Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kerry Shire Council held at the Shire Office, Kingscourt on Thursday the 14th February 1898.

Present C. John Curtis President in the Chair and Cs. Dale, Steel, John, Curtis, Rudwood, James Curtis, Paterson and Marquess

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence:-

1 James Brennan re road near his solicitor

2 Lands Office re Mr. Cummins occupation of reserve on E. Chatter road

3 Mr. Cummin on same subject
The Council declined to withdraw the objection made to the occupation of the reserve

4 Shire of Dandenong re Government returns and asking the Council to assist in endeavouring to obtain payment for them

Moved by C. Steel
Sec. by the President That the Council assist in the movement.

5 R. L. Steel re repairs to Bort road. Carried

6 Treasurer with forms for returns of rates collected &c.

7 Const. Nolan, East Charlton explaining items of expense connected with arrest of lunatic

8 Lands Office respecting taking of reserves.

9 John Cummins complaining of alleged overcharge at the Shire pound, and neglect of pound keeper to give necessary notices at proper time.
The dates of the notices given and the items of charges were examined and the Council decided that there was no case for interference

10 Maryborough Mining Board asking the co-operation of the Council in the endeavour to obtain a diamond drill from the Govt.

Moved by the President
Sec. by C. Steel That the Council assist in the matter

11 Office of Lands & Survey re Commons Consideration postponed Carried

12 R. Tyler re rates on P. C. Murphy's land.

13 Application from Isaac Atton for slaughtering license.
Moved by C. Rudwood
Sec. by C. John That the application be granted. Carried.

14 Central Board of Health with forms for returns

15 East Boulder Shire re work at Salisbury Bridge with estimate of cost £100. 15.0

16 J. C. Cherry, Baille, complaining of unauthorised sale of liquor there

Moved by Cr. Scott
Sec. by Cr. Stark That fresh tenders be called for asphalting Br. at Salisbury Bridge.

Carried

Moved by Mr President
Sec. by Cr. Johns That applications be asked for the appointment of Revenue Officer, applicants to state salary

Carried

17 J. A. Sibbald complaining that a water hole near his land is monopolised by one person

18 Thomas Retmoff complaining that Mr. C. Moore has closed several roads in the parish of Sylvester near Bungworth
The engineer was instructed to visit the locality, ascertain what roads are closed and have them opened.

19 Treasury, Melbourne, requesting that a return of all fees under the Licensing Act be made and five per cent of the amt. paid to the Receiver & Paymaster of the District

The Council objected to the payment of this percentage on the ground that the expenses

to whom it was to be paid have been discharged no order was made in the matter.

20 Ratepayers at Boolett asking the Council to endeavour to obtain the transfer of an 10th section reserve ~~etc~~ on the Boolett Plainsman

21 R. Proctor complaining of obstruction
Reference to Warden.

22 P. Smith explaining how his house came to be in the centre of a street at East Charlton and stating that the street was surveyed after the house was built.

The Council declined to interpose in the matter considering that it was one that should be settled by the Lands Department.

23 A. Neilson relative to plan and asking for payment on acct. and orders for tracings

Moved by Cr. Stark
Sec by the president that a payment of £20 on acct. be made to Mr Neilson and that two tracings of the map be ordered.

Carried

24 Central Board of Health re provision of drinking water in public places.

25 Lady Mylchreest Hospital ack. receipt of donation £20. —

26 C. Rose stating that he has not been able to complete his cont. on East Charlton road owing to want of water but will

29 R. Ritchie complaining of absence of proper roads in Yarrawa
Engineer to point out spot.

28 J. Kelly re payment for work at Corner

29 J. C. Mackenzie calling attention to effects of flood at Yarrawa.

30 Secy. Cootah. Hospital asking for patronage and assistance of Council at fete.

31 J. Tait re collection of rates.
Secy was instructed to request Mr. Tait to attend more regularly to his work.

32 O. Guthrie ~~with~~ reference to his contracts

33 J. Tait enclosing a/c for £5 for pump supplied to water committee and asking leave to erect it at a dam on the eastern side of the river at East Charlton

Moved by R. Macqueen
Sec. by O. Pearson That the pump be sent to the East Charlton Water supply Committee

Carried

The Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £135-16-9 Expenditure £462-0-6.—
Report received and adopted

The Finance Committee recommended payments of accts. amounting to £462-3-2 and ~~requested~~ recommended that the Bank be requested not to cash Cabour vouchers or other forms before being signed by the President

The engineer was instructed to fix certain day, on which he can be seen by contractors

The Acting Engineer, Mr. Hayes, reported that tenders have been called for works ordered at last meeting, and submitted estimates of cost. Also that works in progress had been visited and inspected. That a dangerous spot on the newly cleared Spring Hill & Cobra Forest road requires immediate attention. That about twenty chains of fencing will be required to enclose the eleven mile tank on Bedan Morsetown. The fencing now standing round the reserve being about 50 chains with £80.—

The report was received & adopted.

