Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Norwich Town Council held at the Town Office Middlebury on the 9th May 1898

Present Cr. John Coutts (President in the chair and Crs. Steel, Paterson, Marquess, James Coutts Redwood, Coutts & Hall.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

Correspondence

1 Constt. O'Neil, Rhodes, applying for appointment as Inspector of Nuisances & Slaughter yards in room of Constt. Potter transferred

Moved by Cr. Jas. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Coutts That Constt. O'Neil be appointed at annual salary of £10 per annum.

Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to call the attention of the inspectors to their duties in connection with the Health Statute and request them to carry them out strictly

2 Mr. Stokes, Middlemarch re drains.
3 Mrs. Thomas Wingina re flood damage
4 Mr. Tatchell offering pile drain for sale

5 Asst. Commr. of Lands & Survey stating that the Minister of Lands declines to entertain the Council's application for the reservation of certain lands in the parish of East Chatton as water reserves, and also for the sale of an allotment in exchange.

6 From Mr. B. E. Davies M.P. stating that with reference to last letter the Minister of Lands denies any knowledge of its being sent, and promises to communicate with Mr. Davis or the Council on the subject in a few days. —

7 Govt. Statist re Cogrin returns

8 Inspector Nolan, East Chatton, reporting latest cases of typhoid there.

9 Secy. Central Board of Health acknowledging report in connection with last letter and requesting that a report may be obtained from some medical man who has seen the cases of typhoid

Moved by Cr. Marquess
Sec. by Cr. Steel That Dr. Olem of East Chatton be requested to report and that usual fee be paid him.

Carried.

10 Chairman of East Loddon re proposed bridge over the Loddon at Mayes' Line and suggesting a conference between the Councils

Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Steel That the President and Engineer be appointed to meet delegates from East Loddon Council.

Carried.

11 From Treasury re payment to Sinking Fund

12 Govt. Statist requesting that if the Collector be absent from the district some other person be appointed to complete the collection &c

the Statistics.

13 Receiver of Revenue at Inglewood requesting approval of amt. rec. for selling licence, & giving list of licences issued which the Law Department has directed to be paid to the Consol. Revenue

The amt. was ordered to be refunded.

14 F. McPherson asking for return of deposit paid to late engineer.

Referred to be considered with others at next meeting.

15 Inspector Wilson re typhoid at East Charlton.

16 E. B. Vanthom re purchase of Govt. Stock for working fund. –

17 B. Cannin applying for passport. & two bonds for repairing road and removing stumps at Inglewood. Payment was guaranteed by several ratepayers in the neighbourhood.

Moved by Cr. Maguire
Sec. by Cr. Steel That the amt. be paid

18 Town Clerk Tarrangower asking the Council to send delegates to accompany deputation to wait on Minister of Railways re Long Gully Referred to Councillor Tarrangower

Secretary was instructed to write Mr Cairns asking him to support the application

and to inform the Tarrangower Council that an endeavour would be made to send a delegate

19 J. C. Anderson calling attention to the necessity of clearing a road running Eastward from Mr. Stewart's selection. Inspector.

20 Lands Department. referring to application of the Council for reservation of land in Salisbury The letter referred to the wrong land and the Lands stated that he had written correcting the error.

21 Ratepayers in Inglewood & Kingsbury calling attention to the state of the West Loddon road near Newbridge.
Referred to the members for the Building

22 Jas O'Brien, Mt Octopus, stating that the drains made there overflow his land.
Referred to Members for Building & engineer

23 Jas Hannon re deposit said to have been paid to engineer – postponed.

24 Clinch & Simmons, Melbourne, offering services as agents. –

25 L. Lait re collection of statistics and asking for allowance for same.
The application was refused. the Council expressing an opinion that the work had been neglected

26 Wm Welsh applying for extension of

time for completion of his contract.
Six months extension granted

27 Ratepayers in parish of Norong requesting that road accommodation may be supplied through a selection recently surveyed there.

Secretary was instructed to write to the survey office on the subject asking that a road be left.

Moved by Cr. Bergman
Sec. by Cr. Cobb. That the ordinary meeting be adjourned for half an hour for the purpose of holding a special meeting of which notice has been given

Carried.

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Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Kirriemuir Town Council held at the Town Office Kirriemuir on the 27th May 1878.

Present. Cr. John Coutts President in the Chair, and Crs. Hill, Paterson, Macgregor, James Coutts, Doall, Coutts, & Rickerson.

The President stated the object of the meeting to be the consideration of the conditions, terms & mode of raising and expending a loan of £15000 proposed to be borrowed by the Council in accordance with a resolution declaring the advisability of doing so passed at last meeting.

Cr. Rickerson said that though he had at last meeting moved that it was advisable to raise a loan he had since seen a number of the ratepayers in his district and that they were generally opposed to the proposal. He would therefore in order that the question might be brought forward at the annual elections, —

Move that the question be postponed for three months

Sec. by Cr. James Coutts and seconded.

