Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on the 19th February 1884.

Present All Council.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

Correspondence:—

1. A. B. Logan for pump & trough Avoca Forest Tank
Mr Ross moved, Mr Clark seconded, that a pump and trough be erected and that Mr Logan be asked to look after them at a salary of £3 per annum. Carried.

2 Wm Davis (Tenihurst) asking permission to cut race from Kinypanial Creek to his paddock for the purpose of irrigating
Secretary had referred him to Loddon Trust.

3 Post Office & Telegraph Department re second daily mail to Wedderburn — Received.

4. Secretary for Lands intimating that an a/c for £8. 4. 8 subsidy on rabbit scalps had been passed ~~for payment~~
Received.

5 Messrs Henningsen & Co under re reductions of a/c for advtg presented at previous meeting.
Mr Clark moved that the attention of Messrs Henningsen & Co be drawn to difference in cost of advertising balance sheet as charged by the advertiser seconded by Mr Bourchier & carried.

6 A. Watts (Yaworng) Complaining of rabbits in the Coonooer District and inquiring if the Council purchased scalps Also inquiring if any steps had been taken relative to road leading over the range to reserve by Ritchie & Stewart.
Secretary to reply ~~that~~ the rabbit nuisance would be attended to and the road referred to ~~will~~ be kept open

7. Shire of Sheppanton inquiring which leading Barrister the Council would like to see retained in the test case re "Old or New Licenses" Secretary had replied that

Choice would be left with Sheppanton Council. Approved

8 Clerk of the Maryboro Mining Board re complaint by Council of increase of rabbits on the Goldfield Commons and forwarding resolution of the Board's to the effect that Council must have "been misinformed as regards rabbits on the Rheola Commons" &c and that all available means have been used to suppress the rabbits on the Kingower & Inglewood Commons — Councillors Self & Hedwood said that rabbits do exist on the Rheola Commons & the Secy was instructed to write again on the subject

9. Railway Department with a/c for £343. 6. 3. two thirds cost of works at Korong Vale to be signed and returned.
The account contained a proviso that the Council will keep the works in proper repair. Received.

10. Distilleries & Excise Office forwarding forms for return of all licenses issued under "The Licensing Act 1876"

11. Secretary Shire of Yea asking co-operation in and endeavor to obtain the same privileges to travellers upon Country lines of Railway as at present exist upon Suburban lines.
Cr Paterson, Mr Bourchier — That Council support application for alteration in Railway fares so as to bring the Country fares more in accordance with those on Suburban lines and that the Secretary write to members of Parliament for this District requesting their influence in the matter. Carried

12 N. Beaton re Weighbridge tickets & blocks which had been taken from book & stating that he would forward money for same when collected
Secretary was instructed to write informing Beaton that he must hand over the money collected by him at once.
Also to obtain Guarantees for all weighbridge tickets.

13. Sat. O'Brien reporting on fencing over Reservoir.
Received

14. Secretary Municipal Association re Liability Water Trusts
15. that the question had been submitted for Counsels opinion Copy of which would be sent in due course.

16. Post Office Telegraph Department that arrangements have been made for the Conveyance of an additional Daily mail to and from Wadenburn & the Railway Station.

Received

17. Const Murphy resigning his position as Inspector of Slaughteryards. Received and accepted.

Cr Clark moved } That Const Smelcher Const 330l. be
Cr Ross seconded } Appointed in place of Const Murphy
18. to the end of the year.

Carried

19. R. Westacott (to President) applying for leave to use footpath in Charlton for Building purposes. Granted on condition that provision is made for safe traffic

20. Under Treasurer with forms for annual Statements &c Secretary had furnished same as requested

21. Govt Statist with form for return of Horses Cattle &c Secretary had supplied same

22. John Robertson for permission to fill up space between his land and the road parish of Wooreen

Cr Bourchier } That Robertson have permission to fill up
Cr Paterson } hollow near his land in a manner subject to the approval of the Engineer. Carried

23. Dr Adam re fees as Health Officer and reporting Cases of Diphtheria & Scarlatina in the Kurting District and asking for instructions in the matter.

Cr Paterson } That the arrangement with the Health Officer be
Cr Martin } £20 per annum for inspection and report on district and that 5/- per mile be paid for cases in which the Doctor is required to visit indigent persons suffering from infectious disease no fee beyond that to be paid. & Authority for such visits to

given by the Councillor or the Secretary only.

Carried.

24. Telegram from Inspector Delaney re Scarlet fever at Kurting

25. Central Board of Health approving of Dr McVeans appointment as Health Officer and forwarding copies instructions for his guidance.

Received.

