Minutes of an ordinary monthly meeting of the Roxburgshire Council held in the Sheriff Hall Hawick on Thursday the 1st of April 1897.

Present Cr McKechnie President in the Chair Crs Stewart Gray, Procter Chalmers Boyle Batto Redwood and Kennedy.

Minutes of previous meeting were read, Confirmed.

Correspondence:—

1 H. G. Boyle intimating that Cr Chalmers & himself had appointed Mr Alx Stewart Thistle Inspector in accordance with the authority granted at last meeting. (Similar letter from Cr Chalmers)

The Secretary had written Specification of the Inspectors duties and requested him to take immediate action

2 Mr Hogan Junior expressing dissatisfaction with the amount tendered him for removal of trees on Shire Roads. Referred to the Shire Engineer for inquiry.

Cr Batto called attention to the laying across the road back in his district twice lately a number of trees apparently with the object of causing an accident and he moved that the attention of the Inspector be called to it, agreed to, and that £2 reward be paid for information leading to Conviction of the Offender

3 Chief Secretarys Office Proclaiming a public holiday on the 16th of February in the Central Riding, also on the 17th March throughout the South Riding.

4 Shire of Dumfriesshire proposing that the agricultural schedules be collected by Police

Cr Boyle That the Cooperation of this Council be
Cr Cotto granted to the proposal of the Drummondville Shire. Carried

7 Department of Water Supply stating that it is unaware of any necessity which the working expenses of a Water Trust can be legally ~~paid~~ paid out of Municipal funds

8 Town Clerk Melbourne proposing that in connection with the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations an address of Congratulation from the Whole of the Councils of the Colony be presented to Her Majesty and inquiring whether this Council approved of the idea.

Cr Cotto
Cr Redwood } That Council support the proposal Carried

9 Shire of Charlton for severance arrears
Cr Procter spoke in favour of interpreting the second resolution of the Conference in March last to mean that all arrears should be paid over to the Charlton Shire, but after other Councillors had expressed their opinions it was decided to merely receive the letter and take no action.

10 Secretary Shire of Gordon expressing his Council's approval of the proposal to resume the Woolshed Swamp Land so that it may be made available for selection but objecting to the Land being cut into irrigable blocks dependent for their water supply on the Katunnal Channel which is now inadequate to the demands made upon it.

Cr Chalmers was of opinion that there would be plenty of water if this Council gets its fair share of the river water and he moved that this Council make an endeavor to have the land rendered available for selection, seconded by Cr Cotto & Cd

11 Shire of Gordon asking this Council help to have a Bill giving Control & Responsibilities of Local Water Trusts to the Municipalities interested

Cr Chalmers
Cr Boyle } That this Council support the proposal. Crs Stewart & Procter supported the motion which was put and lost The voting against it being Crs Gray Cotto Redwood Kennedy & McKechnie

12 Mr Resdon Melbourne forwarding sample of medal struck to Commemorate the "sexagenary of the reign of Queen Victoria" which could be supplied at the rate of £7-10/ per 1000.

Crs Boyle & Procter were of opinion that no medals should be purchased.

Cr Chalmers
Cr Cotto } That Council order as many medals as are necessary to provide one for each child in the Shire between the ages of 6 & 13 years.
An amendment by
Cr Procter & Gray that the estimated cost of the medals viz £7-10/ be given to the Ladies Benevolent Society Wederburn Carried
The voting for the amendment being Crs Gray Procter Boyle Kennedy & McKechnie

14 to 17 Sorts Statist acknowledging receipt of various lots of Statistics.

18 The Treasury forwarding an a/c for £39.. 10/ being the amount payable to Council for Licensees Equivalent.

19 Department of Water Supply inquiring when a cheque for £47.. 11/ arrears of Interest will be forwarded.
On the motion of Cr Stewart and Proctor Council decided to not pay any back interest.

20 The same applying for a Cheque for £9.. 13.. 5 this Council's share of £98.. 13.. 8 expended by the Department during the past 3 years upon the maintenance of the Coxs Weir.

Cr Gray
Cr Stewart } That this Council decline to pay the Amount claimed. Carried

21 Water Supply Department inquiring whether an application for a mining Lease in the Parish of Kingower can be granted without injury to Water Supply Interest. Secretary to reply that Council has no objections.

22 R. Brown authorised Surveyor referring to a 65th section block to Run by Jas Roulston Barraker and asking whether Council approved of closing the track on the west side of allotg
Referred to Engineer

23 Secretary Public Health Department forwarding forms for Annual Report of the Council.
Secretary had prepared & transmitted the annual report.

