Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Morong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on the 18th March 1884.

Present Cr Rose (in the chair) Hall, Coutts, Paterson, Martin, Clark Bourchier, Cahill & Redwood — Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

Correspondence:

1. Inspector Skehan reporting case of supposed Scarlet Fever at Kingparield. Secretary had attended to same.

2. Govt Statist — receipt of Agricultural Schedules — —

3. A.R. Ulyett, Head Teacher State School Kingower reporting supposed outbreak of Scarlet Fever ~~at~~ attended to.

4. Central Board of Health approving of Dr Adams appointment as Health Officer: — Received

5. Secretary Wild Dog Suppres Association Report that Govt subsidy to Association had ceased. received

6. Govt Statist that 1st March was date appointed for Completion of Agricultural Statistics. Received

7. Report on Kingower Reservoir. Received

8. John C. Logan Avoca Forest accepting appointment as ~~of~~ caretaker of tank near his place. Received

9. Dr Adam Health Officers report. Received

10. James Chivers complaining of bad condition of streets at Orville ~~and~~ dealt with later on

11. Crown Lands Bailiff Dudley re steps taken by his Govt at Mt Gower with regard to rabbit suppression and asking that Inspectors attention be called to certain

11. private lands in that locality which are badly infested. Received

12. Dr McLean Health Officers report and enclosing acct for £8..0..0 for services from 18th December to 18th January
Moved by Cr Bourchier } That the acct be paid, Carried
seconded by Cr Martin

13. Secretary Aroca Water Trust for list of occupiers and rateable property within the Shire portion of the Trust
The list had been supplied.

14. Lands Department Castlemaine enclosing tracing of Survey made for Ellen Stephenson Wehla creek —
Referred to members for Central Riding & Engineer

15. Miss Mackie Wychitella that she had applied "for the piece of land (five acres part of her original selection) — at present reserved for Water Supply purposes" and asking that Council do not oppose the application.
Cr Bourchier objected on the ground that sufficient provision for watering Cattle cannot be had without the Reserve and moved that.
The Engineer Communicate with the Department pointing that the present arrangement does not meet the Shire Wants &c and that steps be taken to oppose Miss Mackies application should it be gone on with.
Seconded by Cr Martin & Carried.

16. Mrs Martin Wedderburn regarding removal of place from near Reservoir.
The Secretary stated that he had seen Mrs Martin who had expressed willingness to accept a reasonable remuneration for removing, and it was moved by
Cr Clark } That the Secretary be empowered to
Cr Cahill } arrange with her for the removal of the premises
Carried

17. Secretary Shire of East London urging ~~the necessity of~~ Co-operation in impressing upon the Govt the necessity of imposing an almost prohibitive duty on matches other than Safety.
Cr Bourchier } That the Council Co-operate with the East
Cr Martin } London Council in the endeavor to obtain a heavier duty on all except safety matches.
Carried

18. Wm Walker Rheola requesting that the Council order the survey of road from near his gate to the site of the Police Camp — dealt with below.

19. Daniel Evans Rheola Complaining of injuries to his land by water diverted from its natural course by Shire Works. Referred to Engineer for Report

20 John Bourke Secretary Wild Dog Suppression Association Wareng. for subsidy of £1. for skin purchased,
The Secretary had paid same.

21. Railway Department re charge for Conveying Weighbridge to Buckrabanyule Received

22. Central Board of Health re diptheria at Hopetoun
received Secretary had attended to same

23. Same re Diptheria at Benimal
Secretary had attended to same

24. John Ferry East Charlton Complained of Road between himself & Mr Holmes having been closed for 9 years and requesting that the ~~Shire~~ Council knight order same to be opened
Cr Clark } That Engineer have this road opened at once,
Cr Cahill } and all other roads that are required — Carried

25. Wm Pattison Fernihurst for permission to cut a Channel for Irrigation purposes across two roads and asking Council to Construct two Culverts over same

25 Cr Paterson moved } That Pattison be permitted to
Cr Bourchier seconded } cross road with his chaff
on condition that they do not obstruct or interfere with traffic and that he construct substantial culverts over them, the whole work to be subject to approval of the Engineer. Carried.