26. Central Board of Health re Typhoid Fever at State School No 794. and enclosing Regulations.

Received

27. James Martyn, F. C. Mungovan & Others (Charlton) pointing out necessity for several works ("between Martyns Corner and the bridge over the Avoca River"

Cr Paterson } That Secretary reply to Mr Maunsell & others
Cr Bourchier } stating that the dangerous places will be attended to at once, and that Engineer submit a report to next meeting as to the best mode of effecting the other repairs asked for. Carried

The Secretary stated that Complaints had been made by farmers in the Wooreen District of the ravages of Wild Dogs & that he had written to Mr Kemmonth & other Stockowners suggesting they form a Stock protection Society which would be probably subsidised by the Council.

28. He had received letter from Mr Kemmonth (produced) to the effect that he had acted upon the suggestion with the result that £3. had been promised.

Cr Bourchier } That One pound be paid for each dingo skin
Cr Paterson } purchased to any Stock protection Society.

Carried

29. Under Treasurer with forms for preparation of "detailed account of all monies received" for Licences.

Received

30. Joseph Bishop & others praying for improvements to roads in Kingower District.

Engineer to report —

31. W A Steel reporting on Weddenburn Reservoir
Received.

32 James Ward (& Cr Hall) applying for improvements to roads in the McIntyre & Neville districts

Cr Coutts
Cr Rolwood } Engineer to report on application by Ward —

33. Ratepayers from North End of Weddenburn asking that the Main Water pipes might be extended to the the Northern boundary —

The Secretary was instructed to inform them that work would cost £85 - 0 - 0 in addition to Rates and cost of laying on Service pipes &c. and ascertain if under these circumstances they still desired the work to go on.

34. Dr McVean Health Officers report and a/c for attendance for Seven Cases — Account to be altered, no instructions having been given to attend the cases

Treasurer Reported since last meeting
Receipts £449 " 18 " 11 Expenditure £887 " 14 " 11
Bank Overdraft £1616 " 14 " 9.

Cr Coutts
Cr Cr Paterson } That the Treasurers report be received and approved Carried.

Engineer reported having surveyed roads in Wehla & Burnandb & that he place near Mrs Allens Inglewood

2. Weddenburn Road Complained of by Mr Bennidge had been fenced off.

3. In company with Cr Hall & Martin had visited Mr Egbert to examine proposed road and found that in order to carry the road over the range to the point required it would be "necessary to purchase from Mr Chalmers sufficient land to deviate existing road about a chain further to the West"

Road over Mr Egbert

4. A scour from the Kingsomil Creek near Barlows had excluded water so as to seriously obstruct

traffic down the Reserve He asked for instructions in the matter.

5 Re road through Capt Haines property Buckrabanyule he had received intimation that Capt Haines would erect swing gates on line required by the Shire if he was permitted to erect swing gates between his property & the pre emptive section But could not fix any price at which he would be willing to cede a road through his property —

6. Had communicated with Messrs McLean Bros & Co (agents for the Patent enamel Co) re boards for finger posts and the following were approximate prices quoted viz
Plates 4, 5. 6 inches wide and 2. 3. 4 inch letters
@ 3½ 4½ 6 per letter

7. Most of the Shire works suspended during the hot weather had been recommenced.

Cr Bourchier moved that the Engineer interview Mr Chalmers and ascertain what arrangement can be made as to purchase or exchange of land required for road over Mr Egbert range and report to next meeting, seconded by Cr Martin & carried.

Cr Coutts
Cr Martin } That Engineer report on scour across road near Barlows to next meeting. Carried.

It was decided that Council could do nothing more with regard to road through Capt Haines land.

Cr Paterson
Cr Martin } That Engineers report be received and approved Carried: —

The Secretary produced copy of Statement of Rates collected during 1883. which had been forwarded to the Treasurer also Statement of number of Inspections made and at what amounts.

Motions under Notice

Cr Martin
Cr Bourchier } Tenders be called for forming & clearing by Hamilton Spears. Kingsmill — and clearing all stumps on 8. Chain running east from Bowning R. Station about 60 chains. Carried.

Cr Paterson
Cr Bourchier } Tenders be called for works on road between Banake Railway Station and Howards as recommended by the Engineer and as placed on the estimates. Carried.

Cr Redwood
Cr Hall } That Culverts be erected on Inglewood & Myrtle road by Mackins and Larkins. Carried.

