Minutes of an ordinary monthly meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Mechanics Hall Wedderburn on Thursday June 17th 1891.

Present Cr Graff (President in the Chair) Crs Rose Watts Redwood Kaidlan Cordtto Cleaburn & Procter

Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Correspondence

1 Railway Commissioners acknowledging receipt of Secretary's letter re drain Korong Vale

2 Chief Secretary stating in reply to an application for appointment of an Deputy Electoral Registrar at Inglewood for the Rheola Division that Mr George Heveren has been appointed

3 Shire of Kara Kara asking Council to join in an application to the Minister of Public Works for a grant towards cost of bridges required at Tarrono North of Sink Bridge and at Soft bridge, at Conner weir, Secretary to reply that this Council has no funds for [illegible] Kara Kara

4 P & Kelly Powell notifying the appointment of a deputation to urge upon the Council the necessity for adopting some stringent measures for coping with the fox pest

5 Miss Smith asking Council for [illegible] to [illegible]

Referred to engineer to have [illegible]

6 Inspector Delaney reporting favorable on health of his district.

7 George Turner thanks Council for having an inspection of the Houses there, and asking who is the Inspector for the Rice road.

The Secretary had instructed Constable Satchwell to fix the place & hire the necessary conveyance and on the motion of Bro Coutts & Redwood Constable Fox of Nicola was appointed Inspector of Nuisances and Slaughterhouses for the Nicola District - such appointment to date from the first of June, at a salary of [illegible]

8 Public Works Department calling attention to gazette notice covering petition for conveyance of Toddock & Tunstall from [illegible]

9 Water Supply Department enquiring if Council have any objection to sale to sale of 20 a land applied for by Wm Wilmot Sanderson.

10 Public Health Department asking Council to suggest any amendments which they consider desirable, in the Local Health Act

11 R. H. Grossman [illegible] for leave to place a fence across the reserve over Rock Shut Cut to Riding [illegible]

12 R. Carlon for permission to erect a gate between his pasture & parish of Kamloops under provisions of the Animals Protection Act 1889.

Granted on the motion of [illegible] & Robertson

13 Public Board Health with copy of the Boards requirements with regard to Presbyterian Church at Charlotte and requesting Council to intimate when they are complied with.

Referred to Engineer

14 J. J. Holmes asking Council to have road surveyed across reserve adjoining his land (see next)

15 Department of Agriculture stating that the Reserve referred to by Mr Holmes has been leased to Mr Armstrong for 14 years & that the public have no right of passing through the land.

It was decided the engineer should inspect the place with a view to asking the Council of Agricult[ral] Education for leave to make a road for about 5 chains along the side of the Reserve.

16 Public Health Department [illegible] Health Officers [illegible]

Cr. Coutts
Cr. Laidlaw } That those Officers who have failed to furnish reports [illegible]

A Deputation consisting of Messrs Lovell, Isaacs, Ryan & Laidlaw, were introduced to the Council and asked for an increase of the reward for foxes ~~taken~~ and assistance in endeavouring to have the law made more stringent with regard to the [illegible]. The members of the deputation quoted a number of instances where farmers had lost sheep & lambs to the extent of 30 or 40.

Cr Redwood } That Secretary Communicate
Cr Gray } with other Shires with view to securing uniformity of action and that the Government be asked to subsidise the Councils and have the forces destroyed on Crown lands & Reserves.

Cr Coutts supported the motion which was carried.

Railway Deputation

Deputation consisting of Messrs Isaac, Guilfoyle & Laidlaw then appeared on behalf of the Forest Railway League to the proposal to permit a strip of the Inglewood & Durham Ox road to be used for purpose of Railway line. A letter from the East London Council moving application was read.

Members of the Deputation then stated that their chief desire was that the Council should withold its sanction to use of the road for the present as an effort was being made to have the line an average two or three miles to the westward. Cr Coutts was of opinion that [illegible]

from Kurting and after some further discussion moved that the Council withold its sanction to the road for the present. Seconded by Councillor [illegible]

17 C. Flight applying for reduction of rent of Hire Cottage to 6/. per week

Cr Ross } That the rent be reduced to 6/6 per
Cr Gray } week. CA

18 Robt Jenkins Charlton for 27/ payment of labour &c and £2 maintence on Contract Yeungwood.

Referred to engineer

19 Messrs C & C. Foreman Charlton ~~applying~~ offering to cart metal necessary for repair of the road or street opposite their premises on condition that Council provides for the breaking and spreading of it. Also asking for removal of trough and stand for taxis.

Cr Proctor } That Foremans offer be accepted and
Cr Laidlaw } that the Engineer see to the carrying out of the work. CA

20 Mr A. Ford inquiring if Council intend fencing off the Reserve adjoining their site at Woodend

Secretary to reply no.