An amendment was moved by Cr Coutts

Sec. by Cr Macgregor that the Council proceed to the consideration of the question at once.

For the Amendment	Against
Cr. Coutts	Cr. John Coutts
" Macgregor	" James Coutts
" Hill	" Rickerson
" Paterson	" Doall

The President gave his casting vote against the amendment, and the motion was then put and carried also by casting vote.

The Special meeting then closed.

Ordinary meeting continued.

The Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting including endowment £1281-2-6 Expenditure £97-13-7. Balance to credit £1183-2-8

The Report was received and approved.

The Engineer reported that plans & specifications have been prepared and tenders called according to instructions and submitted estimates of cost. That Kimpsonil bridge is much too small to carry the flood water and should be lengthened 32 feet at an cost of all £160. That culvert & approaches at 1 mile plain bridge will cost all £50.

East Charlotte & Brookwood improvements required will cost all £364.

Sudden Hughstatter road, deviation required at cost of £25.

Report recommends that the gravel reserve at Adams selection Arnhurst, should be surveyed and retained and that care should be taken to obtain gravel reserves wherever necessary and available

Bridge on Kooroy creek, Kimpsonil requires immediate repair, a £12 cost.

Proposed crossing at Cooroy is not recommended a bridge being preferable

Dam near Pound requires repair to be made at cost of £7 and should be cleaned out being nearly silted up

The report referred to various other works at Noosa Forest, Spring hill, Inglewood Bridgewater & Wheelers, and recommendations

among works and improvements. Dunning's bridge had been repaired at a cost of £3. Allen's bridge at £2-13-4, and crossing on East Loddon road near Mr. Lemmon £5. Ryan's contract for forming & metalling on Loddon & East Charlton road is completed and Porter's contract on same road nearly so. The report recommended that another village of a more portable description should be got as the saving in carriage of the present one would be considerable.

The report was received and approved.

Moved by Cr. Pitt
Sec. by Cr. Mangan. That the extension of Kingparrill bridge be postponed until next year & that the cost be included in the next estimates.

Cr.

Moved by Cr. Mangan
Sec. by Cr. Steel. That the engineer arrange to have the temporary crossing at Kingparrill bridge kept in repair.

Cr.

Moved by Cr. Patterson
Sec. by Cr. Steel. That a deviation be made on the Newlyn & Daylesford road and sets fellow in clearing. About 200 yds gravel to be supplied.

Cr.

Engineer to have crossing and bypaths repaired at Pound dam.

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. McCrutt. That a crossing be made at Kneys contract on Red Hill road, cost to be deducted from present contract.

Carried.

The following tenders were brought up by the Public Works committee.

1 On clearing on Newlyn road at Smeaton Est. £42

J. Hurst	39.	—
J. Harrison	46	—
J. Curtis	39 -	5 - —
E. Sullivan	46.	10 - —
R. N. Steel	42.	

Hurst's tender recommended.

2 Clearing at Kurweena from Pound to junction with Hepburn road Est. £48

A. Guthrie	4/ per chain	49 -	—
R. N. Steel	5/-	56	
E. Sullivan	3/½	37 -	10 - —
J. Hunter	3/3	34 -	10 - —
J. Drysdale		41.	—
A. Spear	4/-	48 -	—
W. Donaldson	4/6.	54	

R. N. Steel's tender recommended.

3 Clearing road from Cockeram's Creek

A. Cherrington	5/4	20 -	—
J. & J. Pettehard		26.	—
J. Hogarty	3/2	20 -	
E. Sullivan	3/9	22 -	10 - —

Cherrington's tender recommd.

4 Improvements Kingsvale & Chute Road Est. £30.
Naylor 37 —
Orme 41 — —
Recommend Naylor's tender.

5 Bridge on Middlebrook & Salmon River Road Est £6
O. Cathcart 74 —
Lemon 88 — 10. —
Taylor & Kinney 59 — 15 —
Sullivan 82. —
Orme 54 —
R. Reid 46 — 10. —
Reid's tender recommd.

6 Clearing from Nelson to Cameron
Fencing Estd £3
R. N. Steel per 4½ 33. —
J. Hunter 3/4 26 — 5. —
Hunter's tender recommd.

7 Supplying gravel near Middlebrook on East Chilliwack road
A. Thompson £1 per yard.
Referred to members for Riding & Kamloops

8 Cutting Jn. at Shewite Hill, Middlebrook & East Chilliwack road. Est. 20. —
Taylor & Kinney 32 — 11 —
Orme 41 —
Recommend Taylor & Kinney's tender

9 Draining on Rushes' Flat & Crown Jn. road
E. Whitney drains 4 4 per chain & £16 — work
Pitchard 3/6 — £26 — & 12 for culvert
Accept Pitchard's tender for drains & upon other work to members for Riding

Moved by Cr. Jas. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Steel, That the tenders of J. Hunter, R. N. Steel, D. Chisholm, Ashton, R. Reid, J. Hunter, Taylor & Kinney, & Pitchard as recommended by the committee, be accepted.

