Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn Monday May 17th 1886.

Present Cr Bourchier President in the Chair Crs Klug Cotto, Cotto Redwood, Ross, Burke & Cahill

Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed

Correspondence

1 Secretary for Railways relative to application of Council for the issue of return tickets on Railways stating that the traffic did not warrant the desired concession.

2. Crown Law Department stating in reply to request of the Council for alterations & additions to Court House Charlton that no money is available & the only thing practicable is to place the item on the estimates for next year.

3 London United Water Trust relative to Payment of Interest on its loans

4 Secretary East London Council enclosing letter from Trust relative to ~~amount~~ interest on the loans contracted by the Council

Cr Cotto stated that a Special meeting had been called to fix the rating subdivisions when the Council would know the amount of the Shire's liability he moved the letter stand over till the information is received seconded by the President & carried

5 Secretary to the Premier acknowledging with thanks the expressed approval by the Council regarding the action taken in relation to the [illegible]

6 L.V. Department with a/c for completion re Catching to [illegible]

7. Brown Lands Bailiff Dudley Charlton stating that every care would be taken when logging Rosion on the ranges to prevent injury occurring from the use of water from the Kooyong Dam & Heatherburn Reservoirs received

8. Constable Burman with a/c for burial of dead animal found on road.
Passed for Payment

9. Wm Ashton resigning charge of Weighbridge & Frank Sayers applying for appointment as Ashtons Successor.

Cr Bourchier, Cr Kley — That Sayers be appointed Weighbridge Keeper at Kew on same terms as Ashton.
Carried

11. Jas McLinden Salisbury West complaining that a drain in front of his property has worn so deep that stock could not cross to water.

Cr Rose, Cr Kley — That Engineer inspect drain referred to by Mr Linden and in conjunction with members of Riding be empowered to have necessary repairs effected
Carried

12. Dr McVean Health Officer reporting case of Typhoid Fever in which the usual steps had been taken to prevent spread of disease

13. Messrs Holt & Finch Fentons Creek, on behalf of other residents of that locality asking Council to reconsider the application previously made for road clearing resolutions

Cr Rose suggested that the letter be received & no action taken
Agreed

14. P.O. Telegraph Department to the effect that it was reported that bushland scrub cut along the lines from Inglewood to Charlton had been removed — Several Councillors denied the truth of this statement and the Secretary was instructed to write again & state that men had been employed by the Council in two instances to remove the offending scrub.

15. Railway Department expressing inability to comply with request of Council for issue of excursion tickets or other present arrangements and that return tickets from Friday to Tuesdays for distances of over 150 miles were already in use

Cr Redwood moved that the Secretary write to the Rly Department and to the Other Shires & Municipal association etc asking for the issue of return tickets exceeding one week.
Seconded by Cr [illegible] Carried

16. Melbourne Benevolent Asylum for donation
To be considered with Charities

17. P.O. Telegraph Office Melbourne declining to establish letter delivery at Kooyong Dale but stating that in future telegrams will be delivered —

18. Treasury Department with a/c £1985.4.6 Friendly Societies Government Subsidy for signature
Allowed

19. The same acquiescing in arrangement proposed by the Secretary for the redemption of the Debentures provided the Bank of Australasia agrees to pay any difference between proceeds of sale of Stock and amount required to redeem Debentures & also that a power of attorney had been executed for purpose of transferring the

20 John Martin resigning his office as Councillor for the North Riding

Cr. Kling moved that the resignation be not accepted that Cr Martin be asked to withdraw it and that one months leave of absence be granted to Cr. Martin seconded by Cr Bourchier & carried

21 Cr. Bourchier presented a memorial from Jas Kenny and other Ratepayers of the North Riding for the opening of a road through the properties of Messrs Mary Anderson, Cox, and Coghill, beginning at Gatehouse No 7 on Boort Railway line and running south along the line to Barraba which would thereby shorten the main road from Korong Vale to Wycin by about two miles

Cr. Bourchier
Cr. Kling } That the Engineer inspect and report as to cost of making road through properties before mentioned

Carried

22 Kara Kara Shire Council complaining of unsatisfactory progress of bridge over Avoca same complaining of increase of rabbits on Campbells Creek

The Engineer stated that he was satisfied with the manner in which the contract for the bridge was progressing & Cr Coutts instructed the Secty to inform the Kara Kara Council that the rabbit infested lands complained of are within the area of the Avoca Water Trust

agreed to

23 Mr J Power asking for extension of Water Supply to his premises he being willing to pay sufficient rate to pay cost.

Cr. Coutts
Cr. Kerkhill } That the request be granted.

