Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Young Shire Council held in the Shire Hall, Wedderburn, on the 16th August 1881.

Present Cr. Steel (late President) in the Chair, and Crs. Ross, Martin, Duck & Hall. Also Crs. Bourchier, Coutts, & McKechnie, newly elected members for the North, South & Central Ridings respectively who made the necessary declarations and took their seats.

Cr. Steel stated that his term of office as President having expired it would be necessary to appoint a president for the ensuing year, and previously to fix the allowance to be made to him to defray ordinary expenses

Moved by C. Coutts
Sec. by C. Hall That the allowance to the president for the ensuing year be a sum not exceeding one and a half per cent of the gross revenue of the current year.

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Bourchie
Sec by Cr. Martin That Cr. Hall be appointed President of the Council for the next twelve months.

Carried.

Cr. Hall then took the Chair and thanked the Council for his appointment.

Moved by Cr. Bourchie
Sec. by Cr Ross That the best thanks of the Council be given to the late President Cr. Steel for his services during the past year.

Carried.

Cr. Steel acknowledged the vote of thanks.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Cr. Hall stated that in accordance with instructions given at last meeting he and Cr. Hall had attended before the time of meeting for the purpose of hearing and investigating a charge brought against the engineer: that after waiting some time no one appeared to support the charge and they therefore heard the engineer's statement respecting it and were of opinion that it was without foundation and was mere slander. They were of opinion that in future any charges of this description should be made in writing so that it would be known who was responsible for them.
Cr. Bourchier & Martin said that they had not been able to get in in time to be present at the engineer owing to the bad roads, and that they had brought the matter before the Council for the purpose of enabling the engineer to reply to and disprove the charge.

Cr. Quick asked leave to leave the meeting as he was obliged to go to Melbourne on business.
Leave granted.

Correspondence.

1 Const. O'Neill, Rhedia assigning his appointt. as Inspector of Nuisances in place owing to his been removed to another district.
2 Central Board of Health re vaccination
3 C. Aitken re crossing over drain Referred to Engineer
4 John Carr asking for crossing over water channel in High St Beaufort.
To be informed that residents must make crossings for themselves
5 Inspector Moran reporting outbreak of scarlatina at Charlton
6 Mr Nelson asking permission to erect scaffolding in High St Beaufort – Granted

7 Secretary Rural Aquatic Soy. asking for donation to funds
Moved by Cr. Bourchier
Sec by Cr. Martin That five pounds be given
Carried.
8 Plan of St. Arnaud re weigh bridge at Charlton
Re correspondence for North Riding to inspect Johnson's weigh bridge at Charlton and report on the matter.

9 Resolution of Burke's Flat common asking for instructions re rabbits.
Referred to members for North Riding
10 Thomas Walker applying for extension of time for completion of contract.
Two weeks extension granted.
11 Secy. for Lands asking for an acct of money expended by the Council under the Rabbit Act.
12 Thomas Murphy calling attention to bad state of road at Connor East.
Work placed on estimates
13 Mr J. Bankwell calling attention to bad state of road near Spring Bank
Engineer to report & put on estimates
14 Crown Lands Bailiff Beadle stating that he has made arrangements for the removal of the depot at Dunmore to some more central spot, and that selectors whose crops are being injured by rabbits from Crown Lands can obtain phosphorised oats on application
15 Ratepayers at Barwarre asking for the cleaning of two roads there
To be attended to.
16 A. Leslie & Co – Railway Contractors – asking for loan of road roller
Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec by Cr. Bourchier That the roller be lent at the rate of £3- per week for two weeks and £1.

Afterwards, or that it be sold for £45.—

Carried

17 J. C. Logan, Green Fields asking for fence post at junction of roads near there

Ordered to be done

18 Mayor of Melbourne re Fund for relief of Jews in Eastern Russia

19 S. W. Taylor asking for extension of time for completing contract at East Charlton

The work painted

20 W. McCullagh applying for appointment as keeper of weigh bridge at Charlton

21 R. Jones applying for a week's extension of time for contract

Refused, the contract not having been commenced.