Carried

Mr Lundy stated that the order of Court obtained against Davey Bros. and others at Hyde Creek had not been satisfied, and was instructed to have distress warrants issued if the amounts are not paid at once.

Motions of which notice given.

1 By Cr. Catto
Sec. by Cr. Jas. Coutts That tenders be called for Cathcart Siding near Walker, Kingsvale & Chute road and necessary drains

2 By Cr. Catto Marquam
Sec. by Cr. Catto That tenders be called for crossing at Fenton's Creek near Spring Hill for crossings at Common South of bridge; crossing and footbridge North of Adams' with Common for small crossings & repairs at Kelly's & Murphy's, and drains at Ryan's near Common homestead

Carried

3 By Cr. Rosevear
Sec. by Cr. Steel That in future the Council meet at 10 o'clock a. m. on days appointed

Carried

Moved by Cr. Steel, with leave,
Sec. by Cr. Patterson That tenders be called for culvert and drains at Green Mile plain, Mysin, and for clearing Chute

two miles of road commencing at Stewart's selection, North side, and running Easterly.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Morris Coutts with leave
Sec. by Cr. Costa That tenders be called for cutting about 100 chains of drains on Bendemeer & Hyde Park roads

Carried

Instructions

Cr. Redwood

Engineer to report on cost of clearing track from Saunders & Garrigan's to Kirkwood & Kingston road.

Carried

Cr. Macqueen

Engineer to have bridge on Wellington Plains road repaired. Also to report on road from School at seven mile plain by Adams to McKinnon's; and to give estimate of cost of patched crossings in Middleton Street, and crossing over Kenny creek near Craigie Lea

Cr. Costa. That in future all first clearing on roads be made on that part of the road which has most facilities for drainage.

Cr Redwood called the engineer's attention to the manner in which Guthrie has completed his contract for clearing near Kingston bridge; the earth not having been filled into the ruts.

Cr Hall, for committee reported that the plan & specification under which Bendemeer bridge on Dalkeith and Middleton road now stands was defective

not provision for sufficient approach R. and that, consequently, extra work had been done by the contractors. The work had been examined by the committee and engineer & they have formed opinion that the amount charged by the contractors, Langston & Hay, is not excessive. It is advisable that, in future, no additions or extras to contracts shall be allowed except under an order from the Council.

Moved by Cr. Wm Costa
Sec by Cr. Redwood That Messrs Langston & Hay's acct. for additions &c. to Bendemeer bridge £22— be paid.

Carried.

The president called attention to the practice of hanging trees on roads and the danger of doing so. Advertisement was ordered to be inserted cautioning persons against it.

Notices were ordered to be printed and circulated calling attention to the necessity of paying rates before the 10th June.

Motion of Notice

Cr Macqueen That tenders be called for patched crossings in Sixth St. Middletown.

Cr Jas Coutts That tenders be called for constructing three stone crossings on Rhedes & Bendemeer road.

Moved by Mr John Coutts
Sec. by Mr Steel that the following
Accts. as recommended by the finance
committee be passed and paid.

			£	s.	d.
277	C. Ross	Labour.	17.	10.	0
278	D. Guthrie	do	4.	13.	4
279	Inspector Returns	Salary	2.	10.	—
280	Deposits		19.	—	—
281	Cont. 435	Guthrie	30.	—	—
282	" 447	Whitney	3.	—	—
283	Sundries		4.	10.	1
284	W. Rutland	Mr Rump	20.	—	—
285	Killen	Inspection, Salary	10.	—	—
286	Cont. 436	Guthrie	20.	—	—
287	" 441	Vinning & Taylor	40.	—	—
288	Engineer		25.	—	—
289	Cont. 442	Porter	50.	—	—
290	" 481	"	20.	—	—
291	" 443	Ross	62.	14.	4
292	Archer & Christopher	Labour	16.	9.	—
293	Labour	Sundries	4.	15.	—
294	"	Mrs. Walker	19.	7.	—
295	Cont. 414	Otten	1.	—	—
296	Secretary		25.	—	—
297	Printing & Advtg.	Burns &c	5.	2.	—
298	D. S. Steel	Labour	23.	17.	6
299	Cont. 421	J. Colick	3.	—	—
300	Cont. 404	Taylor	8.	—	—
301	" 411	McKean	2.	—	—
302	O. Lloyd	Engineer	25.	—	—
303	Longston & Fay	Labour	22.	—	—
304	Labour	Sundries	3.	15.	—
305	L. Mandeville	Meeting &c	4.	17.	6
			£ 440.	0.	9

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

13 June 1878 John Coutts President