Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Council of the Shire of Korong held at the Shire Hall Wedderburn February 20th 1883.

Present Cr. Ross. Steel, Martin Coutts Bourchier & Clark

In the absence of the President it was moved by Cr Ross sec by Cr Bourchier { That Cr Steel take the Chair — Carried

Cr Steel then took the chair & the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed —

Correspondence.

1 Secty for Lands intimating that reserve in parish of Berrimal has been Gazetted —

2 P. Quirk stating that complaints were being made about the Charlton Weighbridge & suggesting that it should be tested —

Moved by Cr Steel seconded by Cr Ross { That the bridge having been tested by the Engineer & Caretaker and found correct — any statement to the contrary is untrue — & that the Secretary be instructed to insert advertisements in the local paper that any person circulating such untrue statements will be prosecuted — Carried

3 Secty for Mines & Water Supply enquiring whether the Tiffin Water winger had been worked since October 1882.

4 Clerk of P.S. Charlton forwarding cheque £21-0 proceeds of sale of Confiscated liquor O'Connell v Dart

5 Secty St Arnaud Hospital acknowledging receipt of Councils donation —

6 Secty Shire of Bet Bet asking Council to join in cost of clearing Wehea and Llanelly road near Murphys Flat — Agreed to

7 Manager Bank of Victoria stating that owing to the dear state of the money market and the hardening tendency it has — the rate charged must be 8 % from the ~~first~~ 1st instant, till money is easier when the the Shire shall immediately have the benefit of the change —

Moved by Cr Steel } That the Engineer to accept the
Sec by Cr Ross } offer of the Bank Manager as to interest — Carried

8 Secty for Railways re diversion of Railway drainage at Koorongvale —

9 P. O Brien Kingower report on condition of Kingower tanks —

10 John Keefe Charlton re Weighbridge & intimating that he perfectly understood the matter of adjusting

11 John Sutherland re road from Gaowong Springs to Springhill —

12 C. Abbott & others re the dangerous condition of Watering Place at Bridgewater — and asking the Council to act in the matter — Referred to Engineer —

13 Secretary Avoca Water Trust — Stating that Commissioners considered that the Office used by them is a Government Office & not liable to be rated — Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Trust & refer him to the rating clauses of the Local Government Act —.

14 William Terry Bridgewater re Weighbridge —

15 J. Chamberlain re land required for road.

16 J. Chamberlain do

17 Secty Cruwick Relief Fund that the condition attached to the Council's donation (see last meeting) prevents the Committee from accepting it — asking for re consideration. Notice of motion to rescind will be given

18 Mr Jackson enclosing acct for £1 attendance upon Mrs Smith —

19 Do Mc Kean report on the condition of Mrs Kennedy's

20. Govt Statist acknowledging receipt of Agric Schedules

21 J. McGuiness Buckrabanyule drawing attention to rabbit nuisance & to the harbours for same in the bush & log fences which exist in the locality — Referred to Rabbit Inspector

22 Secty for Mines & Water Supply asking for return of Jeffries Water auger — Council to be returned

23 Secty Public Works to Mr Langdon re road to Koorongvale Station that application for assistance will be considered when the estimates for 1883-4 are being prepared

24. William Terry re Weighbridge Bridgewater —

25 Joseph Lockhart & others Bennett Submitting a list of works required in the Central Riding & asking the Council to act in the matter

Moved by Cr Steel } That the Engineer be instructed to
Second by Cr Ross } report upon the roads etc in Bennett — Carried

26 Secty Avoca Hill Shire Water Trust stating Trust's willingness to Co-operate with Council in sinking well near Douglas Selection, Marnal —

27 Secty Avoca Hill Shire inviting delegates to Conference at Marnal on the Mallee question to be held on the 26th Inst —

28 Secty for Mines & Water Supply requesting full particulars for which additional loan of £500 is required for Wedderburn Waterworks, ordered to be supplied

29. Govt Statist receipt of panel of schedules —

30. Under Treasurer asking for annual Statements.

31 Govt Statist acknowledging receipt of Schedules

32 Wm Cannon Charlton applying for permission to erect veranda over footpath — Granted on usual Conditions

33. Town Clerk Inglewood. Stating Borough will commence repairs to Storm Channel as soon as funds are available from the Government.