Carried

24 A. Herman Sandhurst asking permission to mine under certain roads indicated on tracing attached to letter in the form of [illegible]

Cr Redwood
Cr. Coutts } That permission be granted to Herman to mine upon the roads conditionally that no impediment be offered to traffic.

Carried

25 Saml Deeble applying for same privilege between Flights and the Deep Lead

Similarly dealt with

26 Bet Bet Council proposing a further effort should be made to obtain the issue of return tickets at reduced fares upon all lines

It was decided to take no further action

27 the same relative to complaint made by this Council as to prevalence of rabbits on Moliagul Common within the Bet Bet Shire and suggesting that the land referred to together with the portion of Common in this Shire should be placed under Part 4 of Crown Act 1884 Grazing licenses

Cr. Coutts
Cr. Redwood } That Application for the revocation of portion of the Moliagul Common within this Shire be made by the Secretary with a view to leasing it thereon [illegible]

Carried

28 John Welch applying for an extension of three weeks beyond the time specified for completion of the Bullabul Creek bridge owing to his inability to [illegible] on the section of [illegible]

Cr Redwood [illegible]

29 D. Beaton Dispute with Cr for cutting timber authorised by the Council [illegible] accounts to be paid —

30 Progress Committee Korong Vale relative to rumour as to alteration of certain Passenger trains to the inconvenience of the travelling Public and inviting Co-operation in endeavor to prevent such alterations etc.

Cr Bourchier moved that the Council offer its strongest protest and advocate as hitherto the running of an additional train to Charlton Cr Kluge seconded this motion which was carried.

Cr. Coutts moved that Council apply for the detention at Inglewood of the Goods train leaving there at 3 O'clock till the arrival of the Passenger train leaving Melbourne at noon so that Passengers for Inglewood etc may come on by the former (seconded by Cr Redwood) carried

31 Mrs. Hood Heathcote Road Railway Station complaining about her neighbors, the Council declined to entertain the [illegible] it being merely [illegible]

32 R. Stiller reporting on Water Supply Mechanics Racing received

33 Drury & Burge Heathcote applying for compensation for loss of bullock caused by hole near Nelson St. Engineer to report [illegible]

34 J. Hughes asking payment for extra metal supplied and a refund of license fees. It was decided to pay for the extra metal £5-1-10 [illegible]

35 H. Simms Contractor for King Daniel Creek bridge applying for an extension of time [illegible] for one month.

36 A. Boyle asking that the road be opened through Wright's land. received

37 Inspector Steel Charlton recommending removal of tap from near State School there

Referred to the Avoca Trust

38 the same suggesting formation of manure depot Charlton, Cr Kluge approved of the proposal and stated that a suitable piece of land existed on the opposite side of the river from [illegible] Engineer to inspect [illegible] with view to application for reserve being made. notice of.

39 John K. Ferrs Shire Engineer resigning his office in one month from date

Cr Redwood, Cr Ross } That the resignation be accepted & applications be invited by [illegible] Carried

The President expressed regret at Mr Ferrs resignation but hoped it would be to his advantage and also expressed satisfaction at the efficient manner in which he had carried out the Shire work.

40 J. Hughes Contractor for Avoca River bridge explaining causes of delay in completing same. and asking for another month's extension of time.

Cr Bourchier, Cr Ross } That Hughes be allowed one month extension of time conditionally that he pays the Clerk of Works during that time and upon the understanding that if the contract is not completed by the end of the extended time the Penalties will be enforced.

