Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Korong Shire Council held at the Shire Hall Wedderburn November 18th 1884.

Present.

Cr Redwood President (in the Chair) Hall. Paterson Bourke. Baird, Ross & Martin & Coutts on afterwards.

Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Correspondence:—

1 Royal Humane Society with copies of Report and instructions for restoring the apparently drowned &c Received

2. Victorian Deaf & Dumb Institution for donation. Received

3 M.G. Edwards re rates.

4. Public Works Department for Copies of Balance Sheet — to action

5. Shire of Lowan suggesting formation of new Group in connection with the Municipal Asso.n to be consist of Shires and Boroughs in the North & North Western portion of the Colony —

Cr Paterson
Cr Redwood } That Council approves the suggestion re Group of Northern Shires and will join one if formed, but declines to send delegates to Preliminary meeting at Ballarat. Carried.

6 Railway Dept stating that a Crossing would be made over line near Carlous Parish of Korong

7. Public Works Dept re Shire Severance stating that Counter petition must be lodged within 1 month from 10th October —

8 Education Department re measles at Korong Vale and stating that the Department did not consider it necessary to close school &c

Received

9 P.O. Brien reporting favorably on Kingower Roads

Received

10 Lowan Shire inviting Co-operation in endeavor to have duty on Cornsacks remitted in

Cr Redwood
Cr Hall } That Council support movement to abolish the duty on cornsacks - Carried

11 Secty for Lands re rabbits on Martin Kelly's land Gower.
In reply to a letter from the Secty Mr Kelly had called at the Shire Office and expressed that he had attempted to eradicate his land of rabbits, but was overrun with rabbits from Crown Lands

12. R. McAdam of Barraklee Consenting to take Charge of Weighbridge at 5% but declining to keep the approaches in repair
Secretary was directed to explain that the approaches meant only those close to the Bridge and that Council will find material for same.

13 Dr McKean Health Officers Report
14. Const Morris reporting cases of measles at Glenalbyn
15 Head Teacher Kingsbury re measles
The necessary steps had been taken in both these cases.
16 Inspect. Delaney re above

17 Hon W. Madden asking for statement of expenditure on Rabbit destruction since Commencement Supplied

18. Mr Tanner re road by Arthurs Avoca Forest — suggesting that the matter be held over till next year.
Received

19. The Secretary read Circular copies of which had been sent to Rabbit infested Shires, containing resolution adopted by the recent Conference, to the effect that they be asked to stop all further expenditure in attempting to destroy rabbits ~~cease~~ until the Government agrees to considerably increase the Subsidy at present paid.

Cr Redwood
Cr Hall } That the Council approves of the suggestion to cease purchasing scalps or ears ~~till~~ ~~cost~~ increase the subsidy and that one weeks notice of this intention be given. Carried

20 W Ashton Hygeia refusing to accept charge of the Hygeia Weighbridge under 65% —
Cr Paterson
Cr Hall } That Tenders be called for renting the Hygeia Weighbridge for 12 months at a fixed sum. Carried

21 John Craig Secty Korong A Society thanking Council for use of Market Square and offering to sell Ring fence for sum of £17.17.0
Moved by Cr Paterson
" by Cr Cahill } That the Engineer value the fence and report to next meeting. Carried.

22 Secty Shire of St Arnaud re appointment of Analyst asking Council to Co-operate in the appointment of one for several Shires & Boroughs in this District
Cr Paterson
Cr Ross } That Council join in the appt^nt of an Analyst - Carried

23. Const Omelchor resigning office of Inspector of Nuisances.
Received

24 Secty Avoca Water Trust stating that the term for which Commissioners to represent the Council on the Trust had expired and that it was necessary to appoint new ones.

Moved by Cr Coutts
" Cr Paterson } That Cr Bourchier be appointed Commnr on Avoca United Waterworks Trust. Carried

Moved by Cr Ross
" Cr Bourke } That Cr Cahill be appointed Commissioner of the Avoca United Water Trust Carried

25 C. F. Maunsell re transfer of land from Christenson

26 W. Vallance suggesting improvements required to roads in Beverinal & Coonoor
Engineer to Report

27 Guthrie & Timms abandoning Contract for forming on Charlton & Wedderburn Road and applying for return of deposit

Cr Ross
Cr Paterson } That deposit be forfeited and fresh tenders for work be called Carried

Cr Paterson
Cr Ross } That Eng pay up rents and obtain freehold for Christenson, & land and pay Christenson £10 for same. Carried.