26 Land Officer Sandhurst – That an application from inhabitants of Kingower neighborhood to have the present trustees of the Cemetery removed from office will be considered by a Local Land Board at Inglewood on the 20th March &c and requesting Council to place their views before it –

Moved by Cr Ross
See by Cr Redwood } That Cr Hall attend the Land Board and support the prayer of petition for removal of the trustees &c. Carried

27 James Bannon applying for appointment of scavenger for East Charlton.

Cr Paterson } That applications be invited for the
Cr Martin } office of street sweeper and lamplighter at Charlton and that the present lamplighter be relieved from his contract if he wishes it. Carried

28 Secretary Municipal Association enclosing copy of opinions of Mr West on the various questions sent down by Council –

The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the opinions to each of the Trusts within the Shire.

29. B. R. Eddy Evans applying for remuneration for filling Crabhole near his selection in Jungroon –

Engineer to inspect and if he approves to pay £2. or less if value of work is less –

30. Constable French Serpentine forwarding a/c £1-0-0 from John Wright for burying a dead Horse.
K. P. Steel — To be paid

31. Curator of Taits Reservoir report on depth of Water &c
Received

32. John Edwards requesting Council to endeavor to have road surveyed at the South West corner of his Selection in the parish of Korong –

The Engineer was instructed to attend the Local Land Board see that the road was left –

On letter No 5.

Cr Bourchier } That Secretary write to Govt requesting
Cr Paterson } that the subsidy for dingo skins be continued
Carried.

On letter No 12. Dr McVean Health officers report. Cr Coutts asked what steps were taken to prevent the spread of Contagious diseases and instanced a case in the South Riding where a family in which death from infectious disease had occurred were to be seen abroad and visiting various places –

On letter 18. Wm Walker Cr Coutts moved & Cr Redwood seconded that the request be complied with when Engineer is surveying road to Cemetery – Carried –

Treasurer Reported Receipts since last meeting £713.18.3
Expenditure £615.9.7 Overdraft £163.5. less cash in hand
Received & approved on the motion of Cr Bourcher seconded by Cr Coutts & carried

Engineer reported with regard to road from Kingower to Boorporok Springs
1. that the road was very rough in many places, the crossings through the two small creeks also require repairing, he
1. recommends expenditure of £60 placed on last years estimates for this road in single tabling, extending and cleaning out drains &c. He alluded to the advantage of making dams in conjunction with the crossings but feared the importance of the road would not warrant the expense

2. Recommends two chains of Side Cutting and few loads of stone as sufficient for approach to Mc Intyres State School –

3. The Hollow between Belchers and the main road requires Considerable repairs which Should be attended to at once – there are other repairs required about Mc Intyres which would probably cost about £30.0.0 for the total.

4. He thought that as the Cost of road from Mc Intyres to Cochranes Creek State School would be Considerable and the necessity not very apparent it might Stand over till next year –

5 Had visited Scour on reserve near Barlows ~~and~~ Fernihurst and finds that it is Caused by the flow of water from the Inglewood plain a part of which drains into Mr Allsops paddocks and flows along it into the Kingsfanniel Creek.
With regard to the responsibility for damage caused he would point out that the scour is at the outlet of a certain natural drainage area, and that it existed before the Shire or Trust made any works there and the only question to be considered is whether the deepening of the Kingsfaniel Creek at that point has increased the scour his opinion was that it had –
to prevent any further scour a timber breakwork would be required which would probably cost £35 but a few loads of stone would partially arrest it for a while –

6. Had visited crossing made by Trust between Johnstones & Gillespies which was in a bad state and made the road impossible to anyone on foot & thought the Trust should Construct a Culvert –

7. With regard to draining depression between Fliegs land and the Daly land would recommend a Culvert & 6 chains of filling instead of a drain The road also required clearing

8 The ruts on the Burkes Flat and Beaiba road are scoured in several places but can be put in fair Condition for about £62.0.0

9. Re outfall drain by Mr Ramsells Charlton, would recommend extending the timber work towards the river & protecting the end of the drain with fencing –

10. It ~~would~~ will be necessary to deviate the Stalmaud road by Edwards & Romans selections Bennial where it passes over the range and to do that land must be purchased from the parties named –

11. Had weighbridges ~~at~~ erected at Buckrabanyule and at Barooka Railway Stations both of which would be open to the Public after that day –