O. Carter undertook to attend to requirements on Cobra Forest road.

The Secretary read a report of the result of his interview with the Commissioner of Lands as to water reserves, especially those held under 110th section and with the Minister of Mines as to assistance in constructing dams, tanks or wells within the Shire.

Appointment of Engineer.

The Council went into Committee of the whole for the purpose of opening and considering applications which were received from the following gentlemen Messrs. B. Walsh, Elliott, James, Lloyd, Rowand, Baird, Connell, Starr & Webster.

Moved by Cr. Steel

Sec. by Cr. Peterson That the appointment be postponed for one month for the purpose of making further enquiries, that the names of Messrs. Lloyd, James, Baird & Starr be retained on the list for consideration & that the testimonials of the other gentlemen be returned

An amendment was moved by Cr. Rudwood seconded by Cr. Jas. Coutts.

That the committee adjourn until the day of the ordinary meeting and then proceed to appoint.

The amendment was lost. —

A second amendment was moved by Cr. Macqueen

Sec. by Cr. Johns That the election be proceeded with at once

Carried.

Cr. Macqueen moved

Cr. Johns seconded That Mr. Lloyd be appointed engineer

An amendment was moved by Cr. Jas. Coutts: Seconded by Cr. Rudwood.

That Mr. Starr be appointed for 12 months

For 3 - Agst. 4. The amendment was lost

A second amendment was moved by Cr. Jas. Coutts

Sec. by Cr Rudwood That Mr. James be appointed

For 2 - Agst. 4. Amendment lost.

The original motion was then put and carried For 6 - Agst. 3. —

The Council then resumed and the President reported that the Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Lloyd

Moved by the President

Sec. by Cr. Macqueen That Mr. Octavius Lloyd be appointed Shire engineer at a salary of £300 per annum.

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Rudwood

Sec. by Cr. Peterson That the agreement entered existing between the Council and Mr. Wynne be rescinded under which Mr. Lloyd is appointed.

Carried.

The Public Works Committee brought up the following tenders:-

For supplying 600 yds. Metal where required on Beech. & East Cambrian roads Est. 1/35

C. Rose C 5/6 £165. —

The tender being considered too high was referred to the Beech. members with power to accept at a reduction

Est 133.

For forming & metalling at East Charlton

Taylor & Kinney	195. —
J. Rowler	196. —

Rowler's tender recommended

For clearing on Middlebarn & Mossley roads.

R. H. Steel	3/3 per chain
V. Davis	3/6 —
Rowler	4/5 —
Smyre	3/3 —
J. Rose	3/11 —
W. Grayson	97-6-—
E. Sullivan	4/-
J. S. Cook	1/5½
J. V. Shaw	5/-

Smyre's tender recommended.

For forming and metalling Sydenham and Middlebarn roads 33.85 chs Est. £279-

Taylor & Kinney	319-12-6
R. Cottrill	404. —
C. Rose	309-16-8
J. Volich	265-8-4

Volich's tender recommended.

For forming & metalling Middlebarn and East Charlton road 12 chains.

Est. 173-8-0

C. Rose	107-16-0
Grayson & Dunn	122-14 —
Rowler	115-12 —

Rowler's tender recommended.

For brick drain at East Charlton Est 54.12

Rowler	94-10 —

Not recommended.

Cutting drains near Perkins on East Coldstream Road

Kinney & Taylor 11½ per c. yd. —

On bulk sum being paid the ~~cont.~~ tender was accepted with the limit of £100 — on expenditure

For constructing tank, cutting drain and filling holes on road from Davis's to Dunning bridge on Caldebul Creek.

P. Cottrill	11-7-0
Barnsgrove & Smith	120. —
Davis & Hansen	100. 13-4
Carmody	93- 5-3
E. Sullivan	125-11. —

Cottrill's tender recommended.

For supplying 1000 c. yards gravel at Green Forest Est. £75

R. Sutton	75- —
J. Volich	83- 6-2
E. Sullivan	125. —

Sutton's tender recommended

Moved by A. Steel
Sec. by C. Robinson that the tenders of J. Rowler, J. Smyre, J. Volich, J. Rowler, Kinney and Taylor, P. Cottrill & R. Sutton as recommended by the Committee be accepted

Carried.