23 Ross & Park for a renewal of the permit to mine on roads Wedderburn

Cr Stewart
Cr Chalmers } That the renewal be granted upon an increase of deposit of £2.. 0.. 0
Carried Cr Gray objecting

24 Mayor of Sebastopol asking Council's support to resolutions adopted by a meeting of persons interested in mining with the object of securing the appointment of Mr Michael Stapleton as the Government mining Representative to Great Britain
Received

25 Secretary for Railways stating that unless the material excavated from the tank at Inglewood Station is disposed of in accordance with the Conditions by the 30th of April the pump will be removed and permission to use the water entirely withdrawn.
Referred to Mr Boyle

27 Forwarding for a Statement of the population on the 31st December 1896 of each Electoral Division in the Shire
Secretary has supplied the information

29 Town Clerk Melbourne on the subject of a Conference to discuss a scheme for the Conversion and Redemption of Municipal Loans
Received

30 Thos Cook recommending the Council to suspend the Dog Act for the present in his Riding as it is impossible to make all dog owners register without recourse to legal proceedings. Held over for Consideration in June.

31 Phillips & Robertson Contractors asking Council to reconsider its action in forfeiting their deposit on contract for Bridge near Marlows
Council Refused

Secretary produced a note from a ratepayer asking for clearing between Faulks land and Kettle and King Street and Council decided to have 20 chains done

33 R. Martin Junction calling attention to a number of stumps on road east of the Junction and suggesting that Council should pay him £1 expended by him in repairs of his vehicle damaged by a collision with one of those stumps on the night of the 27th of March
It was resolved to invite tenders for clearing stumps to the Junction and for two miles beyond but the claim for repairs was not entertained

Dr DeRanin forwarded his Annual Health Report & ordinary monthly Reports were received from Inspectors Devins, Broomham, Skipper, Jas Kay, Mitchell & Dr Rinder

Inspector Skipper forwarded three a/cs involving the amount of 20/ for removal of trees and dead wood from road.
Ordered to be paid.

41 E. Whitney Wm Wharton & others Burke Flat applied for the opening of a road between Vances Edge & Jewells & for clearing about 42 Chains.
Engineer to inspect & Report

35 Upon the recommendation of Inspector Broomham it was decided to have a water closet erected in the main square Wedderburn.

Council agreed to allow landholders to remove trees growing upon roads near fences subject to the Engineers approval

The Secretary was instructed to write to Inspector Skipper regarding Railway drain Kerang Vale & other matters referred to by Dr Rinder

53 Memorial from Thomas Hindson, Patrick O'Neil and 11 others Wychitella praying for the gravelling of the road between Dobsons and Camerons Wychitella
Cr Chalmers will give notice for Tenders to be in at the July meeting

54 Memorial from Alx Adam & 21 others Ratepayers of Kurting and District for monetary assistance in having the Cricket & Football reserve fenced with.
Council decline to assist

55 Jas Veth and four other "Shopkeepers" & residents of Wedderburn requesting Council to have the footpaths under their respective verandahs asphalted and undertaking to pay half the Cost upon Completion of the work.
Referred to Engineer for report as to Cost

56 Jas Greig & other Ratepayers &c praying for a share of the Council's expenditure in Advertising on behalf of the Kordingallah Vance a newspaper which petitioners believe has an extensive circulation

Cr Boyle
Cr Chalmers } That the request be complied with and that copies of future advts be sent to the Lance.

The President ruled the motion out of order till a previous resolution is rescinded

57 Mr Thomson Terrinburst criticising the recent appointment of Thistle Inspectors regretting that his attention is restricted to roads & Reserves.

Cr Boyle
Cr Chalmers } That the Thistle Inspector give landholders along the roads & Water Channels that they must destroy the thistles. Carried

The Treasurer Reported Revenue during the month £715.5.10
Expenditure " " " £420.9.4
Bank Overdraft " " £234.15.5

Engineers Report was dealt with as follows:—

Cr Procter
Cr Stewart } That tenders be called for repairs to Charlton road at Rocky Side cutting &c at an estimated cost of £9.0.0
Carried

Clause 4 With regard to letter from Mr Brown Surveyor re closing the track the Engineer was instructed to adhere as closely as possible to the existing track.

Clause 6 Cr Kennedy & Redwood that tenders be called for gravelling about 5 chains and constructing an open crossing on Whitehead's road upon the understanding that one third of the cost be defrayed by the Singlewood Borough Council.
Carried

Clause 7 Cr Kennedy & Redwood That tenders be called for various works between Lyons & Lilley's Korong as recommended by Engineer
Carried

Cr Redwood
Cr Catto } The Engineers report was received and approved Carried

Cr Lyons
Cr Stewart } That tenders be invited for removal of dangerous stumps and trees from Heathcote Vic the Junction to Cross road by Martins Korong, cost not to exceed £5.0.0
Carried