34 C. Rose applying for additional payment for gravel Wedderburn Railway Station road —

Moved by Cr Ross } That Rose be paid for 100 yards
Sec by Cr Clark } extra on the ground that the C gains by alteration in mode of placing gravel on the road — Carried

35 Thomas Mortimore Kingsbury Weir applying for Slaughtering Licence — Granted subject to favorable report of Inspector as to site

36 Secretary for Lands re 110th Sec Reserve Wychitella intimating that the Department was not at liberty to interfere at present with the Council.

37 Secty for Lands re Mitchells Tank Reserve to same effect

38 Secty for Lands re reserve on allot 4B of Section B Parish of Charlton, to same effect

39 Secretary for Lands asking for plan of Reservoir Reserve & pipe track areas — Ordered to be supplied —

40 John Vannah & other residents of Kunacc inviting attention of Council to crossing at Fords Creek, refd to Eng

41 Herbert Lamont re transfer of Johns Sanderson's Tenders land —

42 John Smith re diversion of drainage from High St Wedderburn refd to Engineer

43 John Forrest applying for Compensation for loss sustained on Contract Wedderburn & Woosary road —

On the motion of Cr Steel the matter was referred to the Engineer for report at next meeting —

44 T. Shannan applying for permission to erect Verandah over footpath at Charlton — granted on usual condition.

45 George Bryant & others Boonoar (presented by Cr Ross) Complaining of rabbits at Yawong & Boonoar & asking Council to take some measures to destroy them —

Moved by Cr Ross, Seconded by Cr Bourchier — That the late rabbit Inspector be employed temporarily, to give notice to destroy fences & clear rabbits in Central Riv — Carried

46 E. Stewart asking Council to oppose the application for a common at Buckrabanyule —

Cr Bourchier, Cr Martin — That the Council oppose the granting of a Common at Buckrabanyule — Carried

47 J. & G. Starr re reduction of salary. Cr Ross suggested leaving the matter over to next meeting — Cr Bourchier thought the action of the Council in curtailing the Engineers salary without notice was irregular. Cr Clark differed. Cr Steel said the resolution had been carried by a majority & he is of opinion it is correct —

Moved by Cr Bourchier, Sec by Cr Coutts — That the motion passed at the last meeting relative to the Engineers

Salary was irregular because the previous notice fixing the salary had not been rescinded —

For	against	Carried
4	3	

Motion to be struck out —

On letter 18

Moved by Cr Steel, Sec by Cr Martin — That expense incurred in relief of Mrs Reynolds & Mrs Smith be paid — Carried

On letter No 26.

Cr Bourchier, Cr Martin — That tenders be called for sinking well at Donald in conjunction with Swan Hill Trust — Carried by casting vote.

Amendment —

Cr Coutts, Cr Ross — That the Swan Hill Water Trust be requested to sink the well & the Council will pay half cost of same —

For	agst
Coutts	Bourchier
Ross	Martin
Clark	Steel

Amendment lost by the casting vote of the Chairman.

On letter 27. Cr Clark, Cr Ross — That Cr Bourchier & Cr Steel be appointed delegates to attend the Conference at St Arnaud on the Mallee question — Carried.

With reference to the transfer of land by Mr Kirk to the Council for road purposes in exchange for road already surrendered, it was resolved that the Corporate seal be attached to such transfer and also to transfer of road to Mr Kirk, the Council paying the cost of the former and Mr Kirk of the latter.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the lessees of the runs, on which the 110th section reserves referred to in letters Nos. 36. 37. & 38 an intimation asking if they will consent to the reserves being placed under

the content of the Council -
with regard to letter No 39. Cr Clark moved &
Cr Bourchier seconded that the Officers be instructed
to have the pipe track & drainage areas surveyed
Carried

The Treasurer reported receipts since last meeting £506-4/-
Expenditure £465/15-8 Bank overdraft less
cash in hand) £535-18-0 - Report received & approved.

