Minutes of an ordinary monthly meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Mechanics Hall Kerrenbrook on Tuesday the 8th March 1881.

Present. Cr Gray President in the Chair Cr Cotto, Cr Rutherford, Coutts & Procter

Minutes of previous meeting read & confd

Correspondence:—

1 Chief Secretary with list of nominations for members of Country Fire Brigades Board Council to strike out names of those for whom they did not intend to vote (the list there to be returned) to Chief Secretary

Secretary had attended to

2 Public Works Department with Gazette notice re defining the boundaries between the Shires of Bet Bet and Korong. This adjustment of the Outermost Boundaries had been agreed to by representatives from the Councils of Korong, Bet Bet & the Public Works Department at a conference held at Dunolly in November last

3 N.W. Municipal Association as to the half yearly meeting to be held in Melbourne on the 31 March

4 Mr Watts would not be likely to accompany the Councillors appointed to inspect the drain alleged to have resulted in loss of Crops & otherwise to Mr Watts.

5 Water Supply Department re Cruikshanks application for occupation of Reserve

Kerrenbrook

Council decided to offer no opposition to issue of a grazing license.

7 Sands & McDougal soliciting an order for the Melbourne Directory price 20/- the Secretary was authorised to obtain one.

8 P. McG. Logan stating that he had erected the netting supplied by Council around the tank at his own expense, and enclosing an age for his salary.

9 Department of Lands intimating that steps are being taken to have roads available for selection the Camping reserve ~~[illegible]~~ parish of East Charlton excepting 1½ chains along the Avoca river

10 Shire of Berwick, urging Council to assist in pressing the Government to pass an amended local bill ~~[illegible]~~ during the next session. Council agreed & decided to Co-operate

13 & 14 Public Health Department respecting action taken to prevent recurrence of Diphtheria in Edwards house Korong. The matter had been referred to Mr Lyons & Reports had been transmitted to the Health Department.

15 Edward Whitney forwarding fees & tail of fox & claiming the reward of 10/-

Council declined to pay unless the whole skin is produced.

16 Mrs. O'Brien Kingower reporting on reservoir recommending that the weed be removed. Referred to Cr Cato

17 W. J. Pepper for repairs to road at Dalinbora West. Referred to Engineer

18 Water Supply Department asking Council's opinion on application to rent part of Water Reserve Kingsmead made by Mr Reedy

Council agreed provided the dam and creek is excised.

19 J. H. Harvey, Presbyterian Manse Wirrah asking Council to provide a crossing over the drain

Council agrees to do it.

20 Shire of Arapiles inviting Council to send a delegate to a meeting to be held in Melbourne to discuss the possibility of devising a more equitable scheme of Rating for Water & Irrigation works the Chief aim being to relieve poor taxation those who derive no benefit from the works

Cr Procter, That the President & Secretary attend

Cr Ross } the meeting also the meeting of the North Western Municipal Association

Carried

21 Shire of Avoca asking Council's Co-operation in an effort to obtain from the Government an additional loan for Rabbit Fence of wire netting

Cr Catto
Cr Coutts } That Council support the proposal

22 Secretary Neadarbon Athletic Club thanking Council for its ready response to the application to improve the ground known as Barnett Square.

23. Wm. B. Anderson applying for a piece of pipe for tackle at Borung ordered to be supplied

24 W. Birthisel Kirwan's with an age for removing trees. Referred to Secretary for enquiry

25 Wm Cunliffe for permission to erect a verandah at his shop Neadarbon fronting under supervision of Engineer who was also to inspect Mr Howlings house

26 Secretary Mechanics Institute Charlton applying for donation towards book fund.
postponed for attendance of other North Ward members

27 Sergt Steel reporting that he had prosecuted Mrs Egan of Buckrabanyule for allowing her pigs to pollute the water in Port Phillip Dam and that although the case was clearly proven the bench dismissed the case
The Secretary was of opinion that as Sergt Steel had proceeded under the Police Offences Statute "wilful" pollution must be proved to obtain a conviction & considered action should be taken under the Regulations framed by the Council & confirmed by the Board of Lands & Works.

After a discussion it was resolved to postpone Sergt Steels report till next meeting & to advise that Mrs Egan be summoned again and that in the meantime, Engineer have wire netting or barbed wire nailed on the posts

28 P. Jones Neadarbon asking Council to fill up embankment near his place
[illegible]

29 A. Anderson & other Ratepayers of Buckrabanyule asking that a tap be put down for water as they have to go to borung-line for their water & Cr Gell who has the other acres promised to send it on to his neighbours.

30 A number of letters reporting cases of typhoid and diptheria were received and had been attended to.

31. Constable Sabel well in his capacity as Inspector of Nuisances reported a case of water pollution by Kirwan also that a number of house holders elected to employ the nightman on pay the dues also asking for half the fines in the case of Mr Neadarbon who had elected to take imprisonment rather than pay the amounts.