Cr Hall & the Engineer were appointed to inspect Kenyons & Woorooroo road with a view to its deviation –

Cr Hall
Cr Coutts } That tenders be called for works recommended in Engineers report at Mc Intyres including road from Mc Intyres to Orville. Carried

On paragraph 5. Cr Martin objects to anything being done to scour as it is Caused by natural flow of water –

On paragraph 9.
Cr Boutcher
Cr Paterson } That Tenders be called for works near Ramsells Charlton as recommended by Engineer – Carried –

On paragraph 10. The Secretary was instructed to again apply ~~for~~ to the Lands Department that Sketches of Selections applied for might be furnished to Municipal officers before dealing with applications and point out Cases in the parish of Bennial where the Engineer stated it would cost £500. to rectify the mistakes made by Surveyors in the matter of roads.

Cr Paterson
Cr Boutcher } That Engineers report be approved. Carried

Committee appointed to adjust Engineer's agreement
had no report. postponed

The Public Works Committee then brought up the following

Tenders

1. Forming 60. chains by Hamiltons

Robert Soor	£45 . 0 . 0	Estimate £75 . 0 . 0
John McGovern	30 . 15 . 0	
F. Rose	108 . 0 . 0	
M. Rowler	75 . 0 . 0	
A. Forest	99 . 0 . 0	
A. Kinsey	97 . 0 . 0	
W. Crisp	75 . 5 . 6	

McGovern recommended

Formation drains & tank kerb Joseph Howards

2.

W. Maclure	170 . 10 . 8	Estimate £171 . 8 . 0
M. Rowler	175 . 14 . 0	
C. Rose	166 . 8 . 4	
J. Kinsey	157 . 8 . 0	

Kinsey recommended

3. Culverts by Mackins & Larkins West London Road

W. Sly & Co	£69 . 19 . 10	Estimate £40 . 0 . 0
A. H. Beer	42 . 0 . 0	
F. Hughes	56 . 0 . 0	
W. Crisp	47 . 10 . 3	Recommended Beer

4. Works Bridgewater & Newbridge road

W. Sly & Co	£76 . 4 . 0	Est £83 . 10/-
C. Lucas	54 . 7 . 6	
Thos. Jones	71 . 5 . 0	
A. Forest	40 . 12 . 6	
A. Keogh	48 . 15 . 0	

Recommended Forest

5. Forming near Borough Boundary Ing & Serpentine Road

W. Sly & Co	£12 . 12 . 0	Estimate £18 . 15/-
A. Keogh	12 . 0 . 0	
C. Lucas	15 . 11 . 0	

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No 5.

Thomas Jones	£15 . 0 . 0	
John Kinsey	16 . 15/-	

Recommended Keogh

6. Drains from McLemons to Blackswamp

M. Rowler	£39 . 0 . 0	Estimate £30 . 0 . 0
W. Crisp	44 . 10 . 0	
J. Kinsey	47 . 0 . 0	

Fresh tenders to be called

7. Formation & Metalling South & West from Lemons Woosang

M. Rowler	£66 . 0 . 0	Estimate £69 . 0 . 0
A. H. Beer	60 . 0 . 0	
W. Crisp	57 . 0 . 0	
G. Duckett	43 . 15/- . 0	
A. Forest	45 . 10 . 0	

Recommended Duckett

8. Crossing by Hooding & Gunning Kurraca

F. Rose & Smith	£7 . 10 . 0	Estimate
R. Baker	16 . 7 . 6	£10 . 0 . 0
W. Crisp	11 . 5 . 0	
G. Duckett	8 . 12 . 0	
C. Rose	10 . 10 . 0	

Recommended Rose & Smith

9. Crossing & gravelling by Johnsons & Leggatts St Amaud Road

C. Rose	£15 . 10 . 0	Estimate £21 . 18/-
Rose & Smith	10 . 10 . 0	
R. Baker	22 . 8 . 0	
W. Crisp	17 . 10 . 0	Recommended Smith & Rose

10. Side Drains & Gravelling by Suttons & Kettetts

R. Sutton	£23 . 0 . 0	Estimate £21 . 10 . 0
F. Rose	23 . 0 . 0	
W. Crisp	45 . 2 . 6	
C. Rose	22 . 5 . 4	

Recommended C. Rose

11. Works on road running East from Boorung Rly Station
S. Ganone £37..0..0 Estimate £42..0..0
F. Rose 36..0..0
No name 96..0..0
No name 29..0..0

