule price.

6 For day labour in Lynnhaven Riding.
R. Steel 5/6 per day man 4/- horse & man team
R. Guthrie 3. 16. 0 per week horse & man —
J. Wilson 1/6 man 1/6 — —
C. Rose 7/- — £4 per week — —
J. Quick 6/- — 12/- day — —
R. Steel's tender recommended.

7 Clearing from Page's farm towards Inglewood
Hamilton 15.6.8 Thompson 14 — Keogh 16 —
Reeds 24 — Stewart 20 — Pattison 16 —
Thompson's tender recommended.

8 Culvert & clearing Inglewood Rockbridge road
Culvert 35.
Hughes 46.12.6. Taylor 45.17.6 Rowley 32 —
Hannon 60.1.00 Harris Bros 37.10.0
Rowley's tender recommended.

9 Clearing from Howards to Gillies, Buckenburg
McLauchlin 31.5.0 Howard 33 — Rosler 27.10 —
Irwin 33.18.4 R. Steel 35.15.0
McLauchlin's tender recommended.

10 Clearing from Sparks towards Bort
Henderson & Co 27.13.0 Rosler 23.6.8
R. Steel 26 — Duckett 32 — Bird 26 —
Rosler & O'Keefe's tender recommended.

11 Clearing Bedden & Kinnipsamil road Sub 3/6
Matthews 4/ — Cuthbert 4/10 Armstrong 3/11
Duckett 3/10. Valleau 3/4 Bateman 3/6 —
R. Steel 3/10. Hughes 3/6 —
Valleau's tender recommended.

12 Bedden & Spring Hill road. Clearing 1 mile
Hughes 3/2 recommended. F. Rose 3/3

13 Clearing Spring Hill to Queen Forest
Henderson & Co 3/2 Cotter 3/5 Burns 3/2
Watson 3/4 F. Rose 3/3 Sullivan 3/8.
F. Rose's tender recommended.

14 Clearing Buckenburg Lake road
Henderson & Co 3/ — Keogh 3/3 Rosler & O'Keefe 2/8
Rosler & O'Keefe recommended.

15 Clearing E. Charlton & Carson road
R. Steel 49 — Duckett 38.10.0 Henderson 46.10.0
Irwin 26.16.8. Rosler & O'Keefe 17.6.8 recommended

Moved by R. Steel
Sec. by R. Gibson That the tenders of
McKean, Cuthbert, Bateman, Cotter, R. Steel
Thompson, Rowley, McLauchlin, Rosler & O'Keefe 3,
Valleau, F. Hughes & F. Rose, as recommended
by the Committee be accepted.

Carried

Motions of which notice has been given
1 By R. Macgregor
Sec by R. Peterson That tenders be called
for construction of bridge with approaches
& metalling on E. Charlton & Elizabeth roads
near Churchill's selection.
2 Also for cutting drains on East Charlton
and Port road about 4 miles East of
E. Charlton for contribution right.
3 For construction crossings on Bedden & Kinnipsamil road from Tripsikin boundary
to seven mile plain. —

Carried.

4 By R. Steel
Sec. by R. Macgregor That the Bedden Beam
Medium be divided into two portions for the
purpose of collecting rates, taxes, and
statistics such division to be as nearly as
possible the proposed sub division of the
Radian into two Ridings and that the

Secretary be instructed to invite applications from persons capable of filling the situation of collector.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Jas Coutts
Sec by Cr. Redwood That the members for the Huddersfield Riding be appointed a committee to receive and report on applications for the office of collector for the new division of that Riding

Carried

5 By Cr. Patterson
Sec. by Cr. Macpherson That tenders be called for metalling formation South of Barratta near Winters farm

Carried

6 By Cr. Patterson
Sec. by Cr. Macpherson That tenders be called for extending metalling and formation at East Charlton township

Carried

Instructions to Officers

Cr. Coutts. That application be made for survey of a direct road from Burkes Flat to Bendigo.

