Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Koroop Shire Council held in the Shire Hall April 15th/24
Present – Cr Ross (Chair) Hall Redwood Coutts Martin Paterson & Cahill: —

Correspondence:—

1. Yea Shire Council requesting the appointment of Delegates to attend Conference in Melbourne ~~re~~ to consider all matters bearing upon Railway traffic generally The President moved that Mr D. Coutts be requested to attend conference on behalf of Council seconded by Cr Hall & carried — It was also resolved on on the motion of Cr Redwood seconded by Cr Paterson that Mr Coutts be requested to represent the Council on deputation re Railway from Inglewood to Dunolly

Carried

2 & 3 Stephen Gibbon complaining of scale of Weighbridge Charges adopted by Council and suggesting certain alterations which he considered would be more satisfactory to ratepayers — This matter had been dealt with at last meeting.

Cr Paterson ~~Mr~~ Redwood thought there was no doubt about the Charges being unfair and the former intimated that he would move in the matter later on —

4. St Arnaud Shire suggesting that the Railway Department be requested to grant reduction in heavy freight Charges on grain from upcountry Districts to the Seaboard.

Cr Hall
Cr Redwood } That Council support St Arnaud Council in an endeavor to obtain concession in freight on grain Carried

5. Treasury. that Mr Sabine Receiver & Paymaster ~~would~~ will in future carry with him to Middletown any o/cs for payment that may be desired

Received

6 Department of Trade & Customs that charge for complete set of authorised copies of weights and measures is £79..15..0 or exclusive of the Troy weights £75..0..0 and that portions of a set could not be issued — Received

7 Board re D.S. that in future Dingo skins from the Council will be purchased at £3..0..0
Received

8. Lands Department in reply to application for bonus of 20/- for each dingo skin purchased by an association that so large a sum could not be given as bonus but 10/- would be given on each skin purchased at 20/- or upwards
Received

9. The same re inconvenience caused by want of attention to road requirements by Contract Surveyors — stating that special instructions were issued to Surveyors four years ago on this subject and enclosing copy of same:
The Regulation provided for sending ~~[illegible]~~ notice of all surveys to Shire Officers but had never been carried out: Received

10 Railway Department that matter of erecting pump and trough at Kgetitetta Station will be considered.
Received

11. Shire of Orley soliciting Co-operation in an endeavor to ~~obtain~~ induce the Legislature to Bring in a Bill providing for the total suppression of Wax matches in the Colony
Received

12. Office of Lands and Survey that Whitehead's license will be withheld pending inquiry
Received

13. Swan Hill Trust agreeing to pay half cost of well & bucket at Douglas if provided
received

14. Shire of East London renewing application for assistance in the Construction of a bridge over the Loddon at a place known as Turners Crossing
The Secretary was instructed to reply that the existing accommodation was considered sufficient and that the crossing is in fair condition on this side ~~of the river~~

15 Wm Robertson Smugglers Glen calling attention to damage caused to his land through water from a spring at Mt Mollyard and requesting that Engineer may be sent to Inspect —
Engineer to inspect and report to next meeting of the Council —

16. Central Board of Health with form for report of Local Board &c Received

17 North Owens Shire re suppression of manufacture or importation of matches other than Safety.
dealt with previously

18. Petition from Ratepayers in parishes of Kooch and Benimal praying for repairs to road between Sattons & Rogans &c
By bye bahill Engineer to Inspect and report.

19. Under Treasurer forwarding Endowment A/c £1908..6..9. for Completion and return.
attended to

20 Proctor and son for permission to occupy portion of footpath Charlton while building
To be granted on usual conditions

21 Dr. McLean Health Officer reporting cases of Typhoid and diphteria. the necessary steps had been taken to prevent the spread of these diseases
The Report was received & approved

22. Sat^k O.Brien report on Kingower Reservoir. Received

23. A. Chalmers Architect respd^g proposed deviation of road through his land at Mt Egbert and offering land for the purpose at £20-0-0
To stand over for future Consideration

24. John McCann declining to go on with Contract let to him at previous meeting
Contract to be cancelled and deposit of 30/- forfeited.

