Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn the 16th Dec 1884.

Present. Cr Hall (in the chair) Bourchier, Paterson Martin Ross, Coutts, Bourke and Cahill -

Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed

Correspondence

1. Constable Morris (Korong Vale) stating that he was proceeding against a man named Avers for placing an obstruction across a Shire road: and asking Council to remove the obstruction. attended to.

2. Shire of Swan Hill Council asking Co-operation in appointment of an analyst. received no action taken

3. Secretary for Lands (telegram) asking for area of alienated land in the Shire for years ending 1880 1881. 82. 83. Secretary had supplied return for 1883.

4. Frederic Dunn Melbourne notifying that he had commenced private practice as an analyst and Consulting Chemist received

5. Govt Statist (Melbourne) asking for "Municipal Districts Return" Secretary had supplied same

6. Curator of Kangaroo Reservoir reporting 14 feet depth of water. Received

7. & 8. Wm Hargreaves Simpsons Creek relative to promise to supply part of timber required for construction of Bridge stating that the Specifications exceeded his expectations and asking that they be modified or that he be relieved of his offer. ~~to supply part of the timber required~~

The Engineer stated that a crossing at a

cost of £ would answer the purpose as well as the bridge for which contract was let at last meeting for £150

Moved by Cr Bourchier
Cr Ross } That Cr Hall and the Engineer be empowered to make any reasonable arrangement with Contractor for the bridge to relinquish the work and substitute a crossing — Carried

9 Secty Stanmark Council stating that Council had decided to cease purchasing ears & scalps of Rabbits after the 8th Inst. received

10. Lands Department stating that 110 Sec Reserve in parish of Woorarey being on the Richmond Plains Run which was still held under pastoral licence, the Department were not a liberty to survey road between it & the adjoing block
Received

11. Inspector Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for donation. (to be forwarded)

12. Shire of Swan Hill in reply to Circular, that all action with regard to rabbit extirpation would be stopped within that Shire until the work was taken up more energetically by the Govt.
Received

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14 } K. Beaton & D. Chalmers Architects Complaining ~~that~~ of their valuation as being too high
Council declines to interfere.

15 S. Hubbard Burke Flat asking Council to withdraw objection to his selection (on account of their being a road included therein)

Cr Paterson
Cr Ross } That the Secty inform Hubbard that the road is required and must be cut out of the Selection
Carried

16. Secretary for Public Works stating that the application for a Sum of £250 for repairing Inglewood Storm Water Channel would receive Consideration when the estimates for 1885.6 are being prepared.
Received

17. the Same stating that ~~petition~~ no further action would be taken with regard to the petition for severance till the petitioners obtain a majority of the Ratepayers

18 Water Supply Department ~~from Certain for~~ relative to Petition from certain farmers in the Parishes of Wehela and Kurrach regarding the pollution of their Water Supply by water from Wehela Creek stating that the Wehela Mine Co and the Avoca Trust had been written to on the Subject asking what steps it was intended to take to remedy the evil

19 W. Bredin Rheola applying for return of deposit on Contract which had been abandoned sometime ago —

Cr Bourchier
Cr Hall } That Bredins deposit be returned — Carried

20 Lands Department enclosing instructions as to mode of procedure when roads are required for the Council.

Cr Paterson
Cr Bourke } That the Department be informed that the letter is unsatisfactory and that in the opinion of this Council the Contract Surveyor should furnish a tracing of each selection when Surveyed.
Carried

21. Mr Howard Harlaw asking Council to provide ropes & well at Buckrabanyule.

Cr Bourchier
Cr Martin } That ropes &c be supplied for well at Buckrabanyule and also for Douglas well at Nandeuillock and that the Swan Hill Trust be asked to recoup half cost of the latter. Carried

22 Mrs Leah Charlton Complaining of bad condition of footpath opposite her premises and suggesting that asphalt [illegible]

down. for which the would willing contribute half cost.

Cr Paterson
Cr Bourchier } That the Engineer bring up an estimate of the cost of asphalting Streets at Charlton. Carried

33. Central Board of Health with return to be completed and returned. Received

34. Public Works Department re £32 balance of grant in aid of Kingparrie Bridge. work to be Completed prior to June 30th 1885. Received

35. N. Hat Wedderburn Reservoir Report Received

36 K. J. Brayton M.L.A. asking Councils sanction to his enclosing a blind creek in an application for land near Birthcect. Referred to Engineer for Report

Treasurer Reported Receipts since last meeting £139. 5. 9 Exp £730. 3. 10
Bank Overdraft £1895. 9. 2.