The Secretary submitted a return of revenue &
expenditure of thirty Shires for Comparison etc -
Cr Clark } That the Secretary be thanked for his report &
Cr Martin } that the press be requested to publish it -
Carried

The engineer reported that it is not advisable
to sink a well near Mr. G. Lister's homestead
as it is not probable that a permanent
supply of water will be obtained there.
That the best site for a tank in that
neighbourhood is in the corner of J. Walsh's
land where a two thousand yard tank
might be excavated at the North end of
the three chain road. the catchment from
the road being sufficient to fill it in ordinary
seasons. — The contractor for the South
Wychitella tank declines to take another
100 yards at contract price. Has inspected
crossing near Symbergs and recommends a
culvert there which is provided for on the
estimates. — The total cost of Koorongah
weighbridge to date is £139-18-0.
The Beckerabangale shaft - the work of
completing it which was left in the hands
of the North Riding members has been let
to Mr G. Rivers of Wychitella to sink another
foot deeper or until the supply of water warrants

100 gallons per hour for £100; the work to be
carried out according to specification. A bond
for £100 security for completion and against
injury to the shaft or windmill has been given.
The time for completion - three weeks expired yesterday
and the work will probably be finished in a few days
The contractor for fencing by Sloan's on the Bylawood
& Boort road W. Madden has left the work in a very rough
state and his month's extension of time expired
on the 12th Inst. Otherwise the works in hand
are making fair progress
Proposed by Cr Clark
Sec. by Cr. Steel That the acceptance of
the tender of G. Roberts for completing shaft
at Beckerabangale by the members for the
North Riding for the sum of £100 be confirmed
Carried.

Mr. Maclure, who was present stated that he
intended to complete his contract at once &
that it would take 14 days to do so.
An extension of 14 days, or six weeks in all
from the expiry of the original contract
time was granted
The engineer's report was then received & approved
He also verbally reported that the Bushes
Flat reservoir requires repair, and that new
drains are necessary to the South Wedderburn
Tank.
Proposed by Cr Clark
Sec. by Cr. Bourchier That tenders be called
for drains &c to South Wedderburn tank & be
opened by Cr. Steel & Ross with power to
accept one
Carried.
Proposed by Cr Clark
Sec. by Cr Martin That the engineer be

authorised to expend not more than £10 in repairing Bethla and Cochrane's Creek roads

Carried

Moved by Cr Bouchier
Sec. by Cr Ross That the Charlton bridge be metalled at cost of £10 to £25 half-lots paid by St. Arnaud Shire Council

Carried

Moved by Cr Bouchier according to notice
Sec. by Cr Clark That by a special order of the Council, the necessary notice having been given, the bye-laws numbered two and three for the management of waterworks, drains &c. and for preventing the distribution of trees on roads &c. passed and adopted at the meeting of this Council held on the 16th January, must be now confirmed and published as directed by the Local Govt. Act.

Carried.

The committee appointed to draft a bye-law for making a rate for the supply of water within the Maldenbaum Water supply district submitted a bye-law for that purpose made under the provisions of the Local Governing Bodies Loan Act. 1872. and numbered four.

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr Ross That bye-law No. 4, for making a rate within the Maldenbaum Water Supply district for the supply of water be now passed and adopted and that the necessary notices be given for the confirmation of such bye-law at the next ordinary meeting of the Council. Also that Mr. J. Steel be appointed Collector of the Rate and collector of the rate at a salary of £12 per annum

Carried

Reports from Cons. takers of timber were read and received.
Reports from Rabbit Inspectors for North and South Redings were also read & received

Moved by Cr Coutts
Sec. by Cr Bouchier That the rabbit inspectors supply arsenic and poisoned chaff to farmers requiring it for the purpose of destroying rabbits on their own land only, and that notice of time and place at which it can be obtained be given by the inspectors by advertisement

Carried

Moved by Cr Bouchier
Sec. by Cr Martin That the inspector for North Riding be required to furnish detailed statements at each meeting of all the work done by him, places visited, notices served, poison supplied &c. and that he attend specially to the selection in the Northern part of the Riding

Carried

Cr Clark That the inspector be specially instructed to do his duty impartially in all cases
The engineer submitted an age from Robinson Bros in connection with the centrifugal pumps last year for work and materials supplied. Ordered to be paid

The following tenders were opened and dealt with by the whole Council:—

1 Forming embankment near Keith's hydraulic
R. Maclure 40. 2. 6 — Cl. £42

2 Constructing Bridge over creek near Pitchers on Maldenbaum road Geo. Hall. 120
Estimate £122. 15. 4

No 2 N. Crisp 106. 15. 4
D. Guthrie 107. 10. —
Wildish 115. —
F. Hughes 104 - 10.