25. Department of Mines and Water Supply forwarding return connected with Heathcote Water Supply for last year and requesting that the form may be amended to accord with this year. attended to

26. E. H. Allfrey Complaining of impassable condition of road running from Boort & Inglewood road down Allot 11. Kingsfanial &c — The road led across a reserve:
Cr Coutts moved that Mr Allfrey be requested to allow Council to remove his gate from reserve, the latter to be ~~removed~~ fenced off by the Council
agreed to

27. Samuel J Bird Jeuborbrick for permission to allow him to plough a furrow on the road side of his fence granted under supervision of Engineer.

28. Thos Tatchell applying on behalf of Eng Racing Club for Twopound ½ license fees to be paid

29. E. H. Miles for erection of 3. additional lamps at Charlton
Cr Paterson } That the request be complied with
Cr Cahill } and that 3 additional lamps be erected by Engineer at the sites required by the Ratepayers
Carried

30. W. S. Steel reporting favorably on Water Tanks and Reservoir under his Care. Received

31. John Hunter and other ratepayers at north end of Wedderburn praying for a surveyed road from E. Stretch towards John Somerville.
Cr Ross moved that Engineer report on Cost &c of proposed road agreed to

31. Daniel Arnold for reduction of rate on premises lately occupied by the Bank of Victoria as they were now unoccupied, the General & Water Rate amounted to £7.10.0.
Cr Ross moved that the matter be left in the hands of the Valuer. Agreed to

32. Secretary Wild Dog Suppress Association Boort applying for Subsidy of £22 on a/c of money paid for dingo skins.
Cr Paterson } That amount be paid Secretary to suggest
Cr Coutts } that application for bonus be made to the Boort first. Carried

Treasurer Reported Receipts £160.3.8
Expenditure £650.6.0 Bank Overdraft less Cash in hand £2042.0.1
Treasurers report read and approved.

Engineer reported that in company with Mr Cohill and Ross had visited Fentons Creek for
1 the purpose of examining land applied for by Ellen Stephenson ~~re purpose~~ and deciding as to the advisability or otherwise of having a road left betwn it and John Browns Selection would recommend that a road be excised from land applied for by Miss Stephenson.

2 Re David Evans complaint about storm water overflowing his land at Johnstown, had provision made for carrying water across road at a cost of 36/-

3. Mr O. Toole complains that drain on Inglewood and Serpentine road collects a considerable quantity of water each way and discharges it on his land. The engineer thought it necessary to deepen the drain which could be done at a cost of £2.10.0-

4 Had, in conjunction with Mr Hall, inspected a portion of the Wedderburn and Kingower road with view to making deviation near crossing complained of by Mr Bishop. and find that a deviation which will improve the grade and shorten the distance can be made, but two creeks east of Koongoorah township will require a culvert in each, and a water course further South will require a crossing

Cr Coutts } That application be made for the excision
Cr Hall } of sufficient land for road from Ellen Stephensons selection. Carried.

Expenditure by Engineer of 36/- by Evans at Johnstown approved

Mr Redwood } That drain by O. Tooles be deepened
Mr Coutts } at a cost of about £2.10/- Carried

On Part 4 Kingower & Wedderburn road
Mr Hall } That Engineer survey a deviation on
Mr Coutts } this road at Koongoorah so as to shorten

the distance and get a better route
Carried

Tenders

1. Scavenger and lamplighter &c Charlton
D. Ross Lamplighting 2/5d per lamp per week
Horse and drag 1/4d per hour
Man 1/- per hour
James Bannon 2/6 per week per lamp
Man 9d per hour
Horse, drag, and man 1/- per hour
Bannon recommended for both

1 Grubbing & levelling holes Mt Inkpen to Orwell
Estimate £45.0.0
A. Kinsholm £39.10.0
A. Keogh 23.8.0
Rose and Smith 30.0.0
Recommd Keogh

2. Extending Outfall drain Charlton
Estimate £24.4.0
John Keep £45.0.0
J. B. Kenny 26.16.6
A H Bitton 26.19.0
Recomd Kenny

3 Bridgewater and Serpentine Road
P. Kinny £54.0.0 Estimate 57.10.0
C. Lucas 25.5.0
Both tenders informal through no bulked sum being stated Fresh Tenders to be called

4 Culverts and metalling by Coutts Dam Kingower
D H Bee £127.17.0 Estimate £130.4.6
J. Hughes £159.0.0
W. Crisp £48.7.6
Recommend Crisp