Recommended Rose

Moved by Cr Bourchier, Seconded by Cr Coutts } That in future all tenders not in accordance with the conditions be thrown out. and that the Tender Box be opened at 11. O'clock on the day of meeting and no tenders be accepted after that hour — Carried

Cr Clark, Cr Bourchier } That the Tenders of Messrs M'Govern Kinny. Keogh & Rose, Duckett Rose & Smith & Frank Rose & Forest as recommended by the Public Works Committee be accepted — Carried

Motions under Notice

Cr Redwood, Cr Hall } Tenders be called for 2 chains of metalling and Culvert near Bulla Bul creek Bridgewater & Serpentine road Carried

Cr Redwood, Cr Hall } " for Culvert by Henstons Kingsbury also for bridge near Morans Kingsbury Carried

Cr Redwood, Cr Hall } " for 5. chains metalling and drains &c in Brewery Lane Bridgewater & some gravel ~~by~~ at the corner by Cards and 2. chains metalling at end of Mill road Carried

Cr Cahill, Cr Rose } for 2. Crossings near Woodhatchs Kilbarnie road Carried

Cr Hall, Cr Redwood } for Crossings near Adams Fairy Flat Carried

Cr Paterson, Cr Clark } for Forming from Corner of Grungroom road to second pole metalling west on Meadows & Charlton road Carried

Cr Clark for the appointment of an Inspector of Weights & measures
Withdrawn

Cr Bourchier, Cr Martin for 3 miles clearing from Smiths & Christensons Selection
postponed

Cr Ross that a Committee be appointed to provide ways & means for the erection or purchase of suitable premises in Meadows for a Shire Hall — Withdrawn

Amendment by Cr Redwood, Seconded by Cr Clark } That the matter be postponed till after the election in August next —
Carried

General Business

Cr Paterson, Cr Martin } That Mr James Dunkley & Robert McAdam be appointed Caretakers of the Buckrabanyule & Banakee Weighbridges respectively at 50% on the takings
Carried

Cr Clark moved that the Weighbridgekeepers be informed that they will be held responsible for any loss occurring through their mistakes —
Lapsed for Seconder

Moved by Cr Coutts, Seconded by Cr Ross } That the scale of charges at present in force for weighbridges ~~be adopted~~ be adopted with the addition that 9d per Ton be charged for loads weighing seven (7) tons and upwards — Carried —

The following is scale adopted —

Single loads containing not more than 10. bags	6
One Ton or fraction of a Ton (with above exception)	6
One Ton ~~& under~~ not exceeding Two Tons	1 – 0
Two Tons not exceeding Three Tons	1 – 6
Three Tons not exceeding Four Tons	2 – 0
Four Tons not exceeding Five Tons	2 – 6
Five Tons not exceeding Six Tons	3 – 0
~~Seven~~ Tons and upwards at 9d per ton	

Moved by Cr Coutts that the Secretary have leave of absence for three weeks, seconded by Cr Martin & carried —

Notice of motions to be twenty days

Instructions to Officers

By Cr. Bourchier Engineer to test all weighbridges once a month during Wheat Season —

By Cr Redwood Engineer to erect 1 chain fence at South end of Cochranes Creek Bridge

By Cr Redwood Engineer to have drains cleaned out by Metalmans on Kingower road and have scour on Serpentine & Inglewood road near Podlechs filled up.

By Cr Coutts Engineer to inspect road to London by O. Cooles farm

By Cr Paterson Engineer to have metal placed on Weigall St near Cricket Club Hotel Charlton —

By Cr Redwood Engineer to have drains on Inglewood to Bridgewater and Bridgewater to Newbridge roads cleaned out

Notices of Motion

1. Cr Coutts will move for Tenders for repairing the road at Burkes Flat —
2. " " for repairing road at Rheola by Tylers.
3. " " for repairing Inglewood & Bridgewater roads and the road running south by Flegels farm —

Cr Hall
Cr Bourchier } That a bye-Law fixing the level of streets &c and declaring ~~that~~ section 7 of Part 16 of the Local Govt. Act 1874 be applied to ~~this~~ Shire be brought up for special order at next meeting of the Council

