Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Office Wedderburn on Monday 19th February 1895.

Present Cr Bourchier (President) (in the chair) Cr Ross Cotts Mahill Martin Bourke Coutts & Kling

Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Correspondence

1 Secty. Benevolent Asylum for donation. received

2 Lands Department re rabbits

3 The same, stating that it was intended to reduce the number of men engaged in rabbit extirpation on Crown Lands within the Shire - and also that the question of proclaiming the Shire a rabbit infested district and appointing a local committee was under consideration received

4 Secretary Public Works Department with prospectus of "Municipal Service Record" a periodical designed to advance the interests of Local Govt Organisations

Cr Ross
Cr Kling } That the Secretary order a copy of the Municipal Service Record for each member

5 Secretary Central Board of Health setting forth certain questions ~~in reference of local boards stating that~~ the local boards have power to prohibit the keeping of pigs and to require the general slaughtering houses to be under such a control

6 Town Clerk Sandhurst inviting Co-operation of the Council in the effort to establish a system of Cheap excursion trains from Melbourne to the large centres of population in the Country districts

Co-operation granted

July

7 Geelong Council Bill, Trust acknowledging receipt of suggestions from their Engineer relative to calling Channel along road improved, and stating that the range would be duly considered by the Trust.

8 Lands Office re Amount enclosing cheque for Surveyors in connection with resumption of spring from the selection of J. Thomas Esquire.

Ordered to be paid

9 Secretary Shire of Gordon stating that that Council had resolved to contribute £1 per head on all wallaby scalps purchased by the Forest Office & by Sup pression Society and asking this Council to co-operate to the same extent.

Councillor stated that this Council has been paying £1 per shire to the Forest Society for some time past & was decided to continue the arrangement.

10 Shire Secy Maryborough bringing under notice the proceedings in the case of Henderson v. Tilbinghamy the plaintiff being a Station Leader and the defendant the Bet Bet Shire Council the suit arose out from the action of the Bailiff of a common water

Control of the Council, in impounding Plaintiffs sheep and the suit had involved the Bet Bet Council in expenses amounting to £7 7s. 8d.

The Maryborough Council had voted £10 and asked Co-operation of this Council

Cr. Boyschier
Cr. Martin } That £10 be voted towards the expense incurred by the Bet Bet Council

For Cr. Boyschier, Martin, King, Cr. Cutts & Cotts. Against Cr. Cutts, Cahill, Rose, Burke } Carried by casting vote of President

Amendment by Cr Cutts
Cr Cahill } That no action be taken

For Cutts, Cahill, Rose & Burke } Against Boyschier, Cotts, King, Martin

Lost by casting vote

Amendment by Cr Rose
seconded by Cr Burke } That £5 be given

For Rose, Cahill & Burke } Against

Lost

11 Victorian Deaf & Dumb Asylum for donation

Secy received

12 St Arnaud Shire Council stating that that Council would support the application to the Minister for Lands re purchase of rabbit Reserve received;

12½ Secy Shire of Mt Rouse re closed Roads and asking Council to urge upon the Govt the necessity for taking early action in the matter

Cr Cutts } That this Council co-operate with
Cr Boyschier } the Shire of Mt Rouse

14 Ratepayers in Berrimal & Corrow Track relative to dog inspector bonds on the Central Riding and intimating that if the rabbits were not destroyed within four weeks they would pay

for an order empowering an Inspector or other suitable person to destroy them at the expense of the Council. Received.

15 J. N. Gray Rabbit Inspector ~~of~~ in reference to the last stating that he did not have himself responsible for the Clearance of the Water Trust lands or the 110 Section Reserve & the only way to clear those lands was by selling timber &c, a course which the Council did not apparently did not approve of.

Received

16 Secretary for Lands & relative to Regulations for letting Reserves.

Received

17 Secretary Board of Health that the Education Department will consider the question of erecting a new School at Simpsons Creek Planet the present improved attendance be maintained & Received

18 Public Works Department re appointment of Conductor.

Received

19 Mr Cu now & other Ratepayers in the District of Bonnivale & surrounding district praying for Road Clearing and a Bridge across Fourteen Creek.

The Clerk of Works instructed to reply that the Road was to be advanced for clearing but that the question of a bridge would be referred to the Engineer for report.

20 Mr. O'Sullivan & secretary Central Irrigation League stating that a "National Irrigation Conference will be held at Shepparton on

the 28 & 29th Octo and asking for the appointment of a delegate

Moved agreed that the President should attend if possible.