Hughes recommended

3 Constructing Bridge at Ferby Creek near Olsons and Shands Est. 127-12. -
F. Hughes 110. —
W. A. Jones 149 - 10. —
D. Guthrie 113. —

4 Forming 25 chains Charlton & Glenloth road near Shannons Est. £69. 10. 0
J. Kinery 75. 15. 0

Moved by Cr Ross
Sec by Cr Bourchier That the tenders of N. Machue for No. 1 - F. Hughes for No. 2 & 3. and J. Kinery for No. 4 be accepted

Carried

Motions under notice.

By Cr. Coutts
Sec by Cr. Bourchier That a culvert be constructed over creek near Mr. Caughlans on the Emu Bridge road. Tenders to be called for next meeting.

Carried

By Cr. Martin
Sec by Cr. Bourchier That a dam of 2000 c. yards capacity be excavated in Myrtle. Tenders to be called for next meeting Carried

Notice of motion by Cr. Ridgeway for repairs to Inglewood Storm channel footpaths

By Cr. ~~Coutts~~ Ross
Sec. by Cr. Steel That tenders be called

for constructing two culverts near Nymboys in Conor East

Carried

By Cr. Clark
Sec. by Cr. Martin That a committee be appointed to consider the necessity of retrenchment in the cost of managing the business of this Shire, such committee to consist of the President, Councillors Hall, Coutts, Bourchier, Martin & Clark

Carried

Instructions.

Cr. Bourchier. Engineer to report on cost of making approaches to station at Mt. Cedar. —

Cr Coutts stated that Kearney wished to throw up his contract in Nodett and made that he be paid for work done and released from the contract.
Sec. by Cr Steel and carried

Cr Ross Engineer to report on road from Yancey to Spring Hill and have any closed roads in that district opened
Also to report on crossing at Killarnie and road from Spring Hill to Green Forest near Carlton

Cr Clark Secretary to call attention of Railway Department to road blocked in Berry near Carlton
Engineer to survey road near corner of James McCormick block in Berry to Hedderwick and Mylchreest roads.

Cr Coutts Engineer to survey road from Mr. Johns farm in Brencannia to railway station near Allona
Secretary to apply to Railway Department for change of names of Stations on Moe-Noojee & Charlton railway Meeting to Hope Creek, and Glenalbyn to Jerusalem. Hedderwick to Hedderwick road to Cargin &c

Notices of Motion.

1 By Cr Clark That tenders be called for constructing crossing by Hannahs & Davis at Kurracen -

2 By Cr Bourchier that 30 chains of gravelling and forming be done on road between the Selections of D. McArthur & Noonan from 3 chain road towards Railway Station forming to be done in 3 places provided for in estimates -
and that 1000 yards additional be taken from South Wychitella tank.

3 By Cr Ross that tenders be called for forming & draining between Morphets & Boyles Yeungroon.
2 That Tenders for forming & draining road between McGovans & McGurks.
3 For gravelling avoca Forrest road at Suttons.

4 Cr ~~Bourchier~~ Coutts that previous motion passed by Council ~~fixing~~ Condition to Donation to Creswick Relief Fund be rescinded and the Council agree to resolution passed by Creswick Relief Fund Committee.

5 By Cr Coutts Tenders be called for forming and metalling about 6 Chains of Inglewood and Boort road by the Maxwells Reef -

6 By Cr Martin that Tenders be called for excavating a tank of 2000 yards on the boundary of the North and Central Ridings, at the joint expense of both.