5 Metalling Brewery Lane Bridgewater
John Kining £92 . 10 . 6 Estimate £ 68 . 15 . 0
C. Lucas 61 . 5 . 0
Recommended Lucas

6. 2. Crossing by Woodhatches in Bemmal
Rose and Smith £49 . 10 . 0 Estimate £45 . 2 . 6
J. Hughes 55 . 10 . 0
W. Crisp 22 . 5 . 6
Recommend Crisp

7. 3. Crossing East of Mt Koroop
Estimate £ 41 . 0 . 0
C. Rose £ 27 . 10 . 0
W. Crisp £ 19 . 7 . 6
Recommended Crisp

8. Wedderburn & Charlton Road near McLennons
John D. Keefe £30 . 0 . 0 Estimate £19 . 0 . 0
G. Duckett 18 . 0 . 0
J. Forrest 12 . 0 . 0
W. Maclure 12 . 1 . 8
P. Kining 13 . 10 . 0
W. Crisp 17 . 10 . 0
Recommend Forrest

9. Blackswamp Charlton & Kennyroon Northwards
J. Forrest £104 . 10/- Estimate £ 131 . 5/-
G. Duckett 127 . 4/-
W. Maclure 96 . 10/-
P. Kining 94 . 0 . 0
W. Crisp 125 . 0 . 0
Recommd Kining

10 60. Chains formation by Games Speers & Hamiltons
Rose and Smith £39 . 0 . 0 Estimate £75 . 0 . 0
P. H. Beer £53 . 0 . 0
R. Poor £57 . 0 . 0
P. Forrest £74 . 15 . 0
W. Crisp £72 . 12 . 6
Recommended Beer

Cr Coutts } That the tenders of Messrs Bamon.
Cr Hall } Kinny 2, Keogh, Crisp 3, Lucas, Forrest, and Beer, as recommended by the Public Works Committee be accepted Carried

Motions under notice

Cr Coutts } That Tenders be called for repairing
Cr Redwood } road at Burkes Flat. Carried

Cr Coutts } " for repairing road from Theodore
Cr Redwood } to Koorooroop by Sylers house
Carried

Cr Coutts } " for repairing and cleaning Inglewood
Cr Redwood } and Bridgewater road, and road running South by Flights Farm Carried

Cr Hall } That regulations for management of market
Cr Ross } Square and Bye-Law re Streets be Confirmed

Cr Cahill } That Secretary be instructed to take the
Cr Ross } necessary steps to have the Wedderburn Park brought under the Control of the Council

Cr Coutts understood that the Engineer refused to pay for certain work performed by Mr Campbell at Hopebreek on the ground that it had not been completed in accordance with Specification, and moved that the matter be left in the hands of the members for the South Riding and the Engineer.
Seconded by Cr Paterson and Carried

Engineer asks for instructions about proposal to buy about one acre of land from Jenkyns in Salisbury West to complete road surveys ordered —

Cr Paterson } That matter be left in hands of members
Cr Ross } for South Riding. Carried

Instructions

By Cr Paterson Engineer to have Box drain put in near Wm Deans, Charlton; and deepen drain there, also to pull up Culvert and if fit to put in again lower at lower depth as entrance to township from Waddenburn road. Also fill up scour at end of Charlton bridge.

Engineer asks leave to have about £2 worth of gravel put on at end of approach built recently by H. Hughes. To stand over.

Cr Ross called attention to scour on road running north from the Inglewood & Weddenburn road near his land which if not checked would ultimately destroy the road —

The Engineer was instructed to inspect report

The Engineer pointed out necessity for repairs to Cattos road Rheola and on Weddenburn and Rheola roads & to table on Rheola & Johnstown road & Wills & Thingowar road.

Cr Redwood } That Tenders be called for —
Cr Hall } tabling Rheola & Johnstown road and for work as above recommended. carried

By Cr Martin Engineer to inspect road to Fernihurst & repair Cemetery there stumps taken out and dead timber removed

Cr Coutts Engineer to ascertain if Government acknowledges road deviation by Maxwells reef also road near Brenanah Re-emption Right

Notices of Motion

Cr Cahill That 150 Chains be cleared between Walkers and Spring Hill purchased land —

Cr Redwood For about 3 miles of grubbing by Walls, Adams and Dowling & Kurting.

Cr Coutts for filling swamp by Robt Kellys Sowbett.