Cr Coutts, That the Treasurers report be received & adopted
Cr Ross } Carried

Engineer Reported with regard to the Kingparrie Weir - and endeavored to show that he had not drawn attention to the manner in which the Weir had been constructed without some reason for apprehending considerable damage to property within the Shire —

1 With regard to cost of Culverts &c Kingower near State School the cost of culvert will be £24 and the removal of the one near the Church £16 —

Cr Hall moves that plans be submitted seconded by Cr Coutts.

2. Recommends culvert on deviation of Kingower road near Korrorapin.

3. Had visited Post-Army dam reserve and put up requisite notice re protection of the water

owing to the quantity of water could not ascertain the amount of Sediment deposited in the dam, but on referring to a Specification prepared 3 years ago finds the work was then estimated to cost £[illegible]

4. Reports that the enforcement of the 113th Section of "The Public Health Statute had removed the cause of Complaint of the unsightly condition of Street-Channels Charlton.

5. Had examined fence erected by the Agricult Society in Market Square and considers the amount asked by the Society viz £17 is a reasonable one. Most of the Contracts reported as behind time are now finished —

It was decided that the matter of Culverts on Koorporah road stand over.

Cr Ross
Cr Paterson } That the Council pay for the fence in Market Square Reserve. Carried

Cr Bourke
Cr Coutts } That tenders be called for grazing horses in the Market Square reserve Carried

Cr Paterson
Cr Ross } That the Engineers report be received & adopted
Carried

Tenders

Cr Ross calls attention to the negligence shown by the late lamplighter in Wedderburn and requests the Engineer to compel the future tenderer to adhere to the Specification

Tenders for 12 year Weighbridge

William Ashton £20 per annum

Cr Bourchier empowered to arrange with Ashton the tender being considered too low.

Lamplighting Wedderburn

A. Wilson 2/2d per lamp per week
G. Duckett 3/2d do do
Thos. Griffiths 2/3d do do

Cr Paterson } That Wilson have the contract.
Cr Coutts }

Cr Cahill } That Duckett have the contract.
Cr Bourchier }

For	Against
Cahill	Cr Paterson, Coutts, & Hall
Bourchier	
Bourke	
Martin	
Ross	

Carried

Cr Coutts
Cr Bourchier } That the Byle-law passed at last meeting applying Section 3 of the Police Offences Amendment Act No 630 to certain towns within Shire be now confirmed.
Carried

Cr Hall brought up printing accounts and objects to charges by the Tribune as being higher than those of the Tingewood papers for advertising

Cr Bourchier
Cr Martin } That the acc for printing be passed & paid and the Secretary write to the Tribune requesting that the charges in future may be on the same scale as the other papers.

For	Against
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Carried

Cr Hall also called attention to an acc of Jas Bannon for dray labour & Charlton as unsatisfactory

Cr Bourchier also objects the mode in which the work is done and instances the neglect thereon in not putting in a drain pipe opposite Mr Proctor's premises

Engineer explains that the work was let by tender

Cr Coutts
Cr Bourke } That Bannons acc be paid.
Carried

Cr Paterson
Cr Bourchier } That the Secretary forward a copy of the Engineers report relative to the Kimpsmith Weir to the Government — Carried

Instructions

By Cr Paterson Engineer to examine work of Kiniry near Churchills on Charlton & Gluloth road and have pipes & drain put in where required.

Engineer asks for instructions ~~at Martins~~ up to Weedeburn & St Arnaud road when a piece of land is required for road through Martins land.
Engineer empowered to arrange for it.

The Engineer was also instructed to ~~construct~~ provide the culvert near Sinters Kangaroo with wing fence (cost about 75/-) when carrying out other work required there.

Engineer states Pump at Mitchells Tank is broken or made useless by being filled with stones & another should be put there.

Cr Bourchier
Cr Paterson } Engineer to have pump at Mitchells Tank repaired and to provide pump & trough at Sparks tank.
Carried

Engineer states re Griffiths road at Conoor for which application was made to open that Griffiths promises to open the road but will not fence his land.
postponed to next meeting

Messrs Rose & Wooding ask for ~~time~~ extension of time for completing their contract near Braunstone
Extension till 1st May 1885 allowed

By Cr Hall Engineer to see that J. A. Jones opens drains by Mr Bowers filled up by him.

By Cr Paterson Engineer to have Mc Clemmons fence, broken by Kiniry repaired either by him or at his cost.
also to have fence of Mr J. Sutherland between O'Neils & Hamiltons, broken down by Contractor, repaired at Contractors expense.

