Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on the 18th October 1886.

Present Cr Bourke President (in the chair) Gray Catto Ferguson, Ross Kling & Coutts.

Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed

Correspondence:-

1 Secretary for Railways replying to Council's application to use water from Reservoir at Korong Vale for domestic purposes ~~stating~~ to the effect that the matter will be duly considered, ~

2. W. O. Taylor applying for permission to use a portion of the market Reserve Wedderburn as a Lawn Tennis Court.
leave granted

3. Mines Department notifying appointment of Mr A.G. Cole as Cost auditor for the Korong Shire.

4 H. Westcott & other Ratepayers in the Central Riding urging necessity for repairs to Spring Creek & Charlton road

5 James Chisholm & others asking for road cleaning between B. Ross & Jas Chisholm's
Provided for on the estimates

6 Geo. F. Grant Inspector for South Riding enclosing a letter from a Mr Brownbill complaining of the negligence of the Bet Bet Shire with regard to rabbits
Dealt with elsewhere

7. Lands Department notifying reservation of 10 acres of land in the Parish of Tarnagulla
received

8. Pat O'Brien reporting favourably on the condition of the Kingower Reservoir

9. Railway Department promising to lay before the Rly Commissioners the letter from the Council supporting the direct route from Dunolly to Inglewood with the Railway and the establishment of a station at or near Arnold's bridge.
received

10 Lands Department notifying Gazettal of a Recreation Reserve at Heber.
Received

11 Water Supply Department asking for Council's opinion on the application of J. Ryan for sale of 110th Section Reserve Kactinga
Held over for attendance of Cr Coutts

12 Secretary to the Railway Department relative to application to use water from Korong Vale Reservoir, declining permission at present but intimating that the Commissioners will be glad to discuss the matter with the Council's representative when next in the District

13 James Gallagher on behalf of the Farmers union Bucks Flat asking Council to proclaim the reserve at Emu Bridge a Permanent Water Reserve. received

14 Lands Department stating that steps are being taken for the reservation of 40 acres of land in parish of Connors East for Water Supply purposes ~

16 Post & Telegraph Department relative to previous complaints from the Council that the Clearing along the Telegraph line between Ringwood & Charlton had been left in an unfinished state and inquiring whether Council intended appointing some person to visit the locality of the Clearing in company with an Officer of the Department

Received

17 W. Stephenson Fitzroys Creek asking Compensation for 3 acres of land excised from Ellen Stephensons selection for Shire road after some discussion the matter was referred to the Engineer

18 H. A. Beal M.P. stating that with a view to afford Shire Councils etc an opportunity of expressing Concurrence or otherwise with the provisions of the Irrigation Bill he had tabled a motion "that evidence be taken before the bar of the House" of which the Council could take advantage if it considered such a course desirable.

Cr. Ferguson thought a vote of the Ratepayers within the area of a proposed Trust should be taken before its formation. it was agreed to consider the letter later on.

19 Mrs Bankwell for donation to the Victorian Infant asylum.

20 Secretary Homœopathic Hospital for donation.

21 Secretary Deaf & Dumb Institution for donation.

22 Central Board of Health with copy of Mr Lebapelaine's observations on the necessity for the abolition of the waterhole opposite Moncrofts Hotel Yeadenburn, considered in connection with Engineers Report

23 W. Steel reporting a full supply of water in the Reservoirs within the Central Riding

24 Jas Reid & other ratepayers in South Riding applying for excavation of a Tank on the land adjoining Brown & Riordans holdings Parish of Talangallo
To be attended to ~~in Connection~~ when funds are available

Deputation

Cr. Catto introduced Messrs Brownbid & P. McKenzie as delegates from a public meeting held on Simpsons Creek on the 13th October where the the following resolutions were carried unanimously

1st "That the use of Poison as a means of destroying "rabbits is in the opinion of this meeting "very objectionable"

2nd "That the Purchase of scalps would be much "more effectual"

3rd "That this meeting protests against the action "of the Bet Bet Council in taking no steps "for rabbit destruction notwithstanding their "land is equally affected"

4th "That the Court be appealed to in the way of "furnishing selectors with Carbon free of cost.

