Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kowry Shire Council held at the Shire Office Huddersfield on Thursday the 14th March 1918.

Present. Cr. Hall Chd., Macqueen, Redwood, Jones, Paterson, James Coutts, Hatte.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
In the absence of the President it was moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Macqueen that Cr. Hall take the chair.
Carried.

Correspondence:—

1 Education Dept. for returns of Ratepayers

2 Application for donation to Rhodes Jubilee Club

Moved by Cr. Jones
Sec. by Cr. Hall that half the amt. recd. for temporary licence £2 – be given
Carried

3 R. Paterson complaining of excessive behaviour
Referred to bailiff.

4 Sandhurst City Council re percentage on licence fees payable to Govt.

Secy. instructed to reply that Council will assist in endeavour to obtain remission

5 Deputy Sheriff for copy of rate roll to compile jury list from.

6 R. Tyler re rates at Conar.

7 Ratepayers at Conar applying for bridge to Kiewa.

8 G. Cameron asking Council to withdraw opposition to sale of land at Koyuenuel

Postponed to next meeting

9 Inspector General of Surveys refusing to allow Council to get tracing taken of plans in his office except on payment of fees.

10 M. Reavey asking for further time to pay rates

Secy. stated that this land had been occupied for three years running which no rates had been paid, and that an order of Court had been made for the amt.
Instructed to apply for distress if not paid after letter to that effect.

11 Thos. Bendry applying for allowance for improvements in house yards at Pound

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Jas Coutts that fine promised for repairs to yards be paid, but that Council declines to pay for additions to house

12 E. Whitney for payment on Contract on Banks's Flat & Cockburns Creek work.
Postponed to next meeting. Cr. Jones Cotts to inspect contract.

13 Ernest Hansen for payment of balance on clearing cert. from Middlemas to Bissett.

13 From Secretary to Shire of East Loddon stating that some of the members of that Council were appointed to meet members of this to consult on desirability of erecting bridge over Loddon at Inspirations.

Moved by Cr. Cotts
Sec. by Cr. Marquan That if any definite proposal be made by the East Loddon Council it will be duly considered
Carr.

14 A. Keogh for balance due on Contract for bridge at Kangaroo.
Referred to engineer

15 Ratepayers at Buckeroo Sunnyside asking Council to apply for water reserve at Mirm paddock.
Secretary to enquire & apply if available

16 Ratepayers at Fernihurst & Inspiration requesting that stone reserve may be made on land applied for by A. Osborne.

Secy stated that he had opposed the application at the Land Board and that reserve was ordered to be cut out.

17 J. Sirk with report of rates collected and asking Council to appoint Mr. J. McLeare to be assistant collector.

Council declined to appoint Mr. McLeare but under not object to his being employed by Mr. Sirk, if he requires assistance, at his own risk.

18 Martin Kyne objecting to being rated for current year

19 Chas. Walker applying for payment of balance on contract at Rheola. Referred to be paid

20 Ratepayers at Bingegarra stating that no public inconvenience will be caused by the closing of the roads in Mr. Morris's paddock

21 Reedy asking for further consideration of his application made at last meeting in relation to his contract at Rheola. Declined

22 Longston & Sey for payment for removing old bridge at Bealiba.
Secy. to ascertain if work was included in specification of new bridge.

23 R. Johnston complaining of ant. of water on property at East Charlton.

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Redwood That the various letters re valuation be received and that the valuer be empowered to amend any errors but that otherwise the valuation remain unaltered. Carried

The Treasurer reported Receipts for the month £353.12.0 Expenditure £437-17-11. Overdraft less cash in hand. £95.13.0

Report received and approved.

The engineer (Mr Lloyd's) report was read and dealt with as follows.
With reference to closed roads at Bridgewater Mr. Brown (who was present) having been heard it was:

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Paterson That a previous resolution of the Council directing these roads to be opened be adhered to and enforced. —
Carried.