Moved by A. Steel
Sec. by A. Patterson that fresh tenders be called for completion of drain at East Charlton in brick, wood or piping as may be thought most suitable

Carried

Cr James Coutts with leave, postponed his motion for clearing on Beulah and Cassia Street road.

B. Macqueen Instructions were given that in future contracts for collins a clause should be inserted requiring the Contractor to return the collin to Beddenbow or such place not more distant from his contract as the engineer may require

C. Redmond Also that engineer supply contractors with copy of plan and specification free of cost.

C. Calder Secretary to apply for reserve of land near Lynn Bridge to give access to railway

C. Paterson Engineer to furnish plan & specifications at next meeting for metalling near five mile post Beulah & East Charlton road.

C. Redmond Engineer to have crossing near Pennys Calabing kept repaired, and to inspect and report on Collins' bridge and make such temporary repairs as are necessary.

C. Hall Surface men to be employed in repairing damage caused by late flood to Kingston road near Beddenbow

B. Redmond Engineer to carefully inspect clearing contract from Bacon's towards Poolett

B. Macqueen That application be made for gazetting reserves at Sheoak Hill, Rock Hut, & Barakee & Walkers Hill

Notices of Motion for next meeting

C. Macqueen That tenders be called for forming dam near Corson, and putting in or metalling two crossings near Ridges and continuing present formation about four chains beyond also drains to carry off water from swamp near Speels: Eng. to report with estimate of cost.

C. Redmond That tenders be called for clearing Bridgewater Healesburg road to one chain wide dead timber and stumps to be removed three feet from line on each side.

" Also for metalling 60 chns. from Bridgewater towards Inglewood.

B. Jas Coutts That tenders be called for widening road from Appleby's farm to Hope creek on quarter chain, and from thence to junction post Poolett Plains half a chain wide Also cutting 70 chns. drains from junction post towards Poolett & Inglewood.

B. Coutts That the Council take into consideration the advisability of borrowing a sum of money say £15.000 payable in twenty years

C. Jas. Coutts That tenders be called for work on Kingston & Glenalbyn road.

C. Hall That tenders be called for clearing 14 chns wide from Harrison's bridge Northwards towards Spiers; clearing to be on West side, & width 6 chns of road.

C. Petersen That tenders be called for forming and metalling the drains of Bedlechen and East Charlton road near 5 mile feet.

C. Stat That tenders be called for cutting drains from culvert near Carnishie to join present drains.

Moved by C. Cotts
Sec. by C. Jones That the contract of M. D. Guthrie for culvert at Rhynie be cancelled as he has not yet commenced work.

Carried.

Moved by Mr President.
Sec. by C. Jones That the following accts. as recommended by the Finance Committee be passed and paid

			Amount	
141	Guarantee premium		4.	—
142	J. R. Cook	Salary & Comm.	15 -	4 6
143	Cont. 400	Langton	10.	—
144	Deposit	Cont. 400	11.	—
145	Labour	Cotton & Whitelaw	19 -	10. —
146	Printing Exp.	Bannerville	4 -	17 6
147	Labour	Rowley	17 -	11. 6
148	"	Harris & Co	12.	-
"	"	"	4.	-
150	Evans Bros.		20.	-
149	Labour	Henderson	4.	— —
151	"	McPherson	1.	15. —
152	Cont. 402	Keogh	8.	—
155	Labour	Rowley	1 -	18. —
153	Sundries		5 -	10.
154	Secretary		25	
			264 . 6. 6	

	Forward		£64 - 6 - 6	
155	Nelson	Inspector	5.	—
156	Delaney	do	2 -	10. —
157	G. F. Grant	Salary & Comm	32 -	16. —
158	Cont. 416	R. Clat	18 -	10. —
159	" 408	F. Rose	20.	—
160	" 391	Gelich	3.	—
161	Labour	Cerchi	2 -	10. —
162	Leonard	Surveying road	4 -	16 - 7
163	Cont. 435	Barraymonte	3 -	15 - 5
164	Labour	McPherson	2 -	5. —
165	Labour	Christie	2.	— —
		Harris	2 -	8 - 2
		Barraymonte		10. —
166	Cont. 415	Whitney	5.	— —
167	" 394	Lemon	3.	—
168	" 368	Bird	4.	—
169	" 357	"	3.	—
170	Shankie	Inspector	10.	—
171	Lunacy Exp. re D. Jones		14 -	1 - 6
172	Inglewood	Hospital	20.	—
173	C. Lloyd	Surveying road	12 -	15 - 8
174	Labour	Chase	2 -	5. —
175	Cont. 413	Fortune	8 -	1 6
			£437 . 6 .	-

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

Wm Hall
Chairman pro Temp.

Confirmed March 14. 1878