28 James Douglas applying for tank and trough for Narrewillock well
Secty instructed to reply that Council decline to expend money there till resumed question is settled —

29 Cr Bourchier stating that a road recently used by the Council is included in a Selection

taken up by Wm Brambrey Boring
Secretary was instructed to have written to the Department with a view to having road excised.

30 Lands Office St Arnaud re Same

31 W. Steel reporting favorably on Wycheproof Water Supply

32 Thos Leech Wooang re movement for new Road near Collins & Kuninmouths.

Cr Coutts
Cr Cahill } That no action be taken in the matter of altering the road by Leechs & Collins land Carried

33 Robt Webb Mungower applying for leave to mine on Road. agreed to subject to usual Conditions

34 W Steel Wycheproof applying for advance in price per lamp for Lamplighting, stating which he must give up Contract at next meeting —

Moved by Cr Ross
by Cr Cahill } That fresh tenders be called for lamplighting at Wedderburn.
Cr Martin here took his Seat — Carried

35 Inspector Nolan Charlton reporting sickness supposed to be Croup, in the family of Mr McConchy Bgr Bank of Victoria at Charlton and suggesting that the Health Officer visit Charlton and that drain opposite Bank Victoria be repaired —
Secretary was instructed to write for further information

Cr Redwood
Cr Paterson } That this meeting be adjourned for the purpose of holding the annual one. Carried

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held in the Shire Hall Heddesburn on the 18th November 1884.

Present Cr Redwood President of the Council in the Chair and Crs Hall Ross. Paterson Coutts Cahill Martin & Bourke —

The Secretary submitted Statement of Accounts duly Audited and read auditors report which testified to the same being correct in every particular.

Moved by Cr Hall That the Statement of accounts
Seconded by Cr Redwood and report be received and adopted
Carried

The meeting then closed
Confirmed 18th December 1884
President.

The Ordinary meeting resumed

Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £ 89 " 16 " 11 Expenditure £ 760 " 12 " 9
Bank Overdraft £ 1303.

Moved by Cr Redwood
" Cr Ross } That the Treasurers Report be received — Carried

Re Shire Severance

The Secretary reported that upon examination the petition praying for the Severance was found to contain only 170 "good signatures" which however constituted a majority of those qualified to sign. The Counter petition was signed by 178 of those qualified and by a large number of other Ratepayers within the area. Of those qualified more than 60 of those who signed the first petition also signed the second and the reduced number for severance was 110 with 178 against it. Of the 110 54 were

residents in the Townships & 34 within the Parish of Charlton leaving 26 in the remainder of the area who approved of Severance:

As the Secretary for Public Works declined to accept the signatures to the second petition ~~and~~ a formal letter of withdrawal was drafted and signed by 48 persons, 13 signatures only being required. The final result was therefore a total of 132 for Severance or 34 below the number fixed by the Minister to entitle the ~~Minister~~ matter to Consideration. It was therefore presumed the petition would lapse.

The signatures obtained in the Central Riding had been verified by Cr Ross and those in the North by Mr Battery

Cr Redwood moved the adoption of the Secretaries report and a hearty vote of thanks to that Officer
Seconded by Cr Paterson & Carried

Mr Paterson drew attention to a paragraph which had appeared in the Charlton Tribune stating that threats had been used to the effect that the Weighbridges at Barraba & Buckrabanyule would be removed if the agitation for Severance was successful.
He wished to know if such a statement had been made by anyone in Authority in the Shire.
The Secretary ~~remarked~~ replied that he had merely remarked that the Bridges would have to be removed if not purchased by the new Shire, no threat was ever used by him —

The Secretary read an abs of the ~~Doings~~ proceedings at the Rabbit Conference held recently in Sydney
The Report was adopted

Engineer Reported that in consequence of the risk of fire
1 the Clearing by Riley's Buckrabanyule and also
2 by Page & Catchpole have been stopped. and recommends the Suspension of all Clearing Contracts till next Season.
3. The St Arnaud Shire Engineer states that £400 has been on their Estimates for their share in the proposed Bridge over the Avoca for two years.
4 In Company with the Central Rdy Members had examined new line of Road asked for by Residents in Barrokee & Woorang, & finds that by the most direct route a saving in the distance of 98 chains can be effected the cost of which ~~xxx~~ opening which would probably be about £150 recommends that the matter be held over for the present —

Moved by Cr Stall } That the Engineers
seconded by Cr Ross } Report be received and adopted.