Moved by Cr. Macquarie
Sec. by Cr. Paterson That in accordance with engineer's recommendations the approach to culvert on E. Charlton & Glenlock road near Churchill be extended and timber taken at cost of £15 —
Carried

Moved by Cr. Macquarie
Sec. by Cr. Paterson That 4½ chains formation & metalling be added to Ross's first contract and five chains to South end of his second contr. on Bredalbane and East Charlton roads at current rate, for present work
Carried

Moved by Cr Paterson
Sec. by Cr Macquarie That C. Ross's offer to supply metal on East Charlton road at 4/- for four inch and 5/- for 2½ inch metal be accepted.

Engineer's recommendation that a trough bridge be erected near Galloway's selection on the Bredalbane & Wahla road was postponed to next meeting.
Authority was given to the engineer to substitute earthwork for culvert and make other alterations in contract on Inglewood & Bridgewater road near Banning's bridge provided that amount of original tender is not exceeded. —

Moved by Cr Paterson
Sec. by Cr Brown That the engineer's report be received and approved
Carried.

In Committee
The Council then went into Committee of the whole.
The Secretary stated that Mr. Lloyd had shortly after last meeting informed him that he must resign his appointment as engineer and that he was now holding the office only until his successor could be appointed. Acting on the instructions of the President and other Councillors the Secretary had written to Messrs. Young, Stan, and Baird, applicants for the office at last meeting asking if they would continue their application and had received affirmative replies.
The resignation of Mr Lloyd was then read
Moved by Cr Steel
Sec. by Cr Brown That Mr. Lloyd's resignation of the office of Shire engineer be accepted
Carried.

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. James Coutts that Mr. J. G. Stan be appointed Shire engineer.

An Amendment was moved by Cr. Johns Sec. by Cr. Cotter that Mr. James be appointed.
The committee divided as follows:
For the motion 5 Against 2
" Amendt. 2 Against 5.

The motion was therefore declared carried

The Council then resumed and the Chairman reported the recommendation of the Committee that Mr. Stan be appointed the resignation of Mr. Lloyd being accepted

Meeting resumed.
Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Jas. Coutts that the resignation of Mr. Lloyd be accepted as recommended by Committee

Carried
Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Jas. Coutts that Mr. J. G. Stan be appointed Shire engineer for the term of twelve months from the date of his commencing duty at a salary of three hundred pounds (£300) per annum, the agreement to be terminable on one month's notice from either party, and renewable at expiry of term. Private practice only permitted by special leave from the Council. Agreement to be in other respects the same as that between the Council and

Mr. Lyons the late engineer.
Carried
The public works committee brought up the following tenders:
For asphalting, painting, tarring, and varnishing up Salisbury bridge

Langton & Co	80 £ 44 £	124	—
Taylor & Vinning	116. 14. 6	148	12 6
Thos. Lloyd Jnr	143. 3. 4	140.	3. —
	37. —		

Committee recommended acceptance of Thos. Lloyd's tender for painting P. only £37. —

Completing drain at East Charlton in brick or wood

	Brick	Wood
P. Quirk	£85 —	87
Rowler	97 —	96
Gardiner	75. 15. 6	
Taylor & Vinning		75. 10. —

Referred to Council.
Moved by Cr. Cotter
Sec. by Cr. Jas. Coutts that Lloyd's tender for painting P. £37 — be accepted
Carried
The tenders for drain at East Charlton were considered too high, being considerably in excess of Engineer's estimate. and the work was referred to members for Beechworth Riding with instructions to ascertain if shorter drain will not answer the purpose.

Cr. James Coutts postponed his motion for work on Kingsown & Old Eyhewood road.

The presidents motion for clearing on Bent road was postponed

Motions of which notice has been given
Cr. Jas. Cotton
Sec by Cr. Johnson That tenders be called for grubbing & clearing about three miles of road half chain wide from Red Hills Symmetry to Chris boundary
Carried.

Questions and accounts

By Cr. Redwood
Sec. by Cr. Jas. Cotton That tenders be called for extending present clearing from Bridgewater to Salisbury Bridge to one chain wide where necessary. All dead timber to be cleared from full width of road and stumps removed where within three feet of line.
Carried

By Cr. Redwood
Sec. by Cr. Scott That tenders be called for metalling about twenty chains of Bridgewater and Mollison road commencing at Bridgewater.
Carried

By Cr. Scott
Sec. by Cr. Cotton That tenders be called for clearing 1/4 chain wide from Harrison's bridge to Spiers' selection on west side of middle line of road.
Carried.