5th "That the selectors bordering upon the marlee be supplied with wire netting at half cost price.

6 "That settlers in the Rabbit Districts be allowed to keep an unlimited number of dogs

7 "That a deputation consisting of Messrs Brownbill & Mackenzie wait upon the Korong Shire Council and lay before them the foregoing resolutions.

Carried Council was of opinion that Poisoning is the most effective way of destroying the rabbits, The deputation was informed that this Council has repeatedly written to the Bet Bet Council about rabbits the latter always replying that their territory is not infested.

The other resolutions submitted by the Deputation were not approved

Treasurers Report

Receipts since last meeting £180. 9. 8
Expenditure £461. 0. 8
Bank overdraft £210. 2. 7.
Report received & approved.

Engineers Report:-

1 Recommends construction of open Drain crossing near Kheilhouse's Hotel.

Crossing to be made as recommended at a ~~crossing~~ cost not exceeding £5.

2 Had given instructions for alterations to drain leading into Tank near O'Keefes East Brook so as to prevent further silting up of Tank and scouring of drain the cost would be £4, agreed to.

3. Recommends a drain near Mr Laidlaw & Tooles Salisbury street that a dry rubble stone drop with stone pitched drain leading therefrom to low water mark on river be constructed and the sides of the scour be dressed etc and the cutting be fenced off on both sides the total cost would be about £45.
To be considered later on.

4 Recommends formation of about five chains between the selections of Mrs Allen and Robt Kelly cost about £10.
Postponed

5 Re Turners crossing recommends placing a sum of £50 on the estimates against the £100 provided by the East Loddon Shire for the carrying out of this work.

~~[illegible]~~ on motion of Cr Coutts & Catto it was agreed to contribute one third of cost providing this Council's share does not exceed £50

6 Recommends payment of an additional sum of £5 to Mr. a Jones on his contract on "Inglewood Road" near Inglewood. agreed to

Recommends construction of Tank of 2000 C. ft. & Iron fence & pump etc at the junction of the Barraker & Charlton main roads opposite

8 Miles's Hotel also recommends a second Tank of similar kind near C. Sweeneys block providing co-operation of the Shire of Gordon be obtained. To stand over

9 Estimates cost of sinking the well at Hallam an additional 20 feet £120 Provision having been made on the estimates for this amount

Cr. Kling suggested that the Govt be asked to put a bore down before sending the engine as promised

10 Re drainage of Korong Vale suggests as the most practicable way of meeting the difficulty that the course of the main creek be diverted in Mr Hamilton's land so as permit of ~~the~~ its waters flowing towards the South east corner of Allens land by that means the proposed Storm Channel would drain the Township without rendering it liable to inundation, ~~from the~~ Engineer was empowered to interview Mr Hamilton and make arrangements & report at next meeting.

11 Recommends placing £50 on the estimates for repairs ~~of~~ applied for by Messrs Hancott, Bennett & others – agreed to

12 Re road from Colonial Hotel Wedderburn to Magpie Dam states that when calling for tenders he did not know the "eastern termination of road and called tenders for clearing about two miles. now finds an additional mile necessary and asks permission to add same to present contract. Considered with Tenders

13 Recommends renting one of the Cattle Pens in the new Sale yards Charlton for the purposes of a Pound.

Cr Kling
Cr Bourke } That No^s 9 & 10 Pens in rear of the Property of Mr Kling be proclaimed a Pound – Carried

14 Recommends removal of trees from ~~[illegible]~~ Barraker Hill Wedderburn & Charlton road also fencing of deviations in road. Agreed to tenders to be called at next meeting on motion of Cr Gray & Kling

Cr Kling & Cr Bourke that Engineers report be received & approved –

On letter No 11 re application for sale of dam near Ryan's Hunting it was decided that the Engineer & Members for the South Riding inspect and report at next meeting – Engineer

See Page [illegible]

