Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kaiwarra Shire Council held at the Shire Office Inglewood on the 16th January 1878.

Present Cr. Jas. Coutts (president in the chair) and Crs. Macqueen, James Coutts, Redwood, Coutts, Johns, Paterson, Steel, & Hall.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

A letter received from the Secretary apologising for his absence and asking that Mr. John Reed might be allowed to act for him which was allowed.

Correspondence:-

1 St. Arnaud Shire Council Police Court with notice of intention to apply for an order against the Council for payment of expenses incurred in D. Jones a lunatic £14. 6. 6.

The Secretary was instructed to enquire whether the man was a lunatic in the Shire or not and to request the police at East Charlton to forward lunatics into Bradenbrunn & Inglewood in future.

2 Ratepayers at Connor asking the Council to apply for the reservation of a water hole there which is included in an application for a brickmaking license.

3 Secy. Kaiwarra Turf Club applying for donation

Half license fee received from Race course to be given

4 E. Whitney applying for balance due on contract

Referred to members for Wangaratta Riding with instructions to pass for payment if completed.

5 E. A. Learmed with Cy £14-16-7 for survey of part of Bradenbrunn & Buckenderoyal roads

Moved by Cr. Steel

Sec. by Cr. Paterson that the Cy be paid

Carried

6 Secy. Progress Committee East Charlton asking the consent of the Council to making a charge for water taken from the public well and proposing to ask for tenders for sinking another well

7 From same requesting that Mr. Quick may be required to remove a house belonging to him which obstructs a road at East Charlton.

The Council refuse to recognise Progress Committee except as ratepayers. The water question was referred to the members for the Bradenbrunn Riding with power to deal with it as thought advisable. With respect to the obstruction it was

Moved by Cr. Steel

Sec. by Cr. Jas. Coutts that the matter be referred to the District Surveyor

Carried

An amendt was moved by Cr. Coutts that the Council take steps to have the obstruction removed.

9 Mr. Page stating that he has completed the removal of wire from the selection of Colonel Brown to the township of Huddersfield, and that the wire from Kimpanial towards Inglewood will be completed next week.

10 Mr. Barnes re asking for what tenders may be asked for the Shire printing.
Received.

11 Secy. Inglewood Hospital applying for donation. Received.

The Council adjourned for the purpose of holding a Special meeting.

In assuming:—
The Treasurer's report was read showing receipts since last meeting £1492.3.6 – Expenditure £687.15.10. Balance to credit £302.19.4. Amount owing on new rate £1070.16.6

The Report was received and approved.

The engineer reported that the road from the long bridge on the Avoca to the West Avoca road has been cleared. That there is a passage road between Page & Catchpole's land and that occupied by P. Dwyer which is fenced in and that Dwyer, who is recently deceased, is reported to have fenced it in. Repairs on Tarnagulla road near Whitelaw are completed. A piece of land between the selections of Swan, Jay and Peirce is closed

Special Meeting.

A special meeting of the Avoca Shire Council was held at the Shire Office Inglewood on the 10th January 1896. Business:- To consider the question of removing the Shire engineer from his office.

Present the president Cr. Wm Coutts and Councillors Macgowan, James Coutts, Redmond Coutts, John Paterson, Steel, & Hall.

The President read the notice calling the meeting and copy of the notice given to the engineer.

Moved by Cr. Macgowan
Seconded by Cr. James Coutts that the services of Mr. James Byrne as Shire engineer be dispensed with.

Carried unanimously

The Special meeting then closed.

It is under stood an ordering work and it is not known whether a road is here or not. Mr. Cherry had been written to and requested to make enquiry ordered at last meeting but no reply received. Plans and specifications have been prepared for works ordered. Estimate of cost of forming & metalling ~~[illegible]~~ taking charge of Redcliffe & East Quedon road £96 —
Works generally are progressing satisfactorily but some are delayed owing to the weather.

The Report was received and adopted.

Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Jas. Castle That instructions be given to have the road between Pearce's & Drapier's land opened

Carried.

The Committee appointed to report re Shire Hall reported that they had only received one offer of premises. That it would be preferable if funds were available to erect a building for the purpose, but as the room is at present required for general work they recommended that the offer made by McCauley to lease his premises at Redcliffe for seven years at £60 per annum be accepted, with the condition that the premises be put in suitable order and divided so as to supply Council chamber, secretary's, and engineer's office.
Moved by Cr. Johns
Sec. by Cr. Patterson That the report of the Shire Hall Committee be received and adopted

Carried.

The Committee appointed to inspect Kylie's work on the East Cowra road reported that they had inspected the work and consider the price charged high. They recommended that the work should be paid rather than go to law about the small balance which might remain due contract price.