22 Memorial from ratepayers in Beddisbrook requesting the Council to apply for another constable for that township

Moved by Cr. Steel

Sec by Cr. Ross That application be made to the Chief Commissioner for additional police protection there

Carried

23 L. Brandiselle asking for footpath & kerbing on East side of High St. Beddisbrook

To be placed on estimates

24 Ratepayers Beddisbrook asking for enlargement and improvement of Buckley's dam

To be placed on estimates

25 Ratepayers at Buckrabanyule asking for a tank about 50 chains East of J. Howard's on the Wycheproof road

To be placed on estimates

26 A. Nelson complaining that the rock now being blown in High St. Beddisbrook will injure his property, and that the intended level of the street was given to him by a former engineer of the Shire — Mr. Byrne

Engineer stated that the work will not injure Mr. Nelson's property. He was instructed to advise Council.

27 Ratepayers in Banyena asking for a deviation in the present road from Beddisbrook to Lemon which is almost impassable

Engineer to inspect & report as early as possible

The Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £2045.15.0 Expenditure £629.16.4

Report received and adopted. Also report showing position of Shire Funds and Redemption Accts.

The Engineer reported that a good crossing can be made over Bulabul Creek by Gibbons & Ross for about £32. That Mr. C. Green has offered to supply water from his pump in the Lorne for the trees planted at Bridgewater if the Council will cart drains. That an arrangement has been made with Mr. Jones of Lemon East to purchase from him five acres of land for road purposes for £25, he to fence in the roads. — That the cost of a first class road from Beddisbrook to the Railway station will be about £2000. That the Yeungroon and Charlton road requires draining along its whole length; with some forming and metalling and widening & clearing for about five miles. Recommends specially ten chains metalling by Thomas' & Murphy's and 3 or 4 miles side drains. That the survey of road from junction of Inglewood and Lakeboing roads to junction of Kingston & Bealiba roads from Beddisbrook. That Walker's contract near Tyrrs on Bridgewater Marybrooke road is making

very slow progress; also Jones' cont. for crossing near Paparatitis, Kuaoa, the time for which has expired and work not commenced. Recommends that the cont. be cancelled.

Report received and adopted.

Rabbit inspectors reports read & received.

Mr. Jones offer to supply water at Bridgewater was accepted subject to the supervision of the engineer.

Moved by Cr. Steel

Sec. by Cr Ross That the arrangement made by committee with Mr. Jones for the purchase of fire doors for wood purposes be confirmed.

Carried

Moved by Cr Bouchier

Sec by Cr Coutts That application be made to the Government for a grant in aid of the construction of storm channel at Charlton

Carried

Moved by Cr. Ross

Sec by Cr. McKechnie That Jones' contract for crossing in Kuaoa be cancelled and deposit forfeited as not having been commenced before the time for completion expired, and that it be offered to the next lowest tenderer, or if he decline - fresh tenders to be called

Carried

Moved by Cr. Bouchier

Sec by Cr. Ross That the rabbit inspector for the North Riding be authorised to call for tenders for clearing Fossum Swamp, McCullough and Days land from rabbits after due notice to the occupiers

Carried.

The following committees were appointed:

Public Works committee - Cr. Hall, Steel, Bouchier, and McKechnie.

Finance committee - Cr Hall, Steel & Coutts

Cr. Hall, Steel, and Bouchier were authorised to sign cheques on the Shire Banking acct.