Cr Ross } Secretary to enquire whether newly
Cr Cohill } Constituted Shire of Korong & Kow will join in Construction of bridge over Avoca and that the matter be postponed pending further information — Carried

Tenders

No 1 Bridge over Simpsons Creek by McCamish & Hargreaves Parish of Tarnagulla.

Estimate £218. 9. 0

~~W. Crisp £65. 0. 0~~
~~Cathcart & Timms 67. 10. 0~~
~~59. 19. 6~~

F. Hughes £209. 0. 0
A. Milne 175. 0. 0

Milne recommended

No 2. Constructing bridge over Storm Channel near Cherchis South Kedderburn —

Estimate £89. 0. 6

W. Crisp £65. 0. 0
Cathcart & Co 67. 10. 0
J. Gooch 59. 19. 6
J. Brown 73. 0. 0
Weldish & Co 70. 0. 0

No Tender accepted

No 3. Constructing 2 Culverts & approaches & 5 chains of metalling Inglewood & New bridge Road

Estimate £106. 11 —

C. Lucas £85. 4. 7
W. Crisp 126. 5/
Thos. Jones 124. 18/4

Recommended Lucas

No 4 Clearing 10. chains and gravelling 6 by Bakers & Wales Bertinal.

Estimate £19. 5/-

C. Rose £16. 16. 6
F. Rose 11. 15/
G. Duckett 11. 18/

Recommended F. Rose

No 5 Culvert & approaches by Black Dam Buckrabanyule
Weldish & Dillon £50-0-0 Estimate £56. 6/-
W. Crisp 68-4-0

Recommended Weldish & Dillon

No 6 Culvert & approaches & 25 chains forming by Days & Watts Parish of Dunolly.
Weldish & Dillon £87. 10. 0 Estimate £107. 10/-

Recommended

Cr Redwood } That the Tenders of Messrs Milne, Lucas, Rose
Cr Stall } & Weldish & Co's as recommended by the Public Works Committee be accepted.

Carried

All Motions under Notice postponed & ~~Estimate that Tenders be called for~~ fix January next

Moved by Cr Redwood Cr Hall { That Section 3 of Police Offences Amendment Act 630 be applied to Bridgewater Kangower Korong Vale Kerrenbum Coonoor Bridge Wehla Charlton. Burke Flat & Pheola. Carried & that a bye-law for that purpose be now passed

Moved by Cr Ross Cr Martin { That Mr John Reach be appointed Inspector of Nuisances and Slaughteryards vice Constable Smelcher resigned Carried

Moved by Cr Ross Cr Burke { That all Contractors be allowed 1 months extension of time on their Contracts (if required) during harvest - except the Contractors for King Daniel. Bridge. Carried

Instructions to Officers

By Cr Hall Engineer to give estimate of cost of bridge near State School Kangower, also cost of removing Culvert by Lauchlan Thom also to report whether open Crossing or Culvert will be best on road to Springs from Kangower also whether foot bridges or Crossings will be best on road from Springs to Korong Vale with estimate of Cost &c

By Cr Patterson Eng to survey continuation of road from Reilys Sen selection to Buckrabanyule Rly Station and that he take steps to have the road cleared as early as possible -

2 Also to have another trough erected at McArthurs Dam in Schilling

By Cr Patterson Eng to see that Reserve at Port Fairy Dam be thrown open, and that he bring up a Report at next meeting as to cost of clearing out dam; also take steps to prevent the pollution of the water by geese and pigs as at present -

By Cr Redwood Secretary to ascertain whether Bet Bet Council will Co-operate in construction of Culvert by Graham & Whitehead.

2 Also to submit estimate for Bridge over Bulla Bulla Creek near Deniliquin

Cr Ross enquired if the Road complained of some time ago as being closed in Coonoor had been opened Engineer stated that Time allowed to Griffiths was not up.