Also directed to make inspection & report of No 10 –

Rabbit Inspectors reports were read & approved –

The Public Works Committee then brought up the following –

Tenders

1 Clearing by Bacons South Riding
W. Hy Bacon £15. 10/– Estimate £7. 10. 0
J. Rogers £19. 13. 4
Not recommended

2 Clearing Inglewood & Dunolly Road to Tenders. Estimate £ –

3 Culverts & approaches Inglewood & Dunolly road by Mr Intepes. Estimate £28. 0. 0
R. Chisholm £32. 6. 8
W. Crisp 38. 14. 0
recommended Chisholm

4 400 yds of maintenance gravel Rheola
J. Robertson £50 Estimate £30. 0. 0
W. Crisp £40
Not recommended

5 Forming & draining by Stewarts & Olivers Corner East Estimate £16 –
Eddyvean £19. 10. 0
J. Polich 13. 10. 0 Polich recommended

6 Clearing from Royal Hotel to Magpie Dam
John McKinnis £14. 13. 4 Estimate £25 –
Recommended

Cr. Kling
Cr. Ferguson } That the Tenders of Messrs Chisholm Police and McKinnio be recommended by the Public Works Committee be accepted — Cd

Motions under Notice

Cr. Ferguson
Cr. Kling } Tenders be called for bridge over Petticoat Creek. Cd

Cr. Ferguson " For bridge near Dargo (Postponed)

Cr. Bourke
Cr. Ross } " For repairs to road near Cambourne Lucky Headstream. Cd

Cr. Bourke " For Clearing by Shegero. withdrawn

Cr. Ferguson " Forming by Johnson & Haines Dyecitella postponed

Cr. Gray
Cr. Kling } That the expenditure in each Riding be kept within the revenue of each Riding. Cd

Cr. Gray
Cr. Ferguson } That the Bye law for regulating Street processions passed at a previous meeting of the Council be repealed. Motion lost the voting being For Gray & Ferguson against Coutts. Betts, Kling, Ross & Bourke

Cr. Gray
Cr. Bourke } That Statement of all Instruments the property of the Council be prepared for submission to next meeting & that all instruments be produced at each annual meeting. Cd

Cr. Gray
Cr. Ross } That in all cases when practicable works be done by Contract and that all works likely to exceed £5 be done by Tender

Cr. Gray That Tenders be accepted for Keeping the roads in repair in each Parish throughout the Shire.
With Permission of the Council this motion was altered so as to apply to the Central Riding only & was seconded by Cr Bourke
The motion was lost the voting being.
For Crs Bourke & Gray against Crs Kleeg. Catto. Coutts Ross & Ferguson

Cr. Redwood " For clearing by metalmans Post Passed

Cr Kleeg
Cr. Bourke } That the sum to be derived from the Govt in place of licence fees be devided amongst the Ridings on the same basis as at present
The motion was carried against the amendment by Cr Gray & Coutts that the amount be devided equally amongst the Ridings.

Treasurer's Report stated that the books had been closed and balanced as required by the Local Govt Act & that the year closed with a debit balance being bank overdraft of £329 " 18 " 11 The estimates provided for existing liabilities and a balance to be spent on public works as follows
North Riding £2215 " 11 " 0 Central Riding £1221 " 3 " 1 South Riding 1776 " 9 " 9

Valuer's Report showed the valuation of Rateable property within the Shire to be £68,134 being an increase of £589 on last years valuation.
The Report was received and approved and the estimates submitted were received & approved —

Cr. Bourke, Cr. Latto — That a rate of 1/ in the Pound be made on the net annual value of all rateable property within the Shire, and that Mess.rs Thos. Cook, John Reach and George F. Grant be empowered to collect the same for their respective ridings as heretofore, such rate to be payable within 14 days from date hereof — Cd

Instructions to Officers

By Cr. Latto — Engineer to confer with Sec. Sec. Shire Engineer as to crossing on Kangaroo Creek

By Cr. Latto — Engineer to interview Dormody re contract at Salisbury Creek.

By Cr. Ross — Engineer to report on crossing by Stephensons Weir and give estimate of crossing.