Cr Hall
Cr Redwood } 1 Tenders for road from Mathews to Bridgewater be formed through various wet places
2 For deepening and widening drain near McCattos land and filling earth so as to prevent flooding of McCattos land
3 For forming & metalling 2. Chains at the Borough boundary on the Telegraph road. Carried —

Cr Ross
Cr Clark } For drains from McLemons to Black Swamp near Charlton. Carried

Cr Ross
Cr Clark } For Crossing & 20 chains formation on road running South from Lemmons Canadian Store Woosang. Carried

Cr Cahill
Cr Clark } 1. Crossing be made by Sharnohs, Bennimal
2. Crossing by Johnstones Head & Stamand road.
3. 40. chains of drains by Kelletts also 10. chains gravelling Avoca Forest Road. Carried

Cr Paterson
Cr Bourchier } (Without notice) That weighbridges be procured & erected at Banake & Buckrabanyule Railway Stations Notices sent in since last meeting. Carried.

Cr Cahill That a committee be appointed to fix a site for Cr Kennedy near Town Hall

Cr Coutts moved as an amendment That all the words after the word appointed be omitted and the following substituted "to consider the question of the erection, purchase, or renting of a building for a Town Hall and report as to cost of site, accommodation required &c. &c. by Cr Paterson

Cr Bourchier asks for the ruling of the President as to whether the amendment was not out of order as rescinding a previous motion.

The President ruled that it was in order & put the amendment

For amendment	Against
Cr Coutts, Paterson	Cr Cahill, Bourchier
Ross & Redwood	Martin & Clark

The voting being equal, the President then put the motion

For	Against
Cr Cahill, Bourchier	Cr Coutts, Paterson, Ross
Martin & Clark.	Hall, & Redwood.

The motion & amendment were therefore both lost.

The Secretary produced bye laws fixing the level of Streets and Regulations for management of Market Square which were approved and ordered to be brought up at next meeting.

Cr Paterson
Cr Coutts } moved that the bye-law produced re streets be approved and the Regulations re market Square be approved and steps taken to have them put in force. Carried

Cr Clark referred to the inconvenience which exists in regard to weighbridges and to the numerous complaints made regarding their condition, to the irregular attendance of the Keepers and to the unsatisfactory scale of charges now in force, and considered that the appointment of an Inspector of weights and measures necessary —

Cr Bourchier spoke to the same effect and thought weights for testing the Bridges should be obtained at once.

After some further discussion the Secretary was instructed to alter the tariff furnished to the Several bridges so as to allow single horse loads of ~~grain~~ Wheat carrying not over 10. bags ~~to~~ be weighed at a uniform ~~charge~~ of 6d per load —

Cr Coutts
Cr Redwood } That the President attend the Groups meeting to be held in March — Carried —

Cr Clark Called attention to the appearance of the rooms of Mr Starr as Engineer to the Romsey Water Trust also to his employing another person to make surveys and to his paying higher wages to men engaged on these surveys than was allowed by the Council — and moved that it be an instruction to the officers that under no circumstances must any resolutions of the Council be ignored or neglected —

Mr Starr explained that he had made the plans for the Romsey Water Works but had not superintended their carrying out He would ultimately have to pass their works but had not neglected the Shire Works on that account —

Cr Coutts moved that the Report of the Committee appointed to draw up a new Agreement with the Engineer be submitted at next meeting Seconded by Cr Redwood & Carried

Cr Ross
Cr Clark } That Engineer have a Douglas pump erected at well on ~~[illegible]~~ road near Winters land parish Barooree and that Mr John Winters be appointed caretaker. — Carried —

Cr Paterson
Cr Martin } That Engineer have Rosso contract Woosang extended at Schedule price, and a crossing made opposite James Halls land and ruts filled about 20 chains north — Carried —

Instructions to Engineer

By Cr Bowchier Engineer to have pump and trough placed at
1. Williamsons tank and wires put in fence.
2 Also to complete formation at Wychitella between Williamsons and Sinclairs about 8 chains at Scheduled price,
3 Also Engineer to report on Culvert required between Gillespies and Johnstones Mysia.

By Cr Martin
Engineer to have pump and trough placed at Mysia Tank near Wesleyan Chapel —

By Cr Cahill That Engineer visit and report upon road near Martins Kelly and Edwards on St Arnaud road

Engineer Stated that nothing can be done unless an arrangement be made with owners of land —

By Cr Bowchier Engineer to have Crossing at Days Mysia repaired

By Cr Coutts Engineer to inspect road near Flights land on borough boundary to see if water can be brought into the Storm Channel by Daly Head.
2. Also to inspect road from Burkes Flat to Bealiba as to cost of forming and dealing with road where waste water from mines crosses it.
3. Also Engineer to repair Culverts by Clancy & the School House

By Cr Ross Secretary write to Messrs Taylor, Williams, Hughes ~~and~~ Andrews and Sutherland re brush fences & rabbits. Secretary to have Scale of Weighbridge fees painted on Calico.