21 J. A. McColl stating the objects of the Decentralization League which had been formed at Sandhurst and asking Council to give the matter its consideration.

(Discussion) Moved this Council sympathises with the objects of the League and gives it heartiest support, Carried.

22 Alex McTavern Korong Vale to Mr Bourchier complaining of rabbits.

Received

23 William McNeil, Wooraaq stating that Crisp, contractor for work near his land had broken fence and requests that he be compelled to repair it. Crisp was present and stated that he had repaired the fence.

24 Lands Department that steps were being taken for the Proposed Reservation of 19 acres of land in the Parish of Nerrendenon subject to certain mining conditions.

Received.

25 Borough of Castlemaine inviting attention to recent case of decision of the Supreme Court relative to non liability of buildings on mining leases etc to be Rated and requesting support & operation in effort to have the Act amended.

Consideration Granted

26 Mr Smith enclosing complaining of bees overrating his land. Re-rated the total rate being 4/-

27 Wm Mackay Berrimal asking Compensation for cutting down bank of creek near his place which was a great Convenience to the Public
Engineer is instructed to inspect & report on the value to be done of such cutting

28 Mrs Miles Narromine asking for 10 Chains cutting down sand hill near his place
Engineer to inspect & report

29 Public Works Department that the sum of £250 has been placed upon the estimates to assist the Council in erecting a bridge over the Kingstonian Creek, Council to expend a like amount &c

30 Notice that £400 had been placed upon the estimates for the bridge over the Macquarie on Condition that the Councils of Narromine & Mara Rowa expend £800 additional &c

31 Lands Department re purchase of rabbit scalps

32 Lands Department re rabbit destruction

33 W. Steer reporting on Wambianna Reservoir
The Engineer is instructed to prevent the waste of water and the irrigation of gardens

34 Ephraim Hughes Park, Lue Flat complaining of rabbits and making suggestions relative to same &c

35 Mrs Ashton re Boyle applying for fencing near Dripstone Station.
Referred to Engineer for report

Treasurer's Report Receipts since last meeting £838.9.0
Expenditure £693.3.10 Bank overdraft £750.13.4
Returns approved.

The Secretary reported that for the first time since the passing of the Local Government Act the financial year ended with an overdraft. The Receipts for the year were £8216. & the expenditure £8371 leaving a debit balance of £151.16.10 although most of the payments passed at previous meeting were carried forward to next year. The cause of the overdraft was due to a reduction of the Cost Bookings and receipts from the bridges though in other respects the local revenue was better than that of previous years.

Cr Coutts
Cr Lonchier } That the estimates of Receipts and expenditure for the year ending 30th September 1886 submitted by the Treasurer and Engineer and showing a balance available for Public Works of £1852.2.7 exclusive of Rate, the amount required being £2190, be approved and passed.
Carried

Cr Coutts
Cr Betts } That in order to raise the sum required namely £2190 a general rate of one shilling on each pound of the annual value of all rateable property within the Shire be made for the Period ending September 30th 1886 and that such rate be due and payable after the 1st November 1885.
Carried

The Value submitted his report which showed the assessment of rateable property to be £ on annual value

Moved by Cr Coutts, seconded by Cr Catto
that the Valuers report be received and
the Valuation of Rateable Property be
approved and adopted. Carried

Moved by Cr Brown, That Mr John Reach be
Collector appointed to collect the Rate
for the Central Riding Carried

Moved by Cr Coutts, That Mr Geo F. Grant be
Collector appointed to collect the
rate for the South Riding, Carried

Cr Bouchier moved the appointment of Mr Thos Cosh
for the North Riding, Cr Martin objected
and asked that Mr Cosh be appointed
temporarily, for one month.

Rabbit Inspectors Reports were read and
for the Central & South Ridings.
Northern Inspector attended, and indicated
the locality of Crown Road, referred to
in his Report.

Cr Kerr, Cr Martin } That the Rabbit Inspectors
receive one months notice that
their service be dispensed with, Carried

Cr Catto, Cr Ross } That the Inspector for the South
Riding be authorised to burn a trusts
fence about 60 chains in length running
from Kelvin 20, a block to a selection
recently purchased along the Kingower & Korita
roads. Carried.

Engineer reports
Deviation of Kingower & Old Inglewood
roads finds such a course would be very

expensive as the route would be through private
property, chiefly, recommended Provision being made
as soon as convenient for a large stone drain on
the West side of the road near Studings and
a few gratings.