7. By Cr Steel Tenders be called for supplying 1000 yards of metal on Wedderburn & Railway Station roads.

Cr Clark with leave } That tenders be called for
Seconded by Cr Ross } clearing Road from Wedderburn to Korong Vale Tenders to be in at next meeting.
Carried.

Cr Coutts } That Crs Clark and Redwood be
Cr Bourchier } added to the Committee appointed to consider the necessity of retrenchment in the cost of managing the business of the Shire -
Carried.

Cr Ross } That the following accs be passed
Cr Coutts } and paid. -
Carried.

217	Hewitt & Ingram bricks for K & Weighbridge 5.6.0	4 - 18 - 8	
218	Ward Water Supp wages of men to cut benches.	3 - 16 - 8	
219	Inspector Killen Salary to December 12 mo	10 - 0 - 0	
220	Inspector Nolan salary to December 6 mo	5 - 0 - 0	
221	Robsin Horse & Dray hire K.R	4 - 13 - 4	
222	Con 878. Crisp.	12 - 0 - 0	
223	Con 822. H. A Jones	3 - 10 - 0	
224	Con 877. S. Kining.	50 - 0 - 0	
225	Refund of Penalty under Lic Act Sofenmon PL	2 5 -	
226	Con 875 - Duckett	7 - 0 - 0	
	Interest to Bank of Victoria H.B. Crescent	15 - 19 - 10	
227	Morong Racing Club Hall fees for Licences PL	2 - 0	
228	Weighbridge Commr Cr Monaghan.	5 - 0 30	
229	M.V Weighbridge Metalling Gibsons	5 - 0 - 0	
230	do do Hamiltons	5 - 1 -	
231	P. Arnold painting Signboards	3 - 10 - 0	
232	Con 878. Keogh	14 - 11 -	
233	Sec Axford repg road by Sparks. Nowang.	9 - 0 - 0	
234	Labour acc Wilson various jobs	3 - 11 - 6	
235	Con 869 S. T. Bird	7 - 0 - 0	
236	Weighbridge Commr Hamilton.	11 - 9 -	
237	Weighbridge Commr O'Keefe	11 - 15 - 0	
	Forward	£ 223. 3. 1	

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238	Weighbridge Comms Ferry	2 - 17 - 6
239	Con 878 Crisp	20 - 0 - 0
240	Water Supply Arnott	2 - 10 - 0
241	Thos Cosh Dog Commission	5 - 16 - 3
242	Guarantee Premiums for Weight Keepers	6 - 0 - 0
243	Sundry accs	11 - 12 - 8
244	Jno Davis goods for Water Supply	2 - 6 - 0
245	Office Expenses.	3 - 1 - 6
246	Stationery & Printing etc	6 - 11 - 0
247	S. R. Cuder 1 mo Salary as Secretary	25 - 0 - 0
248	Jno G. Starr 1 mo Salary	29 - 3 - 4
249	James Robison Inspector of Works	16 - 13 - 4
250	S. R. Gray for Assist Secty 5 Weeks salary	7 - 10 - 0
251	Mrs Moncrieff Residents Allowance.	4 - 13 - 0
252	W. S. Stubb day labour	8 - 5 - 0
253	H. Robson Horse & dray hire.	5 - 11 - 8
254	W. A. Jones day labour South Rdg.	4 - 16 - 0
255	Con 867 Keogh	21 - 10 - 0
256	Con 835 W. A. Jones	1 - 10 - 0
257	Con 845 Guthrie	8 - 17 - 6
258	Con 852 Keogh	15 - 13 - 9
259	Con 880 Campbell	16 - 4 - 0
260	Con 820 Hughes	2 - 0 - 0
261	Rabbit Act arsenic & Scalps	5 - 13 - 3.
262	Con 883 Roberts & Thomas	25 - 0 - 0
263	W. M. Cline Rabbit Act (salary)	7 - 10 - 0
264	Con 875. Duckett	4 - 10 - 0
265	Road Surveying Wages of men,	16 - 16 - 0
266	Water Supply Robison & Co	8 - 0 - 0
267	Charitable Acc Mrs Reynolds Smith	5 - 0 - 0
		£523 - [illegible]

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

(Signed) 20th March 1883

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