It was decided to postpone action for 1 month in the Kirwan case and to pay the Inspector half the amount of dues in Neadarbon case. With regard to refusal to employ the nightman at Neadarbon it was stated the Inspector summon Neadarbon complained of where proof can be obtained
[illegible]

Cr Catto, Cr Redwood } That Constable of Rheola be appointed Inspector of Nuisances & Sanitary Inspector &c in place of Inspector who has resigned. Carried

Engineers Report:—

2 McGovern's Contract No 1469 Powlett should have been completed last Sat and engineer recommends cancelling it and retaining the money due on it to complete the necessary work.

4 Recommends reclaiming Kurting & Brennan road and two miles of draining and filling ruts on same road

5 With a view to shorten distance between Rheola & Metelmans he recommends the survey of a new road about 60 Chains in length running from Hammond's Corner to Rhiw Bush & Tarcha mill also that it be cleared 4 chains wide

6 Recommends improving the road formation between Bridgewater & Ruglewood.

7 A crossing near Tibnegs Greenwood had been repaired but a new one is required there before the winter sets in.

8 With respect to the Wills Claim for Compensation the engineer reports that the Committee appointed at last meeting had thoroughly inspected the land at Powlett lately owned by Mr Wills and were unanimously of opinion that the Council should not be held responsible for the alleged damage neither should the claim for compensation be entertained.

Engineers report dealt with as follows.

Cr Catto, Cr Coutts } That McGovern's contract at Powlett be cancelled unless completed to the satisfaction of the engineer within 14 days. Carried

Cr Catto, Cr Coutts } Maintenance of road and clearing be done at Hargreaves & Hawkins and that Lot Bet Shire Council be asked to deposit the cost. Carried

Cr Rose, Cr Bray } That tenders be called for crossing approaches for Bray, as recommended by engineer. Carried

Cr Bray, Cr Coutts } That the Council accept and approve the Committee's report and that the Shire Solicitors be instructed to accept service and defend any action that may be brought. Carried

The following tenders were then brought up by the Public Works Committee

No 1 Construction of open crossing at Powlett

Mr O'Hannaway	£50. 0. 0	Estimate £55. 0. 0
Geo Polich	49. 16. 0	
Neilson & Moore	41. 10. 0	X
William Rodgers	67. 16. 0	
Arthur Isbood	46. 15. 0	

Recommended Neilson & Moore

2 Crossing at Cannons Creek

Dave Fisher	£50. 8. 0	Estimate £[illegible]
S. Phillips	25. 1. 0	
A & Neilson	38. 0. 0	X
Butler & Morring	47. 0. 0	
Neilson & Moore	40. 0. 0	
Chas Rose	61. 0. 0	

Recommended Neilson

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Tenders Continued

3 Draining at Corner East

John Roberts £21.0.0 ✗ Estimate £13.0.0
John Kious 19.15.0
W. Johnson 14.10.0
Wilson & Rose 8.14.0
A. B. Weldish 11.0.0
Baker Moore [illegible]

Cr Redwood } That the tenders of Wilson & Weldish & Rose & Roberts & A. B. Weldish
Cr Coutts } as recommended by the Public Works Committee be accepted. Carried.

Cr Coutts } That Chisholm's tender for Contract No. 9 (Maintenance work) postponed from last meeting be accepted.
Cr Redwood } Carried Cr Coutts only voting against it.

Motions under Notice

Cr Coutts } With leave
Cr Procter } That tenders be called for forming & gravelling also at the dam weak of Dording and culvert work Rd at Dowds Rd letting in drains by auger and stones and found hard at 4 mile
cd
also for gravelling Roadway at 4 mile between Brown & Ritchie & Cr Coutts & Chalmers N.C. Rd as provided for on the estimates. cd
also for

Cr Rose }
Cr Gray } £10 Plaining metalling in the Kilcoy [illegible]

Cr Coutts } Tenders to be called for 17 chains of
Cr Redwood } gravelling between Bulo Bul Creek & the Railway Station
cd

Cr Gray } " for 5 chains forming and a stone
Cr Procter } crossing by Kitchener Dam Road & Charlton road. cd

Cr Laidlaw's motion for metal by Cr Coutts Rly Station was held over for his attendance

Cr Gray } for Cr Laidlaw for 20 chains forming
Cr Procter } by 1 Blains Mareeillock.

Cr Gray } for Cr Laidlaw for 12 chains
Cr Procter } forming by Douglas Howards Jerrope
cd

Cr Laidlaw's motion for forming at Dowds was also [illegible]

Instructions to Officers

By Cr Coutts Engineer to inspect road near Kellys & N. Corner of Shire boundary.