Cr Steel & Cr. Jas Coutts That the Secretary summon defaulting ratepayers, list to be marked by members for the Ridings

Cr. Macpherson moved with leave
Cr Steel seconded That tenders be called for clearing about six miles of road from Cannon towards Green Creek

Carried

Cr. Macpherson That engineer furnish estimate of cost of metalling on Huddersfield East Charlton road from Winters farm to commencing point South.

Cr. Steel That engineer furnish report to members of Riding on bridges mentioned in list handed to him.

Moved by Cr. Patterson
Sec by President That a reward of one pound be offered for information leading to conviction of persons felling trees on roads or injuring bridges, drains &c

Carried

Moved by Cr. Jas Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Coutts That the sum of five pounds be paid to Whitehouse, Ed & to H. Annis and 10/- to A. Christian for work done

Carried

Notices of Motion.

1 By Cr James Coutts That tenders be called for repairing crossings on Kingowan and Bethen Roads.

2 By Cr. Jas. Coutts That tenders be called for erecting a sawn timber bridge over Campaspe Creek on Kingowan & Huntbridge road.

3 By Cr. Coutts That tenders be called for supplying in the Kingowan Riding suitable material for repairing roads where required. to be deposited where pointed out and also for effecting such repairs by day labour

4 Cr. Cutter, That tenders be called for cutting siding and construction small bridge under Robertsons on Virginia and Donnelly road.

5 By the President That at next meeting he will move that a rate of one shilling on each pound of the annual value of all rateable property within the Shire be made for the period ending the 30th September 1878 such rate to be payable on and after the 30th October 1877

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Jones That the following accounts be passed and paid

			Amount	
358	Blanch Asylum		2	2 – 0
359	Cont. 394	Brennan	32	5 –
360	Charitable 4/- per Cr. Jones		2	—
361	Labour, Chrg. Stamps &c.		4	6 – 6
362	Infant Asylum		1	1 –
363	Barnes Bro. Advertg.		2	9 – 6
364	Labour Mr. Steel		9	1 –
365	Labour . ~		10	7 6
366	Cont. 401	Walker	7	— —
367	~ 380	Rowley	6	— —
368	~ 370	Walker	1	— —
369	Labour	Harris & Co	14	3 3
370	~	Christoni	4	— —
371	Maps 1/- Stamps 4/- Labour 2/6		4	9 6
372	Thomas	Meeting Exp.	5	— —
373	Engrossing		20	16 8
374	Lemany Exp. re Walsh		8	5 –
375	Cont. 398	Rowlands	35	16 8
			168	16 7

		Forward	168 – 16 – 7
376	Contract 352	Innis	5 — —
377	~ 410	Innis	37 — —
378	Labour	Harris & Hanson	2 – 12 —
379	~	— —	6 — —
379	Labour	Allen	37 – 16 —
380	Cont. 371	Guthrie	23 – 14 —
381	~ 390	Guthrie	40 — —
382	Labour	do	4 – 1 –
383	~	Paterson	5 — —
384	~	Rolling & Bennett	20 — —
385	Cont. 375	Lang	2 — —
386	~ 344	Hand Bro.	25 — —
387	~ 409	J. Hamilton	20 — —
388	~ 369	Phillips	3 — —
389	Deposits	395 – 401	2 — —
390	Cont. 401	Walker	5 — —
391	Labour	G. Cutter	2 – 12 –
392	Advertising	Barnes	1 – 7 –
393	Cont. 393	Whitney	35 — —
394	~ 382	McPherson	10 — —
395	Secretary		25 — —
396	Labour	Wheelhouse	5 — —
397	~	Innis	3 — —
398	Charitable 4/- Indian Rising		5 — —
399	J. Paterson	Hound pounds	6 – 18 – 3
400	H. Hall	Connecting on Map	3 – 16 – 3
401	S. F. Grant	Lunacy	1 – 14 – 8
			£496 . 1 . 9

The next meeting was ordered to be held in Inglewood on the usual days and the meeting then closed.

John Cutter, President

Confirmed
11 October 1877