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

1. Clearing by Rogers and Eagys Glendyn £4. 24. 10-
   R. Moore £4. 16. 0
   Referred
2. Clearing Old Inglewood to Kerting 7 —
   No tenders
3. Clearing Banks Flat to Green Forest 14. 4. 4
   Rowles accepted 12 -
   Tender 15. 8
   Whitney 16. 6
4. Clearing Glendyn to Wooroonook 12. 12. 0
   Eagan 24. 6. 0
   Referred
5. Clearing Eaglehawk road from Bridge 22. 3. 4
   J. Ross 26. 13. 4
   Kilduff 20. 10 -
   Ostrogh accepted 19. 13 -
6. Clearing by Kerr & King's Nanyiccial 22. 6. 8
   Claughton 25 -
   Tender accepted 22. 10 -
7. " by Page & Castelpoles 4. 16 -
   No tender
8. " Lemnitts to Bustis Flat 12. 10 -
   Rowles accepted - 9. 19. 0
   Whitney 14. 3. 4

9 Clearing between Gee & Boyle, Salisbury Rd Est. 8. 12. 6
No tenders

10 — Rest from Kelly, Kingsmead 33. 15. —
Tucker 33. 6. 8
McKean, recommended. 33. 15. —
J. Barnard 40. 10.

11 Clearing between Cage & Roberts, Buckenbaugh 5. 12. 6
H. Holmes recommd. 5. 18. 9
Four other tenders

12 Clearing between Walsh & Herrick, Kingsmead 11. 17. 6
G. Petty 12 —
M. Laidlaw, recommended 9. 7. 6

13 Forming &c. between Mays & Pettys, Impria 30. 10.
J. Forest 95. —
M. Kenny 29. 2. —
W. Beer 36. 15.
E. Loving 67. 10
M. Kenny's tender recommended with leave to withdraw if he has made an error, in which case to be given to J. W. Beer

14 Cutting 55 drains at Chadton, supplying and laying pipes, constructing bridge &c. Est 137. 6. 10
M. Rowler 117. —
M. Kenny 135. 2. 3
J. Howard recomd. 108. 7. 9
J. Barker 131. 10. 6
J. B. Kenny 149. 5.
J. Howard's tender recommended.

15 Clearing North from Burke's in Bowens 13. 13. 4
Rowler 18. —
Milisch recommd. 16.

16 Clearing Rhoda & Tamagalla road 15. 0. 0
Rowler recommd. 18
Cotter 22

17 Clearing Rhoda & Newbridge road 20. 0. 0
No tenders

18 Clearing from Simpson's creek to Beattie 37. 15. 0
J. Bellinger recommd. 35. 4. 4
Rowler 37. 10. —
Tucker 38. 10. 8
Chisholm 40. 5. 4
Bellinger recommended

Moved by Cr Ross
Sec by Cr Martin That the tenders of M. Rowler, Detroch, Tucker, McKean, Holmes, Laidlaw, Kenny, Howard, Milisch, and Bellinger, as recommended by the Public Works committee, be accepted
Carried

Moved by Cr Quirk per Cr Bourchier
Sec by Cr ~~Bourchier~~ Martin That tenders be called for fencing Mitchells dam and erecting pump & trough Also for clearing from Box creek to McKenzies all stumps and dead timber, and that half a mile be cleared from Battery to Mr Adams.
Carried

Moved by Cr Ross with leave
Sec by Cr Steel That tenders be called for clearing by McAdams's, Jones East, 1½ miles by Mary, Mr Gordon's 1½ miles South and between Street & Grainger ½ miles
Carried

Moved by Cr. McKechnie
Sec. by Cr. Steel That a guide post be erected at junction of St. Emmanuel & Cross roads.
Carried

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Hall That tenders be called for clearing between Geo Hughes' Selection & Rest. also for clearing between Morris & Pinnetts and between Lauchlan & Cr. Coutts.
Carried

Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Steel That tenders be again called for all works not let at this meeting
Carried

Moved by Cr. Martin
Sec by Cr. Bourchier That a finger post be placed at junction of Boat & Berkins roads on Fernhurst
Carried.

Instructions

Cr. Martin Engineer to have drain near Berkins completed

Cr. McKechnie - Engineer to survey a road from Fontain Creek State School to Parkes Flat.

Cr. Rose Engineer to have road across Kenny Flat by Godfrey's repaired.