21 Alice Hurst for repairs to road opposite her hotel Woodend. This work is included in Letts Contract.

22 Executors of Peter Jamison asking Council to purchase a Right of Way at Charlton which is in Constant use by the Public. This matter had been [illegible]
Held over.

23 Municipal Association of Victoria which of deputation to Minister of Public Works on subject of an amending Local Government Bill.

24 Lands Department for Council's views as to the application of Hugh Sutherland for a licence to fence the quarry reserve Coonde East.
Referred to Central Rly Members & Secretary to dispatch

25 Lands Dept stating that steps are being taken to make the reserve at Kedraca (applied for by Letts) available for selection under the Act of last sess.

26 Country Fire Brigades Board Melbourne with list of Candidates nominated for representation on the Local Committee

Health Correspondence
Inspector Hall reported the Health of his district to be good and recommended improvements to Armstrong & Watson the by laws of drainage also the taking over of the "Jamisons Right of Way" & the works.
The drainage of Armstrong

[illegible] was referred to the engineer. Mr Proctor stated Jamisons executors will, but the Rights of [illegible]

Public Health Department stating that the notes from Drs Macrae & Adam are not report to the Gas Works and that they should furnish the information at once. Copies of this letter had been forwarded to the Officers named.

Inspector Satchwell reporting on sanitary condition of Berwick & where he had served notices &c & applying for a [illegible] of foreshores. [illegible]

Insurance
Council to [illegible]

The Secretary read a report of the arguments delivered before the Minister of Public Works for and against the severance of the Shire portion of the Shire territory within the area of the London Water Trust, after hearing the arguments the Minister intimated that the petition for severance could not be [illegible] but recommended the petitioners to endeavor to come to an amicable understanding with the Shire Council on the Water Rate question.

The Secretary reported that the Harcourt Shire Council had paid its share of the working expenses of the Trust & has promised to pay the current interest this Shire stand alone in its attitude towards the question and there is some reason to believe that the Government will [illegible] claim by reducing the endowment or otherwise.

The amount of Interest £145 [illegible]

of the anticipated
endowment. and as the easiest
method of settling the dispute the
Secretary advised Council to deduct
this sum from the sum proposed to
be expended in the Trust area in the
Next Estimates. If the Council then
agree to pay the interest for 1890. the
difficulty will be overcome for
the present; the Council will not be
forced to continue payment as it
would if it collected the rate and
the Amending Bill to be introduced
by the Minister for Water Supply will
probably provide some means of
settling this vexed question.
A vote of thanks was passed to Council
representatives

Cr Coutts / Cr Redwood / That the Secretary write to the Roddon Trust stating that the office expenses &c will be paid and promising to pay the interest due by the Trust. &c

Cr

That the matter be left over till after the Shire elections in August next.

For the Amendment Cr Gray
Ross
Proctor
Coutts
Against Cr Laidlaw
Chalmers
Coutts & Redwood

Cr Coutts urged the necessity for
[illegible] Cr Laidlaw
[illegible]

notwithstanding the difficulties which
surrounded the question it must
be remembered that the Ratepayers in
the disappointed area had thoroughly
threshed the matter out and were quite
agreeable to the interest &c being deducted
from the amount allotted for works
in this district

Cr Coutts thought that as it was only a promise
to pay that was asked for [illegible]
[illegible] no harm would accrue through
the Motion being carried.

The President then declined to give
his Casting vote for the amendment &
voted for the motion [illegible]
as follows
For the motion Cr Laidlaw Coutts Redwood
Chalmers & Gray. against Cr Ross. Proctor Coutts
& was [illegible] the amount claimed by
the Trust for interest and expenses
should be deducted from the sum
placed upon the estimates for works
in that district for the ensuing year

Engineers Report

1 All Contractors for maintenance works cannot
burn off during the rainy season & are
engaged cleaning out side drains and
giving attention to formations. &c
In reply to Cr Coutts the engineer stated
that maintenance contracts did not
provide for removal stumps but a Contract
may be let for them.

2 Recommends taking over Johnsons right
of way Charlton.
Dealt with

3 Recommend accepting the offer of the Chinese gardeners Ah Dah to pay for cost of laying water from Reservoir mains to his garden Weederburn probable cost £6. Received

4 Estimates cost of necessary repairs to road along front of Mr Macdeans Show yards at £7. — postponed

5 Recommend about 30 Chains forming in detached portions & about 60 Chains also new deck to Culvert on the Kingower & Fiery Flat road by Cr Coutts will give notice

6 Recommend payment of a/c charged by the Bet Bet Council for boundary work. ordered to be paid

7 With reference to scour at Dixies he submitted plan for repair of same and estimated the cost at £96.10/- Cr Redwood will give notice later on

8 Engineer recommended removing an pipe culvert at Lennons Hotel Wooroong and substituting an open pitched drain ordered to be done cost not to exceed £10

The President stated that much money had been expended in purchase of pipes which were afterwards found useless, and moved that no more be obtained except with the express order of the Council seconded by Cr Ross & Cd