Notices of Motion

Cr Redwood That Tenders be called for about 2 chains metalling near Bula Bullbrook Inglewood & Serpentine road

Cr Redwood For erection of Culvert by Henstons & Spears in Kingsparrel also for bridge at West end of tank near Morans Kingsparrel.

Cr Redwood For about 3 chains metalling &c in Brewery Lane Bridgewater and some gravel at the corner by Bards.

Cr Cahill For construction of two crossings near Woodhatches Kilbunnie road.

Cr Hall " crossings on road from Fiery Flat passing over bridge by Adams.

Cr Paterson For forming from corner of Yeangroon road to second piece of metalling West on Wedderburn and Charlton road.

Cr Clark That an Inspector of Weights and measures be appointed.

Cr Bourchier For clearing about 3 miles on newly surveyed road from Smith to Christensens Selection

The finance Committee then brought up the following accounts which on the motion of Cr Hall seconded by Cr Paterson were passed for payment.

		£	s.	d.
267	Cong66 W Rowler	5	2	6
268	Cong21 do	1	0	0
269	Reach rabbit Suppression	8	0	0
270	Beer crossing by Kerkins & Somich's	8	10	0
271	O'Keefe Weighbridge Commission	5	8	6
272	Sinclair Weighbridge Commission	3	16	3
273	Cong69. C Rose	15	0	0
274	Flitcroft building formation Weighbridge	2	5	0
275	Cong34. Kinniry	30	0	0
276	Inspect Coffey salary	2	10	0
277	O'Keefe Weighbridge Commission	4	8	9
278	Franklin building Weighbridge Office	40	0	0
279	Crisp repg road by Cummings	3	10	0
280	Inspector Delaney salary	2	10	0
281	Robinson Bros & Co books for Asp	1	3	6
282	Cong65. Rogers & Richardson	1	0	0
283	McNichol excavating formation Wyperfeld	10	4	0
284	O'Keefe Weighbridge Commission	10	18	3
285	Rowler approaches to Borung Weighbridge	6	0	0
286	Wildish & Dillon labour	30	10	0
287	Cong69. Wildish & Dillon	12	0	0
288	The Cosh Dog Commission	1	19	10
289	Wilson various jobs for Asp	4	7	0
	Forward £	210	3	7

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	Forward £	210	3	7
290	Road Surveys wages of men	9	7	0
291	W. Ashton Weighbridge Commission	2	9	9
292	Bryan labour at Bridge near Allens	4	1	0
293	Reach rabbit Scalps	9	15	0
294	Mercroft Weighs Commission	7	8	0
295	Cong49. J. Hughes	80	0	0
296	Dr Adam medical attendance "Healthact"	19	10	0
297	Hamilton Weighbridge management	7	9	3
298	Sinclair Weighbridge Commission	2	19	0
299	Sundry a/cs	7	15	0
300	Cong69. C Rose	15	0	0
301	C. Rose repairing roads & C.R. dgs	3	2	0
302	Guarantee premiums Weighbridge Keepers	3	0	0
303	John O'Keefe Weighbridge Commission	9	2	6
304	James Stewart Weighbridge Commission	6	14	3
305	Road Surveys wages of men	15	8	0
306	Rowler repairs to Borung Vale	5	0	0
307	Grant rabbit Scalps and Commission	5	3	9
308	Reach rabbit Scalps & Commission	6	8	4
309	Secretary 1 months Salary	25	0	0
310	Engineer 1 months Salary	29	3	4
311	Wilson lamplighting Wedderburn	3	16	2
312	A.R. Gray 1 month as Assist Secretary	8	6	8
313	Arnall & Jackson printing &c	7	17	6
314	Office Expenses per Voucher	4	2	8
315	Tribune Office advertising	5	2	6
316	Advertiser Office do	5	2	6
317	W. S. Steel day labour for Asp	8	5	0
318	Crisp levelling Bonn Bridge	4	0	0
319	Crisp making crossing by Burnetts Kurrawa	2	0	0
320	Kinniry labour Wrozang	3	0	0
321	Chisholm labour Asp	2	2	0
322	Kinniry repg Culvert Yeangroon	1		
323	Mr Mercroft presidents allowance	4	3	0
324	Cong24 Crisp	1	0	0
325	Cong68. Rogers & Richardson	1	0	
	Forward £	549	17	9

	Forward	£	549	17	1
326	Con 904. Kinny		100	5	0
327 a&b	Con 888. & Con 958. Guthrie		7	8	0
328.	Con 971. Kinny		20	0	0
329	Con 978. Dowding & Roe		10	0	
330	Moncroft Neighbridge Commission	0	5	2	9
		£	692	13	6

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

Confirmed March 18th 1884.

Donald Roff President