2 Has taken levels and finds that the water
can be led from Specimen hill down to the
Reservoir and the cost of connecting Specimen hill
Dam with mains by a 3 inch pipe would be
£800

3 Inglewood & Tarnagulla road
is a good deal rutted and requires "rolling in"

4 Messrs Willis have abandoned their Contract for
fencing by Briens & Absons, Parish of Korong
& he asks whether he shall let it to next lowest
tender or call for fresh tenders.

Cr Coutts, Cr Brown } That about 20 chains of Clearing be done
on the proposed deviation of the Old Inglewood
and Kingower Road.
Carried

Cr Brown, Cr Bouchier } That Engineer and Chairman be asked to fill up
on Inglewood & Tarnagulla road and to
appoint a Resting Station
Carried

It was decided to Cancel Mr Hughes Contract
and to forfeit deposit.

The Public Works Committee then brought up
the following Tenders

Clearing etc from Elevants Borung Railway Station Dep.
Mr Ritchie £20 cost £10 –
Jackson £8
Robertson £8 13/–
Lawrence £10 6.8

recommended Jackson

2 Construction bridge over the Avoca river on the Meadenbury & Inverand Road
Est £1260

Mr Hughes £1280
T. Hughes 1247.4.0
recommended Hughes

3. Metling 20 Chains side drains by Emlyn Jones & Poulett
Estimate £15

Mr Jackson & Co £13. 10/-
T. Owen 17 —
Thos Frost 16. 10/-
recommended Jackson

Cr Cotto } That the tenders of Messrs Hughes
Cr Cotto } and Jackson & Co 2 as recommended by the Committee be accepted. Carried

Motions under Notice

Mr Cotto } Tenders be called for about 15 Chains
Cr Coutts } drains and forming on Kingowers & Wehla road near Walkers. Carried

Cr Cotto } " For about 20 chains of road clearing
Cr Ross } north from Simpsons creek school here Brownhill's. Carried

Mr Coutts
Cr Cotto } " See notice of M (see motion)

Cr Ross
Cr Cotto } " Such 5 Chains of forming & metalling be done at Kooyong Gate. Carried

General Business

Cr Bouchier } That a bye law submitted by the
Cr Cotto } Secretary under the provisions of the
Cr Cotto } Act be the necessary notice
[illegible] which has been given be now passed

by a special order of the Council. Carried

Cr Ross
Mr Bouchier } That in future the salary paid to inspectors of nuisance be £5 yearly in each case except at Charlton. Carried

Instructions to Officers

Key Cr Burke That Engineer inspect that drain opposite the Meadenbury Hotel and have necessary repairs effected

Key Cr Nelson Engineer to have road near Mr Hussey's Swing Bridge made practicable

Key Cr Kneebone Engineer report on road from Mr Clavans to Charlton

Key Cr Ross Engineer to inspect and report on cost of improving creek near Mr Clavans also on drain on Kingower & Charlton road

Notices of Motion

Cr Bouchier Tenders be called for constructing bridge over the Ninyeanil creek near Mr Hudson.

Mr Cotto Key That the ~~Secretary~~ services of the assistant Secretary be dispensed with

Mr Cotto Tenders be called for a kitchen crossing at Wehla on Wehla & Avoca Forest road

Mr Martin " For forming by Templeton on road leading from Koonoomoo Station to Magpie crossing.

Cr Martin " For forming & draining by Wilsons selection Wyclatchie

Cr. King That in the event of the Secretary requiring an assistant his salary be reduced by such an amount as is required for his assistant

Cr. King That Dr Jee be appointed Health Officer for the North Riding at the expiration of the present Officer's appointment

The Finance Committee then brought up the following accounts for payment

1	Con 1062 Guthrie & Co	40	-	-
2	Lucas day labour	7	8	-
3	Guthrie & Simms labour	4	7	6
4	Con 1061 Lamb lighting	3	18	-
5	Con 1073 C Lucas	40	13	
6	Con 1086 Forest &	8		
7	Con 1063 & 1064 Forest	16		
8	Con 1013 Lucas	3	18	9
9	Con 1106 Mc Carlow	15		
10	Con 1113 Morgan	8		
11	Con 1100 Jas Ritchie	8		
12	Con 1089 Smith	12	16	9
13	Con 1090 Whitney	29		
14	Con 1085 Lucas	6	0	6
15	Con 1079 Guthrie & Hassett	3	12	6
16	Con 1076 do	13	18	4
17	Harris fees for Check Printing	23	[illegible]	[illegible]
18	Wheel day labour & repairs	2	17	0
19	Clerk's Office stationery	2	5	
20	Treasurer's Office do	2	1	3
21	Mandeville Council dinner	5	2	-
22	Wm Doe fees & expenses	4		
23	Hayes & Hill Engineers Buffalo	4	3	2
23a	Con 1114 Chas Archer	1	-	
	£	273	16	2