8 Recommend 3 Chains brick drain between Steels store & Reed St Wbury Held over.

9 Recommend supplying 200 c yds extra gravel at Bull & Sullivans Stn. Cr Redwood & Mr Cd present Contractor Edward Cr Coutts & Shannon be employed to deliver the gravel scheduled rates not to be exceeded. Cd

Engineers Report was then adopted

Motions under notice

No 1

Cr Batto postponed

2 Cr Coutts & Cr Batto } Tenders be called for about 10 Chains of forming an open crossing about ½ mile west of Caledonian Flat Cd

3 Cr Procter for works Charlton (no seconder)

4 Cr Batto & Cr Coutts } Engineer call tenders for clearing from Eum to South boundary of Shire parish of Kooroc Cd

All other motions were postponed

Directions to Officers

By Cr Coutts Engineer to take levels above Dixies

By Cr Procter Engineer to report on cost of draining Armstrong street

Cr Coutts & Cr Redwood } Secretary to be requested to call attention of Engineer to Clause 50 of Commission & report in Clause 50 [illegible]

Instructions to Officers

By Cr Proctor Secretary to request the Messrs Smith to remove their fence from along the river Charlton.

Cr Chalmers was authorised to have work done at Nyrio & Nyrio P.O.

Engineer was authorised to have road opposite Mrs Smith's place Nyrio also to have scour near Collins bridge & Podeche hole filled

By Cr Proctor Engineer to have fallen tree removed from road near Hamilton

By Cr Proctor Engineer to call tenders for lamplighting Charlton.

Cr Ross
Cr Fray } With leave Tenders to be called for Clearing about 30 Chains by Box & Boomah.
CR

Cr Fray
Cr Ross } That the Revision Court be held on day of next meeting
CR

Cr Fray
Cr Ross } That 14 days notice be given of Councils intention to summon for Rates be given. CR

Cr Fray
Cr Ross } That every person who is 3 months in arrears with water Rates have the water cut off
CR

Instructions

Cr Proctor
Secretary to apply for starting of Mt Cuthroy train at such an hour do will admit of the train being caught at Koroop Vale.

Cr Fray That the Secretary urge the sale of allotments Rec'd Wedderburn upon the Lands Department.

Notices of Motion
4 from June meeting

1. Cr Laidlaw Tenders to be called for filling up Cow hole by Blanc & Hanan.

2. " for Clearing by Mitchell & Flashman

3. Cr Kelwood " for work by Doole & Salisbury Nest

4. Cr Coutts " for widening side drains & other work on Whitehead road Salisbury Nest.

5. Cr Fray " That Treasurer pay no acc for extra on Contracts or for any work unless signed by one or two Councillors for the Riding in which the work is done

6. Cr Fray " The Treasurer be instructed to make no ~~extra~~ payments on Contracts for which the time has expired till the Engineer or Clerk of Works certifies to completion of the Contract

Mr Gray, that a Clerk of Works be appointed at a salary not exceeding £150 per annum & the Cost of such Inspector be provided for without increasing the working expenses of the Shire.

Mr Gray
Mr Laidlaw } That the following accounts submitted by the Finance Committee be passed and paid, and that the a/c for Purcell 14/- be held over for present

508	Cheque Book	4		
509	Con 1540 W. Crisp	1		
510	Jones labour Salisbury	5	6	5
511	Martin Ryan Powell	2	17	0
512	Rent of Shire Hall	35		
513	Wilson labour Powell	5		
514	Frank Commission and Exps	2	2	6
515	Con 1539 H. Letto	14		
516	Con 1446 Aickmith	13	19	6
517	Con 1540 Crisp	13		
518	Con 1543 Wildish	60		
519	Con 1529 & 1478 Wildish	14	10	
520	Con 1478 do do	15		
521	Con 1538 Rowe	25		
522	Con 1541 Ambrose	20		
523	Con 1468 Stile	5	17	6
524	Con 1516 Rodgers	1	10	
525	Con 1542 Wildish	15		
526	Con 1545 Chisholm	12		
527	Dannon lamplighting fee	11		
528	Watson do	3		
529	Chisholm labor Wheelpipe	1	10	
530	Crisp labor Wharf	5	12	
531	[illegible]	3		
	forward	278	0	2

	Brought forward	£278	0	2
532	Conveyance	4	4	0
533	Office expenses	10	1	8
534	Mercer & Journal dinner	4	16	6
535	Dillon Mile Engineer	29	3	4
536	Gray Nat (month pator)	4		
537	Rickettory (month do)	26		
538	Lamp lighting Sept	2	2	6
539	Bet Bet Shire work	28	15	7
540	Inspector Salmon	15	5	0
541	Office expenses [illegible]	20	4	11
542	Carriage & food [illegible]	5	12	10
543	Sundry [illegible]	15	5	10
		£442	12	4

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

Confirmed July 16th 1891.

J. A. Gray
President