Cr Hall
Cr Bourchier } That Regulations for management of Market Square Reserve ~~to~~ submitted by Secretary be passed by special order at next meeting Carried

The Public Works Committee then brought up the following accs which were passed for payment on the motion of Cr Ross

331 Seconded by Cr Hall & carried

331	John Martin labour Empire	1	"	15	" 0
332	Thos Jones repairs to roads &c	2	"	1	" 0
333	Con 974. Forest	50	"	0	" 0
334	O Keeze Weighbridge Commission	12	"	4	" 3
	Forward £	66	"	0	" 3

	£	66	"	0	" 3
335	A. Archer repairing Wghbridge Charlton	2	"	16	" 6
336	Con 962. Duckett	10	"	0	" 0
337	O Donnell Carting timber to Buckrabanyule	2	"	0	" 0
338	Con 976. Chisholm	12	"	0	" 0
339	O Keeze Weighbridge Commission	13	"	7	" 3
340	A. Rowles supplying grand Barrs	10	"	0	" 0
341	Con 920 Rowles	2	"	0	" 0
342	John Kellett labour Banakee Wghbridge	1	"	10	" 0
343	Wildish & Dillon pumps to Mysia	3	"	6	" 0
344	Freight Buckrabanyule Bridge	10	"	16	" 6
345	Moncrieff Weighbridge Commission	4	"	2	" 0
346	O Keefe Weighbridge Commission	12	"	13	" 3
347	Percentage on Licences to Govt	24	"	7	" 6
348	Crisp carting bricks to Buck & Banakee	8	"	8	" 0
349	Crisp facing troughs at Mysia	2	"	8	" 0
350	John Reach rabbit Suppression	7	"	10	" 0
351	Con 969. C Rose	15	"	0	" 0
352	Con 896. Hughes	60	"	0	" 0
353	Con 797. Hughes	2	"	0	" 0
354	Beaton Weighbridge Commission	2	"	4	" 6
355	Hamilton Weighbridge Commission	5	"	6	" 0
356	Thos Cook. dog Commission	8	"	15	" 6
357	~~Rowles~~ O Keeze Weighbridge fees	9	"	6	" 3
358	A. Beer repairing crossing Kirkpatrick	1	"	10	" 0
359	Rowles repairing approaches Mysia Bridge	6	"	0	" 0
360	Con 978. Hughes	36	"	0	" 0
361	Sutherland labour at Buck & Banakee	6	"	17	" 6
362	Freight on Banakee Bridge	7	"	18	" 3
363	Stewart Weighbridge Commission Boruna	3	"	9	" 3
364	Ashton " " Mysia	8	"	8	" 9
365	James Ritchie labour Mysia	2	"	10	" 0
366	Office Expenses	3	"	19	" 9
367	Sundry accs	9	"	2	" 3
368	McLean Bros & Co Weighbridges	185	"	15	" 6
369	Hewitt bricks for Buck Weighbridge	8	"	16	" 5
370	John G. Starr 1 mo salary	29	"	3	" 4
		£ 618	"	8	" 6

Forward £600 " 8 " 6

372.	Secretary 1. mo Salary	25	" 0	" 8
373.	A R Gray 1. mo Salary	8	" 6	" 8
374.	John Wilson 1. mo lamplighting	3	" 16	" 2
375.	Hornblower & Co advertising	5	" 3	" 6
376.	Stor Office Printing	5	" 12	" 6
377.	Destroyed —			
378.	Dr McVean Health Officer a/c	8	- 0	- 0
379.	Lee & Craig various articles per a/c	8	- 7	- 5
380.	Bottomley labour Mysia	7	- 0	- 0
381.	O'Keefe labour Charlton	2	- 10	- 0
382.	Wilson various jobs per a/c	11	- 18	- 0
383	bon 949. Hughes	12	- 0	- 0
384.	bon 949. Keogh	30	- 0	- 0
385	bon 971. Kinning	25	- 0	- 0
386	John Peach rabbit Suppression	10	- 5	- 0
387	Mr Moncrieff Presidents allowance	4	- 17	- 0
388	bon 975. Whitney	40	- 0	- 0
		£808	" 4	9

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

Confirmed 15th/4th/84.

Donald Rose President