Cr Paterson for resuming scale of weighbridge Charges and for substituting a more liberal scale in lieu thereof.

Cr Paterson for clearing road north of Birds Selection excised by the Railway Department also for removing all dead timber for about two miles west on same road.

Cr Martin for clearing all stumps on main road from Boort to Inglewood by Dayes.

The Public Works Committee then brought up the following accounts for payment which were passed and allowed on the motion of Cr Hall seconded by Cr Coutts —

389	Inspector Shehan salary	2	"	10	–	0
390	Con 962. Duckett	21	"	18	–	0
391	Phillkeye Weigh Commission	4	"	6	"	0
392	Hughes and Jones erecting pump	4	"	9	"	0
393	Fitzcroft Buck & Banakee W/bridges	4	"	0	"	0
394	Rowles Charlton W/bridge	3	"	0	"	0
395	C. Ross metal Banakee W/bridge	10	"	0	"	0
396	W. Steel Buck & Banakee W/bridge	7	"	4	"	0
397	Cash rate Collectors salary	12	"	10	"	0
398	Bobeein Buck & Banakee W. bridge	13	"	16	"	0
399	Geo Sackamore labour Hindmarsh Dam	1	"	15	"	0
400	Bank Victoria coupons on Debentures	52	"	10	"	0
401	Phillkeye W/bridge Charlton	5	"	14	"	6
402	Bendigo Pottery & pipes	5	"	12	"	0
	Forward	£149	"	4	"	6

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403	Inspector Delaney	2	10	0
404	Con 904 Kinny	2	0	0
405	Con 895 do	5	0	0
406	John O'Keefe Weighbridge Commission	4	19	3
407	A. L. Sutherland Buck & Barnaby bridges	5	0	0
408	Con 969. C. Rose	20	0	0
409	C. Rose labour Woorang	6	0	0
410	J. R. Gray for Assist Secretary Salary	8	6	8
411	Secretary 1. month Salary	25	0	0
412	John & Starr 1. mo Salary	29	3	4
413	John Wilson 1. mo lamplighting	3	16	2
414	Joseph Hunt labour supin	2	8	0
415	McLean Bros & Rigg superintendents Expo	9	9	0
416	Arnall & Jackson Stationery	10	13	9
417	Robt Steel & Son Sundry articles per a/c	1	13	1
418	Thos Cosh Collecting Statistics	12	0	0
419	John Reach do	12	0	0
420	J. F. Grant do	16	10	0
421	Tribune Office advtg and Printing	4	15	0
422	W. G. Dunkley Weight Commission	2	10	0
423	President attending Group meeting Sandhurst	2	2	0
424	D. Guthrie Horse and drag	1	10	
425	Office Expenses	2	7	0
426	Sundry do	9	14	6
427	Wilson various Jobs per a/c	7	2	0
428	W. S. Steel day labour	3	15	0
429	Huggins repairing W. mill	4	0	0
430	Chisholm various repairs per a/c	4	4	0
431	Whitney various repairs per a/c	9	0	6
432	Inspector Coffey Salary	2	10	
433	Lucas labour Superior road	4	16	
434	Kinny spreading metal Charlton	12	5	9
435	Grant Rabbit Suppression Commission	4	2	1
436	John Frost repairing Culverts	4	10	0
	Forward £	404	18	6

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437	Con 976. Chisholm	23	10	
438	Con 912 Forest	18	11	4
439	Con 955 do	20	0	0
440	Con 974. do	25	10	0
441	Con 971 Kinny	20	0	0
442	Con 916. do	1	0	0
443	Con 909. Lucas	1	0	0
444	Wild Dog Suppression Associ Boort	22	0	0
445	James Bannon Cleaning streets	2	13	6
446	Mrs Moorcroft Presidents allowance	4	3	6
447	Con 964. Lucas	8	14	5
448	Thomas Jones labour new Inglewood	4	16	0
449	Hamilton Weighbridge Commission	3	15	0
450	Crisp rope and bucket to Douglas Well	1	10	0
451	Grant salary as Rate Collector	18	0	0
452	Reach salary as do	12	10	0
	" Commission on Dog Registrations	6	15	0
453	John O'Keefe Weighbridge Commission	3	1	9
		£602	9	0

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

Confirmed 20th May 1884.

Donald Ross President