Cr Ross asks leave to call tenders for repairing Sandhill near Conoor East to be in at next meeting
Leave granted.

Cr Ross
Cr Cahill } That tenders be called for improving Sandhill by Ryans Conoor East to be in at next meeting
Carried

Engineer states that 18 Chains of metal will be required for the Jaud Hill by Ryers and will probably cost £200.

Council instructs that no metal shall be used, the road to be formed only.

By Cr Bourchier, Cr Martin — That the Engineer take levels at Charlton and ascertain if the drainage can be taken anywhere except the river (Engineer refers to his report which deals with this question and opposes that to carry the drainage downstream can only be done at very great cost)

The motion was put and lost the voting being

For	Against
Bourchier	Hall
Martin	Coutts
Cahill	Bourke
	Paterson
	Ross

The Finance Committee then brought up the following accounts which were passed for payment on the motion of Cr Hall seconded by Cr Ross & carried.

145	Quadnes per Voucher	13	8	1
146	" Con 1043. Noble	20	15	6
147	" Christenson land for road	10		
148	" S. Ruder Shire Secretary expenses	6		
149	" John Reach rabbit Suppression	25	6	8
150	" Con 1030 Rose & Wooding	30		
151	" Con 972 do	1	10	-
152	" Con 1042 Crisp	13	2	6
153	" Crisp digging out rabbit burrows	1	15	0
154	" Grant rabbit Suppression	13	6	3
155	" Boy making crossing broomwood	3	0	0
156	" Young quotting kerosin	3		
157	" Jones completing Kerosene Contract	12		
158	" Con 1038 Garrone	6		
159	" John Reach Rabbit Suppression	19	6	8
160	" Brett Wild Dog Suppression	11	-	-
	Forward	£189	10	8

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161	" Frank Rose grubbing on Common East	4	18	0
162	" Chisholm land for gravel Reserve Borrowmal	5	0	0
163	" Con 1041. Griffiths	18	18	9
164	" Con 1015. Whitney	25	0	0
165	" Grant Rabbit Suppression	5	5	10
166	" Hansen day labour per account	3	12	0
167	" Con 973. Hughes	60	0	0
168	" Geo Ward grubbing by Holloways	2	17	4
169	" Chisholm for additional fencing Borrowmal	15	18	9
170	" Charitable donations per list	27	3	0
171	" John Reach Rabbit Suppression	14	8	0
172	" Con 1072 Weldish & Co	20	0	0
173	" James Stuart Weighbridge Commission	15	0	0
174	" Congo 7. Duckett	1	13	0
175	" Congo 6 & 997. Crisp	1	17	6
176	" A. Stubbs 40% Weighbridge Commission	2	8	9
177	" Completing purchase of Christenson's land	5	6	3
178	" Con 1034 Weldish & Dillon	7	10	0
179	" Simms & Hansen fixing pumps & repairs	5	14	0
180	" Congo 6. Rose	2	5	4
181	" Wild Dog Suppression Brett	6	0	0
182	" Atal & Son 3 Coils Wire for Reservoir	2	5	0
183	" Starr 1 mo Salary as Engineer	29	3	4
184	" Ruder 1 mo Salary as Secretary	25	0	0
185	" S. R. Gray 1 mo Salary as Assistant do	8	6	8
186	" Whitney repairing well fence B. Flat	1	10	6
187	" Chambers grubbing by Dobsons & repairs	4	10	0
188	" Con 1051. Maclure	60	0	0
189	" Survey of Roads wages of men	5	12	0
190	" Chisholm labour per age & contract Acq 76	8	19	4
191	" Congo 84. John Forrest also Congo	22	17	6
192	" Wm Bancroft President's allowance	4	4	6
193	" Thos. A. Jones labour at Kerosene Contract	12	7	0
194	" Ross Bannon day labour Hawpleighty Charlton	21	13	6
195	" Star office Advertising per age	3	9	6
		£640	6	

	Forward £	640	6	0
196	" Hornblower & Printing & adverty	6 "	6 "	6
197	" Hemmingway Co do	4 "	12 "	6
198	" Con 1044. McCarthy	10 "	0 "	0
199	" Con 1020. Hughes	130 "	0 "	0
200	" W. Steel lamplighting per a/c	6 "	0 "	0
201	" Nelson & Water troughs &c per a/c	10 "	7 "	6
202	" Office Expenses per Voucher	6 "	1 "	5
203	" Sundry accounts for labour &c per Voucher	8 "	18 "	6
	£	822 "	12 "	5

(No Notices of Motion)

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

Confirmed 20th January 1885.

Richard Redmond President