The matter was left to the committee with power to settle it.

Cr. Hall presented a report on the necessity of providing water supply within the Shire and a list of sites for proposed dams or tanks in the Bumbaldee Riding prepared by the members for that Riding. The report recommended that endeavours be made to obtain some of the reserves held under the 10th sec. of the Land Act and the Minister of Lands be applied to for authority to hold the reserves which should be vested in the Council. —

Moved by Cr. Castle That similar lists be sent by Cr. Patterson pertaining to the Lowtang by the members for the other Ridings and that the Secy. be instructed to write to the Minister of Lands & Water Supply on the matter

Carried.

A tender was received from Longston & Co for asphalting Salisbury bridge & Angt. £135-18-0! —
The tender was deferred to stand over until next meeting, the East Lowtang Council to be communicated with in the meantime. —

Thomas Walker tendered for day labour in the Kingston Riding at 6/- per day and 6/- per day for horse and cart

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Catto That Walker's tender be accepted

Carried

Motions of which notice given

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec by Cr. Hall That tenders be called for forming and metalling on the Inglewood & Redcliffe road near R. Steel Jun's selection as described in notice

Carried

Moved by the President
Sec by Cr. Steel That a finance committee be appointed to consist of Cr. Catto, Macgregor & the mover with instructions to meet half an hour before each meeting for the purpose of examining the accts. to be submitted

Carried.

Cr. Jas Coutts postponed his motion to hold all the ordinary meetings of the Council at one place

Moved by Cr. Redwood
Sec. by Cr. Hall That tenders be called for cutting drains and filling crabholes on West Loddon road between Parkins and Richards.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Macgregor
Sec by Cr. Paterson That tenders be called for forming and metalling to the chains of Redcliffe & East Charlton road between Hunter and boundary fence

Carried

Moved by Cr. Catto
Sec. by Cr. Hall That tenders be called for draining and filling holes on road from Jennings to Harris Inglewood & Wandringe road, and for constructing small culverts

Carried.

Fresh tenders were ordered to be called for metalling street at East Charlton.

Tenders were also ordered to be called for completing drain at East Charlton with pipes or brickwork

Moved by Cr. Catto
Sec. by Cr. Jas. Coutts That tenders be called for excavating and spreading 1000 yards gravel at Anna Street near Sutton's.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Paterson
Sec by Cr. Steel That tenders be called for supplying 600 c. yds. Metal on the ~~Inglewood~~ Redcliffe & East Charlton roads to be taken in equal quantities from the Shoak Range, Rock Hut and Darraka reserves. Also for clearing road from Redcliffe to Kimmorth.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Macpherson
Sec. by Cr. Steel That the President, Cr. Cutts and the mover be appointed a Committee for the purpose of obtaining the services of an inspector of works until the appointment of an engineer

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Redwood That applications be asked by advertisement for the office of engineer to the Shire at a salary of £300 per annum, the successful applicant to devote the whole of his time to the work of the Shire.

Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to give notice to contractors that unless their contracts are completed within the specified time the penalties will be enforced.
Also to request the late engineer to hand over to Cr. Redwood all Shire property in his possession.
Also to furnish time sheets to day labourers.

Notice of Motion

By Cr. James Cutts That tenders be called for clearing about three miles of road, half chain wide, from Simmons to Howards Buninyong.

Moved by Cr. Johns
Sec. by Cr. Redwood That the following accounts be passed and paid.

Carried.

117	Contract	409	Hunter	28	19	0
118	"	420	Porter	22	6	8
119	"	424	"	9	1	4
120	"	425	"	14	6	8
121	"	398	"	5	—	
122	"	378	Anderson	2	—	—
123	"	344	"	28	13	—
124	Deposits			10	—	
	Gibson Porter			1	—	
	Simmey Dep.			1	1	—
125	Cont.	415	McAuley	19	5	—
126	"	423	F. Pope	55	5	—
127	"	430	C. Pope	100	—	—
128	"	421	Colvin	9	—	—
129	Bentley & Assy.		Cockbourn	14	16	—
130	"	"	Barnes	2	3	6
131	Deposit	Cont	399	5	—	—
132	Cont.	416	A. Steel	22	12	6
133	"	433	Baragwanath	7	—	—
134	"	368	Innis	5	—	—
135	"	360	Harris	1	—	—
136	"	422	Hughes	11	5	—
137	"	427	"	80	5	—
138	"	432	Walker	10	—	—
139	"	413	Tuttman	20	—	—
140	Engineer			20	16	8
				£ 503	0	4

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

James Cutts
President

14 February 1878