By Cr Burke Engineer to have crossing constructed over Creek near Wales & Chas Ross Berriwal at probable cost of £5 -

By Cr Coutts Engineer to see that land owners construct proper crossings over drains so as to not obstruct them

Notices of Motion

Cr Cahill for making road through Sandhill near Lyons.

The Finance Committee then brought up the following Accs which were passed for Payment on the Motion of Cr Hall seconded by Cr Redwood

No				
80	Con 1037 F. Rose	5	0	0
81	Reach inv lit Inspectors	23	3	4
82	McPherson destroying fence	1	10	0
83	John Reach rabbit Insp	21	4	2
84	Con 1026 Griffs	20	0	0
85	Con 1041 Griffiths	2	0	0
86	Ernest Mirro Rewards	5	0	0
	Total	£ 75	17	6

		£	s.	d.
	Forward £	75	17	6
87	Secretary attending Rely Conf	6	0	0
88	Vanstone fencing road	11		
89	Cosh rabbit suppressn	15	18	10
90	Con 1032 Gutherie	20	0	0
91	Hodgson Bros metal	32	12	3
92	R & Smith clearing road	5		
93	Con 971 A H Bear	5	17	0
94	Shire Secretary & Govt	30	0	0
95	J. B. Kinney labour	9		
96	John Reach Rabbit Suppressn	19	18	4
97	O Bears do	4	0	3
98	Grant do	9	17	11
99	Servant Weighbridge Commn	6	19	2
100	O Keefe do	4	1	10
101	Con 1023 Crisp	3		
102	Con 1026 do	5		
103	Con 1046 do	10		
104	Ashton Weigh Bridge	3	10	10
105	J Reach rabbit suppressn	9	11	5
106	Cosh do	6	9	0
107	John Martin labour	2	0	0
107a	Hansen do	2	2	0
108	Inspect Quelch Salary	2	7	8
109	Con 1020 Hughes	30	0	0
110	Con 979 do	4	0	0
111	Con 987 Duckett	16	10	
111a	Secretary / no salary	25	0	
112	Engineer do	29	3	4
113	J H Gray do	8	6	8
114	Wild Dog suppressn	5		
115	Mr Moncrieff Pres allowce	3	12	6
116	Nelson supplying branch	5	5	0
117	Store office a/c	1	5	0
118	Maxwell transfer of land &c	4	4	0
119	Meldish & Dillon labour &c	2	10	0
120	Con 63 Rogers & Richd. do	2	0	0
121	Con 1044 Lamplighting	3	3	0
	£	429	17	6

		£	s.	d.
	Forward £	429	17	6
122	Con 1047 Keogh	15	0	0
123	Con 1036 Gutherie	10	0	0
124	Con 1029 Keogh	12	0	6
125	Con 1001 Whitney	16	15	0
126	Gutherie making Automatic Sluices &c	5	5	0
127	Lucas repairs to Kenning bridge	1	15	0
128	A H Bear labour per a/c	4	2	6
129	Meldish & Co crossing by Gibneys	3	15	0
130	Steel Lamplighting	2	8	
131	A G Starr Deputation Expenses	6	0	0
132	Hornblower & Co Lunty rad &c	4	9	0
133	Cole auditing a/cs	21	18	0
134	A R Gray do	16	16	0
135	Kinsey making Crossing Powell	3	10	0
136	Con 970 Keogh	3	0	0
137	Con 998 Kinsey	11		
138	John O Keefe attending & cleaning weighbridge	4	6	0
139	John Reach rabbit suppression	13	2	6
140	Thos Cook Shire Secretary signatures	16		
141	John Reach do	16	10	0
142	John Bullock do	3	0	0
143	President attending Rabbit Conference	5	0	0
144	Con 1016 John Kinsey	20	0	0
	£	648	10	0

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

Confirmed 16 December 1884

President

Decr 16. 1884 Confirmed Wm Hall. Cr

A special meeting of the Council was called by Councillors Kinnaird, Martin & Patterson to be held at 10 o'clock A.M. on Tuesday the 2nd December 1884, for the purpose of taking into consideration the necessity of improving the drainage of the township of Chatham.

At the time appointed there were present Councillors Kinnaird, Martin, Patterson and Cahill. There not being a quorum of the Council the meeting lapsed.

John Kennedy
Clerk Secretary.