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24	Cr. Archer labour per a/c	4	4	0
25	Welsh repairing road by Barlow	5	8	0
26	Con 1164 Mahoney	7	8	1
27	Jones various repairs South Rdg	3	6	0
28	Con 1077 Burpee	50		—
29	Survey of Reserve Hoover East	3	1	6
30	Con 1091 Crisp	4	5	—
31	Geo Ross labour per a/c	2	11	—
32	Con 1187 Linkson	5		—
33	Con 1099 Duckett	6	15	
34	Duckett labour per a/c	3	19	6
35	Con 1114 C Archer	2	18	—
36	Con 1089 Linkson	5	-	-
37	Jensen lapping kitchen & Wood	9	5	6
38	Simms do	5	18	0
39	Wheel Director of Reservoir	3	0	0
40	Con 1119 Crisp	35	0	0
41	Con 1069 Guthrie & Co	15	5	0
42	Simms & Stanger erecting pumps	4	12	0
43	Con 1111 C Lawson	8	11	0
44	Con 1156 Thos Carlow	30	0	0
45	Con 1113 Morgan	1	10	0
46	Interest on Debentures	52	10	
47	Kyanewille Commissioner	2	15	
48	John Marines labour per a/c	2	2	0
49	Roberts & Pebock a/c	157	14	6
50	Reid Surveys stages of Drs	6	10	0
51	Conyers & Bender von Hausen	10	19	4
52	Henderson Rayson labour per a/c		18	0
53	Con 1118 Baines	7	11	
54	Con 1124 Leo Hillis	11	9	7
55	Mendelton Keightley Commr	4	19	0
56	Con 1119 Crisp	20	-	-
57	Con 1121 Good	16	-	-
58	Con 1121 Young	12	-	-
59	Con 1120 [illegible]	11	1	[illegible]
	£	755	4	—

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60	Con 1105 Chisholm	4	—	
61	Con 1002 Whitney	23		
62	Con 1069 Smith	4		
63	Con 1089 Jackson	3		
64	Con 1101 Donnody	12	8	8
65	Con 1074 Wilson	30		
66	Wm T Grant, Rabbit Inspector	6		
67	Gray do	12	10	
68	Cook do	10		
69	John Black Rate Collector	124	10	—
70	Wm Cook do	12	10	
71	Con 1010 Strachan	1	1	6
72	Con 1077 Meagher	25	0	0
73	Con 1064 "	50		
74	Murchison Lessee	2	0	0
75	Grant Rate Collector Salary	18	0	0
76	Engineers 1 mo salary	25	—	
77	Engineers 1 mo do	29	3	4
78	Salary for 1 mo sal	8	6	8
79	Prot Animals Society	3	0	0
80	Arnott v Jackson Printing	21	18	9
81	Lawson v Co Bisuphide	9	16	7
82	W Gunn repairs to Road	5	5	0
83	Kilpatrick menial labour Oct	2	2	—
84	Chisholm labourer o/c	1	10	—
85	W R Reid labour	1	4	—
86	Wright day labour	4	7	—
87	James Kilbride matching	2	10	
88	Wm Ewing labour	1	9	—
89	Wilson menial labour o/c	2	10	
90	Clement Table	2	3	3
91	Dentz collector Water Supply	3	12	3
92	Telephone exchange	5	5	—
93	Clement v Foley & Equi remuneration	10	5	—
	£	1136	12	6

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93	John Lennon repairs to road near Nowa	1	15	0
94	Dr McDean Health Officers Salary	10	0	0
95	Con 1099 Rodgers	11	3	4
	£	1159	11	10

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

Confirmed 17/10/85.

President

Donald Ross
Chairman in the
Absence of the President

On Monday the 16th Oct. no Councillors attended it being arranged to postpone the ordinary meeting to next day the 17th which is the day fixed by the Local Govt. Act for the annual meeting the ordinary meeting was adjourned accordingly

Thos H Bowden
Shire Secretary

16/4/83.