By Cr. Robinson
Sec. by Cr. Macqueen That tenders be called for forming & metalling about 1/4 chains near Jno Smith post Beechworth & East Charlton road. Carried

By Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Cotton That tenders be called for draining from Cornish's bridge to end of present drains on West Loddon road
Carried.

By Cr. Cotton
Sec. by Cr. Steel That in the opinion of this Council it is advisable to raise a loan on debentures issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act for the purpose of constructing permanent works.
Carried.

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Redwood That the presidents, Cr. Macqueen and Cr. Cotton be appointed a committee to consider and report on the best method of carrying out the last resolution and raising the proposed loan.
Carried.

Instructions to Officers
Cr. Cotton That Secy. write to Bet Bet Shire Council asking if they will join in erecting bridge over creek on boundary of Shires near O'Brien's selection.

Cr. Macqueen That engineer report on amount of side cutting & metalling required on East Charlton road near the Oak Hill.
Also on forming five chains opposite Pre-emption road at East Charlton.
Also That when work exceeding the sum of five pounds is ordered by the Council specifications shall be prepared as though the work were let by contract in the usual way.

C. James Coates That application be made for survey of a road from Burke's Flat to Lumsdale South of Cambrian Hill.
Also for survey of direct road from Rhoda to Beckton

Moved by A. Adams
Sec. by C. M. Coates That application be asked for appointment of horseman to the Burke's Flat common to receive half pens collected

Carried.

A. Robertson That engineer inspect approaches to bridges on Inglewood & Heidelberg road, and also road from Mr. T. Thompson's to Mr. Saunders on Kingstown & Old Inglewood road. —

Moved by A. Steel
Sec. by A. Macquarrie That J. Bolcke's contract for metalling on Inglewood and Heidelberg road be extended 68 3/4 chains at schedule price

Carried

Notices of Motion

1 R. Steel That two culverts be erected on Talbot's & Heidelberg road. —
2 Also tenders called for clearing from Mr. Wilson's to Joseph Cameron's Wychitella
3 A. Macquarrie That tenders be called for cutting 72 at Shenk Hill on Heidelberg & East Charlton road

Carried

A. Patterson That tenders be called for gravelling 12 chains from Ball's crossing Bothwell to Heidelberg, also eight chains at junction of roads to East Charlton & Mont. and four chains opposite Ball's paddock Heidelberg & E. Ch. road.

Moved by A. Patterson
Sec. by A. Steel That the following accounts be passed and paid.

				Pounds		
176	Cont. 416	R. Steel		96.	18.	0
177	Labour	Kirley		10.	—	
178	Pump	East Charlton		5.	—	
179	Labour D.	Bennett		4.	—	
180	Engine			20	16	0
181	Shire Secy	M. Williams		20.	—	
182	Secretary			25.	—	—
183	Cont. 386	A. Rose		9.	—	
184	" 374	Hudson		10.	10.	—
185	" 447	Mutimy		25.	15.	—
186	Labour	J. Walker		5.	8.	—
187	Meeting Exp.	C. Jones		5.	—	—
188	Dep. Exp.			8.	15.	—
189	Cont 430	C. Ryan		132.	12	6
190	" 406	Sullivan		3.	—	—
191	" 405	—		2.	—	—
192	" 454	Rowley		20.	—	—
193	" 371	Guthrie		6.	—	—
194	" 412	—		15.	18.	9
195	" 390	—		3.	—	—
196	Deposit Cont	412		5.	—	—
197	Cont 431	Crowder		80.	—	—
198	" 344	Hannon		3.	—	—
199	" 416	Steel		34.	8.	6.
				£462	6	3

			462	6	5
200	Cont. 443	Lottman	31.	—	—
201	" 444	Oblich	45.	—	—
202	Labour	Rowley Bros.	15.	5.	—
203	Cont. 434	Rowley	22.	..	—
204	Sundries		3.	2	6
205	Cont. 392	Hughes	2.	.	—
206	" 393	Whitney	2	.	—
207	" 401	Walker	2.	18.	—
			£ 545	3	11

The meeting then closed

11 April 1898 John [illegible] Recorder