Engineer was empowered to dispense with the services of the Clerk of Works [illegible] [illegible]

Mr. Klug who stated that he could not attend the meeting any longer moved that the Proposed Bye law for regulating Street Processions should be made to apply to Charlton as well as Henderson, the Council then adjourned for lunch and on resuming Mr Rae introduced Mr John Smith a delegate from the Salvation Army who stated that he was instructed to inform the Council that the Army had no desire to act contrary to law but wished the Council when dealing with the bye law to give them every Consideration. The Secretary then read the draft bye law which forbade Processions of any kind except funerals parading Streets of the town in the Shire without the Permission and the Penalty for infringing which was £20- The President moved that the Bye law be approved which was seconded by Mr Cattanach Carried

Treasurers Report

Receipts during month £201. 11. 7
Expenditure £779. 12. 2 Bank overdraft £2.861. 11. 6 he also submitted a Statement showing the financial position of the Riding showing that the estimated receipts & expenditure to the end of the year left only a balance of £570 available for Public works

Mr Bouchier
Mr Coutts } That after that day no tenders be invited for works for two months except in case of emergency

Carried

Engineers Report-

1 The members for the central Riding accompanied by the Engineer had inspected the weighbridge Korong Vale with a view to its removal and recommended that as soon as funds are available that it be transferred to a convenient site at about 2 Chains west of where it now stands. the Probable Cost of removal will be about £33 —

2 Relative to draining the Private Street of Mr Allens Korong Vale the Committee had recommended Mr Allen to keep Possession and drain the Street himself & he promised to communicate his decision to the Council by that days meeting.

3 The Engineer & Cattanach had examined the road from Inglewood to Kingower and recommended works to the extent of £85. in the way of improving it they had agreed to have drain by Sibbald

4 Re forming by Cooke & Robertsons land Wooroing finds that a length of 20 Chains are required

5 Stumps require removing on road by Bird & Lennons.

6 Recommends cancellation of Carlons Contract for tank at Tarnagee and the application of the money in hand towards completing catch drains etc left in an unsatisfactory State

7 The site proposed by the Gordon Shire for the excavation of a tank at the joint expense of the two Shires near Douglas is not suitable but that a suitable site existed near Blain

8 Engineer asked for instructions relative to proceeding with grubbing work

The Council decided to allow those grubbing Contracts which had been held over during the summer to be proceeded with

with reference to the proposed fence on boundary of the shires

Cr. Bourchier
Cr. Coutts

That as the Shire of Condon is likely to be included in the Lodaon Trust area that no further action be taken until the territory of the Trust be defined. Carried

Rabbits Inspectors reports for the Several Rags were read and the President remarked that the land alleged to have been cleared by the Inspector is as bad as ever and Cr Redwood and Cr Coutts pointed out that Mr Saunders whose land had also been cleared by the Inspector and who was liable for the cost of same was in the unfortunate position of having the common fair his land on which swarms with rabbits and no steps are made to destroy them they. It was agreed to take no further steps for the recovery of the cost of clearing Saunders land till next meeting.

The Public Works Committee then brought up the following —

Tenders

1 Grubbing & clearing about 3½ miles of road by Shaws & Tolkinghorns in Berrinal and constructing 4 open crossings &c
A. Mann £50.0.0 Estimate £47.10/-
A.B. Wildish 44.6.8
Hickmott 71.15.0
D. Guthrie 54.0.0
Recommended Wildish to commence in three months

2 Crossings between Honora Ryan's selection in Kurting & repairing existing one on 110 th Sec Reserve South of her land Estimate £15.9/-
W. A Jones £34.8.6
W. Krieps 23.15.9 Not accepted, too high.
D. Guthrie 25.18.9

3 Constructing culvert on Narrow road & Sowlett
W. Krieps £79.10.0 Estimate £28.18.0
W. A Jones 58.10.0
D. Guthrie 64.0.0 Recommended W. A Jones.

4 Constructing crossing by "Old Crushing Mill" on the Anglewood & Tatnagulla road.
Keogh £21 Estimate £20.0.0
Chisholm 21.10/-
recommended Chisholm

5 For Purchase of Windmill at Gaile Plain
John Boyle £30.5/-
Chas Higgins 30.0.0
Recommended Boyle

Cr. Bourchier
Cr. Gabell

That the tenders as recommended by the Committee be accepted. Carried.

~~Amendment~~ Proposed by Cr Ross & seconded by Cr Bourke
That No. 1 be not commenced for two months
Carried. Four against.
It was decided to accept Mr. Boyles offer for the Windmill &

Cr. Bourchier
Cr. Coutts

That the bye law submitted re processions be passed by a Special order of the Council and ordered to be brought up for confirmation next meeting. Carried.

Notices of Motion

were in accordance with the resolution concerning tenders, held over for two months

A letter was then received from the Borough of Dunolly asking for the appointment of a delegate to attend conference at Dunolly on the subject of the "Tarnagoyd" or Thoa Water Supply &c

Cr. Bourchier
Cr. Redwood

That Cr Coutts be deputed to attend the Conference at Dunolly on the above scheme
Carried.