Cr. Bourchier Engineer to survey a road from junction of Boat & Fernhurst roads to Kenny Dale Station

Cr. Steel - Say to add to estimates for Central Riding £100 for repairing road to railway station from Kilkenbum.
Cr. Steel on behalf of the finance committee called the attention of the engineer to the rate of wages paid to men employed as chainmen which should not exceed 6/ per day

Notices of motion.
Cr. Bourchier That five miles of the Shire boundary road on the North commencing at Douglas' in Barnes Block be cleared running East.

Cr. Steel, Hall, & Bourchier were appointed a refreshment Committee.

It was ordered that if any tender be sent in not endorsed with the proper advertised number of the work it may on motion of any councillor be rejected

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec by Cr. Coutts That the following accts. as recommended by the Finance Committee be passed and paid -

Carried.

400	Cr. Bottrill -	tree-pruning	6 -	0 -	0
401	Contract 722 -	J. Parker	104.	5.	2
401*	Labour	J. McNeil	2.	—	
402	Cont. 719.	Jackson Bros	50.	—	
403	- 711	J. Forest	15.	—	
405	W. Cramer	rats for rabbits	3.	9 —	
404	R. Mechen	salary as rabbit inspector	9.	—	
406	F. Rose	Labour	7.	—	
407	J. Allen	—	4 -	17 -	
408	Cont. 724.	J. Hurst	10.	—	
409	- 734	R. Kenny	13 -	2.	6
		Total.	£ 244	13.	8

		Forward	244.	13.	8
410	Cont. 737	McKenny	11.	15.	—
411	- 701	"	20 -	5.	—
412	J. Martin	vouch for rabbits	6.	16.	6
413	Cont. 748	McRoster	2 -	10 -	—
414	Inspector	Salary	5.	—	
415	Resident Commissioner	for Murchison	4.	17.	6
416	Inspector	O'Neill	1.	13.	4
417	C. Butterick	Surveyor's Fees	8.	18.	
418	Cont. 739	R. Crisp	35.	—	
419	- 730	Walker	10.	—	
420	- 726	Guthrie	5 -	4.	8
421	Burton	Labour	8.	—	
422	Cont. 719	Jackson	9.	5.	—
423	- 728	C. Roe	7.	10.	—
424	- 691	"	2.	—	—
425	- 743	Tudor	4.	—	
426	- 794	Kenny	30	—	
427	G. F. Grant	Rabbit Inspector	20 -	10 -	—
428	Cont. 749	Rowler	2 -	10 -	—
429	- 729	Hurst	19.	—	
430	- 736	"	14.	14.	—
431	Hemmingway	Bro. printing &c	11 -	8.	—
432	Labour	J. Roberts	2 -	9 -	
433	"	J. C. Anderson	3.	10.	—
434	Electric Exp.	Central Railway	16.	5 -	
435	Sundries		8.	10.	11
436	R. Laidlaw	Labour	6.	—	
437	A. Bolam	Swift Park	5 -	8.	6
438	E. Whitney	Labour	5 -	12.	6
438A	Reddish	-	5 -	—	
439	Cont. 717	Reddish	25 -	8.	4
440	" 740	Howard	20 -	—	
441	" 734	"	80	—	
442	R. L. Clist	Labour	6.	12.	—
		Forward	£ 680	6.	11

		Forward	680 -	6 -	11
443	J. C. Patterson	Labour	5.	5.	—
444	Cont. 742	Kinsey	30.	—	—
445	Engineer	Salary	29 -	3 -	4
446	Secretary	"	25 -	—	—
447	Cont. 746	Holmes	4.	13 -	6
448	- 692	R. A. Jones	2.	—	—
449	- 731	C. Lemon	12 -	8 -	6
450	Holmes R.	Labour	2 -	10.	—
451	Connell & Jackson	Stationery	9 -	9 -	7
452	Cont. 732	Rowling	4.	15.	10
453	- 739	Crisp	7 -	4 -	5
			£ 817	17	5

The next meeting was resolved to be held on the usual day and the meeting then closed.

Wedderburn
Sept. 20th 1881

Confirmed
Wm. Hall, President