By Cr Redwood Secretary to apply for assistance from P. W. Department to make road at Bulo Bul station.

Cr Procter }
Cr Rose } Vionals to be placed on Charlton to connect with water supply
cd Cr Coutts against

Cr Ross referred to departure from this district of Mr Wilson the Rabbit Inspector & the Hon Council to pass a resolution approving of his Conduct. Mr Gragg Proctor both supported the Proposal & gave Wilson an excellent character for enforcing the law.

Cr Ross moved
Cr Gragg seconded) That this Council requests the removal from the district of Mr Wm Wilson Inspector under the Vermin Destruction Act as in the opinion of the Council he has always discharged his duty strictly impartially and judiciously. The system introduced by him of providing rabbits with Strychnine & apple jam, has proved the most successful yet tried and entitles him to the thanks of all persons interested in the matter.

Carried

Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of the above to Mr Wilson.

Notice to an application from Mr Hutchinson Kingower for permission to erect wire netting gates on the road adjoining his land for battle reported in favor of the Applicant & Council granted the permit and for Cr Cummins granted lease of a paddock of 100 acres

It was decided to call tenders for Lamp lighting at Charlton, for pipe laying in Wood & Nicholson, also

Notices of Motion

Cr Catto Tenders to be called for repairs to Drummond & Kurting road.
Also for
10 Chains forming & new crossing Kingower & Inglewood road

Cr Proctor " for holding the May meeting of the Council at Charlton
Motion that be erected at Charlton east of Railway Station & that 100 yds of metal be provided for use during winter months at Charlton.

Cr Redwood " for repairs to Inglewood & Bowater road.

Cr Redwood & Cr Ross } That the following accounts presented by the Finance Committee be passed

			£	s	d
355	Sundry Ops per Voucher		11	12	3
356	Kingsbury		2	10	
357	Jos A Lamp lighting		2	2	6
358	Cou 1512 & 1521 / 14 Rett		5		
359	Cou 1540 A Crisp		3		
360	Rose labour		3		
361	Cou 1525 C Rose		10		
362	Ritchie labour		7	4	
363	Cou 1526 Mrs Lyons		10		
364	Chegal Book binding		1	2	6
365	Cou 1534 Phillips		20		
366	Cou 1533 & 1519 / Baker		45		
367	Paul Holch labor Buckstaff		3		
368	Cou 1539 K Retto		10		
369	Cou 1538 Ross		28		
370	Cou 1531 Ross		3		
371	Cou 1553 Monkson		7		
			11.	11.	9

	Brought forward	181	11	3
372	Con 1461 P Mann	4	7	6
373	Con 1466 Guthrie & Rosan	25		
374	Con 1541 Ambrose	20		
375	Con 1540 H Crisp	17		
376	Con 1530 Welsh	50		
377	Con 1528 H Rodgers	10		
378	Con 1485 H Withers	2	1	1
[illegible]	Con 1473 Guthrie	4		
380	Con 1464 H Withers	60		
381	Express Office adv'g	2	10	
382	Inbound Freight	6	17	6
383	N W Municipal Association	5	5	
384	Rodgers labour Kurting	3		
385	Nicholson repairs Kingower	6	18	9
386	Wilson labour &c	16	7	10
387	Nicholson labor Berrimal	5		
388	Carroll labor Bridgewater	8	2	6
389	Mc Lacey labor Buckbourke	3	12	
390	McCullagh assay & engineer	6		
391	Whitney labor Bakkers Flat	10		
392	J McKogan curator adv'g	3		
393	Dr Robb Hearthogger	20		
394	Locke Thomsitt	23	18	9
395	Secretary Mounted adv'g	25		
396	Examiner Mounted adv'g	29	[illegible]	4
397	Black Collector & Statistics	12		
398	Mc Cook do	12		
399	Young Mc deputy Secretary	4		
[illegible]	Inbound Collectors table	16		
401	Misses Mc rector & Council dinner	3	15	
402	Sundry ass. Res voucher	6	11	8
403	Mc Welch labour Charters	22	7	6
404	Con 1518 John Welch	3	~	
405	Watson lamplighting	3	~	
[illegible]	Martin Neeley labour	[illegible]	~	
		627	9	8

	Brought forward	627	9	8
406a	Hard ware & in vc no hour. Con 20			
407	Antacto 1522 x c			
408	Con 1490 Jno Welch	5	14	0
409	Con 1540 x c H Crisp	10	0	0
410	Jno McGovern Con 1463 & 1484	8	12	0
411	Con 1553 (Monkson)	10	0	0
412	Jas A Scott lamplighting	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		£698	0	8

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

Confirmed April 16th 1891.

H. R. Gray
President