Instructions

By Cr. Bourchier Engineer to employ labour to fill up ruts on Granite road Kuipers –

By Cr. Catto Engineer to have repairs effected to Emu Bridge, Wm Avoca, & certain wells attended to

By Cr. Redwood Catto ~~Engineer~~ Secretary to apply for grant towards repairing Storm Channel from Inglewood Borough boundary to Bulla Bulla Creek

The Engineer reported having employed Mr Thos Huggins for a brief period as Clerk of Works @ £3 per week – his action was approved.

Notices of Motion

Cr. Catto That Tenders be called for 1½ miles of clearing by Bogtlaus and about 50 Chains from Lagoon on south side of reserve on road running East and West to Nuen and crossings made on said E & W Road across the Lagoon so as to afford access to Emu Bridge Railway station.
Also for works recommended by Engineer & himself near Caledonian Flat on Inglewood & Kingower Road

By Cr Cohill Engineer to have repairs effected to road near Humphrys ~~Creek~~ Cadow Port? at a cost not exceeding £7 0 0

The Secretary was instructed to apply for a loan for carrying out the proposed Works of Water Supply at Lowry Dale

Moved by Cr. Ross that the salary of the new Engineer be £350 per annum & Private practice be allowed except to other local Bodies

Amendment

By Cr Bourke seconded by Cr Cahill

that the salary be £350 per annum and no Private Practice be allowed Carried

For the Amendment Crs Bourke Bourchier Cahill Catto Against Ross Redwood Corrett

Cr Redwood
Cr Ross } That the following accounts submitted by the Finance Committee be Passed & Paid

Carried

473	Vou 1138 Hughes	100	0	0
474	Ashton weighbridge Vouch on		17	8
475	Vou 1157 & 1119 Brisp	12	0	0
476	Vou 1114 A Archer	1	0	0
477	J. R. Gray Jr Salary to date	4	0	0
478	Chas Cook Inspector	4	0	0
479	John Reach do & nuisances	6	10	0
480	A. Nunes Inspector of nuisances	1	5	0
481	Engineer 1 month salary	29	3	4
482	Secretary 1 month salary	25	0	0
483	Grant Rabbit Inspect & log Vou on	11	13	9
484	Hughes arsenic & phenyle	2	5	0
485	A. Kilson various jobs per a/c	1	13	6
486	Lack & Craig various articles per a/c	5	4	6
487	Office Expenses etc, Stamps	3	2	0
488	Sundry articles per a/c	7	9	3
489	Lancefield labour Rowlett & Kerting	2	7	0
490	Maidwell pres arrow ce	5	7	6
491	A. Brisp labour Charlton	6	15	0
492	Vou 1149 Hickmott	70	0	0
493	Vou 1130 Lucas	10	0	0
494	Vou 1150 Simmo	100	0	0
495	Vou 1164 Lucas	7	"	"
496	Vou 1157 Brisp	2	"	"
497	Duckett lamplighting	3	18	0
498	Vou 1158 Hickmott	25	0	0
499	Vou 1145 A. Brisp	5		
	Forward £	455	–	–

		£ 455	" 11	" 1
460	Bon 1165 Nicholson	10	" 0	" 0
461	Bon 1168 Polich	40	" 0	" 0
462	Bon 1143 Kinin	50	" 0	" 0
463	Bon 1160 W. A. Shea	10	" 0	" 0
464	Tribune Office advertising	1	" 10	" 0
465	Three day labour	2	" 2	" 0
466	Bon 1155 Duckett	20	" 0	" 0
467	Bottomley repairs Trenhurst	3	" 10	" 0
468	Bro Benedict & Prescott acc't	4	" 17	" 6
469	W. Crisp repairs North Rd	3	" 5	" 0
470	Whitney repairs to Road South Rd	6	" 0	" 0
471	Arnold office furniture	4	" 12	" 6
472	W. Nichol cutting bushes	1	" 6	" 0
473	Bannon labour slaughtering	10	" 0	" 0
474	Robinson and Son Pumps	18	" 18	" 7
475	D. Beaton cutting thistles	12	" 12	" 0
		£ 649	" 4	" 8

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

Confirmed June 20th 1888.

Geo. R. Pinsonneault
Clerk