Engineer was instructed to call fresh Tenders for work at Rheola.

By Cr. Kling — Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for road over Barraklee and from Barraklee Station to Weaderburn Road

By Cr. Ferguson — Engineer to inspect and report on road by Johnson Inglis.

By Cr. Kling, Cr. Ross — (with leave) Tenders to be called for work on Road at Barraklee as mentioned above — Cd

Cr. Latto, Cr. Ross — That Mr Thos. Cook rate collector be appointed Inspector under the Rabbit acts for the North Riding of the Shire at a salary of £1 per week. That Mr John Reach be appointed for the Central Riding and Mr Grant for the South Riding at a salary of £1 per week each. Cd carried

Notices of Motion

Cr. Gray — Tenders be called for draining and forming about 6 chains between Holts and Kellett's.

Cr. Latto — Tenders be called for cutting down crossing between Kellig's Keepers & Tuxons Rutting

Cr. Kling — Tenders be called for 100 yards of metal 2½" at Charlton for maintenance.

Cr. Ferguson instructed the Secretary to inquire what proportion of the cost of Catumnal Channel is charged to the Korong Ratepayers.

Cr. Kling, Cr. Ferguson — That the Weighbridge Keeper at Charlton (Mr C. Jack) receive 8% on Weighbridge Receipts at Charlton. Carried

Cr. Kling, Cr. Bourke — That Tenders be called for the weighbridge at old uniform Rates.

Cd

The following accs were then brought up & by the Finance Committee and were passed for payment —

1	John Welch labour	7	"	"
2	Husbands for aneroid	2	10	0
3	Con 1109 D. Guthrie	1	10	0
4	Thos Curator of Reservoir	3	0	0
5	Ward labour Weaderburn	3	3	0
6	Con 1144 W. Crisp	1	0	0
7	Gray fund salary	4	"	"
8	Thos Cook Collector & Inspector	16	10	0
9	Con 1169 D. Guthrie	6	"	"
10	Con 1161 James Robertson	8	"	"
		52	13	0

	Forward	£ 52	13	0
11	Vou 1155 Duckett	115	0	0
12	Vou 1181 John Welch	10	0	0
13	Duckett lamplighting	3	18	0
14	Vou 1180 A. Fielding	8	0	0
15	Vou 1177 G. Lucas	28	0	0
16	Vou 1176 Rampred	10	0	0
17	Vou 1174 A. Porta	10	0	0
18	Vou 1173 Kemp	5	0	0
19	Branch Collector & Inspector	22	0	0
20	Ranch Collector & Inspector	16	10	0
21	Dutton Engineer salary	29	3	4
22	Secretary do do	25	0	0
23	Wilson various Vou per ape	2	6	0
24	Vouco various Vou per ape	11	2	6
25	Leck & Craig Store ape	5	11	7
26	Steel labour per ape	2	8	0
27	Andrew Keagher labour Doulikdy	6	6	0
28	Charlton Independent advty	4	7	6
29	Tribune Office advty	3	17	6
30	Star Office do	2	1	0
31	Arnall & Jackson Printing	32	13	3
32	Office expenses per Voucher	7	7	0
33	Wm Moorcroft Council's dinner	5	10	0
34	Dr. Macvean Health officer	5	0	0
35	Sundry ases per voucher	13	16	6
36	John Welch Inspector of Nuisances	2	10	0
37	Shannon labour & lamplighting	4	7	6
38	Koroing Agricult Society	20	0	0
39	Guarantee Premium Cold Stream Road		5	0
40	Nich Weighbridge Commission	6	17	0
41	Jones additional payment on Contract	5	0	0
42	Wild Dog Suppression Boots	7	6	8
43	Connell Curator of Kheda Reservoir	3	0	0
44	Vou 1128 H. Crisp	4	0	0
		£ 338	7	4

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

Confirmed November 16th 1896.

Donald Ross
Chairman

On Monday appointed for holding the ordinary meeting of the Council by Monday 16 November no Councillor attended and the meeting was adjourned till next day —