The public works Committee then brought up the following

Tenders

No. 1 Near Hentrys Davis Heathcote Mt Alva Road
Henry Crisp 58.6.8 Estimate £48.0.0
Geo Rees 53.15.0
Too high Not accepted call fresh tenders

2 Forming 22 chains at Granite Hill N Bears & Boort Road
× A.H. Kierce 8.16.0 Estimate £9.16.0
Geo Rees 15.8.0
Recommended Kierce

3 Clearing &c on road running East from Kingsmill Creamery Estimate £10.12.0
Henderson Bros 19.0.0
× E. Barber 12.10.0
Recommend Barber

4 Side drains & crossing between Bayles & Rabbit
Henry Crisp 31.6.0 Estimate £16.10.0
× John Lyons 18.10.0
Recommended John Lyons

5 Wicket Gates & footpath near Boxing Railway Station
Estimate £9.6.0
G.R. Beer 12.18.6
× H. Kierce 8.17.4
Recommended Kierce

6 Foaming formation near Alfreys Estimate £6
John Kierce £8.0.0 call fresh tenders

7 Works between Orville & Bet Bet Shire Boundary
× O'Connell 9.1.6 Estimate £19.7.0
Brickster 26.10.
Lyons 24.2.6
Recommended O'Connell

Tenders Continued

8 Forming Gravelling & Open Crossing between Spurs & Glenalbyn Rly Station

to tenders

9 Gravelling Wychitella township

× J. Irving 16. 6. 8 Estimate £9. 9. 0

H. Kierce 19. 5. 0 £18. 13. 4

Recommend Irving

10 Side Drains & filling Gours Kingis Park towards Quarry Reserve. Estimate £7. 19. 0

× Osborne £8. 0. 0

Kierce 8. 6. 0

Recommend Osborn

11 Clearing at Simpsons creek

H. Crisp 42. 16. 6 Estimate £25. 14. 0

A. Keogh 33. 15. 0

Too high first tenders

12 Work on the Kurting & Mysia Road

Henderson & Sons £40. 6. 8 Estimate £26. 7. 2

Too High.

13 Work by Carthedges South of Richmond Plains

Creamery &c Estimate £9. 5. 6

Henry Crisp 19. 11. 6

Geo Rees 12. 1. 0

Wm. Stuart 14. 4. 0

Too High

Nos 11. 12. 13 were ordered to be advertised again tenders returnable in a fortnight

Cr Redwood
Cr Boyle } That the tenders of Messrs Kierce & Barber Lyons & Bonnell Irving Osborne as recommended by the Public Works Committee be accepted, carried

Motions of Notice

By Cr Catto
Cr Redwood } That tenders be called for about 3 miles of draining on Heddarburn & Rheola road also for say 3 Chains of formation on the Kingower & Nebla road also scour filling & mitre drains Carried

Cr Kennedy
Cr Redwood } for forming the worst portions of the Neck Goodwood road from Salisbury west & the finger post & protecting pipe drains & Culvert decks with gravel. Carried

Cr Catto
Cr Redwood } for repairs and painting certain bridges and Culverts say 15 or 20 to be specified by the Shire Engineer. Carried

Cr Redwood
Cr Kennedy } for top dressing gravelling & forming and draining about 12 Chains Inglewood & Wboro road near Old Inglewood. Carried

Cr. Redwood
Cr Kennedy } for forming about 20 Chains of the Bridgewater Dunkerpetine road between Bridgewater & Eddies bridge and for supplying and spreading 300 C yds of River gravel on the same road Carried

Instructions

By Cr Catto Engineer to have bank of drain Kingower repaired

By Cr Chalmers Engineer to have drain or scour near Thomsons & Pattisons repaired.

By Cr Redwood Engineer to inspect and report on road between Bridgewater & New bridge.

By Cr Gray Engineer to inspect and report on road between Andersons & Korong Vale

In reply to Cr Redwood Secretary stated that Miners has no authority for closing a road across Inglewood

Instructions Continued

By Cr. Chalmers

Engineer to inspect road from the Hyde Park township and Wortsed diggings also the road from Dobsons to the Diggings.

On the proposal of Cr Boyle a Committee consisting of Crs Chalmers Boyle & the Engineer were appointed to arrange with Evans of Kyneton for an exchange of Road.

(* See notices of motion below)

Cr Chalmers / Cr Gray — That the following a/cs presented by the Finance Committee be passed and paid.

* Notices of Motion

Cr. Chalmers for 50 chains light fencing by Wilsons & Kinders Hazelwood,

Cr. Boyle — That a Committee be appointed to consider the advisability of now erecting Shire Offices in Meredith & Cr Gray Stewart & Boyle to be the Committee to furnish sketch and an estimate of Cost.

Cr. McKechnie for repairs to metal near Patterson Kurkuca & for filling scours by Galloways & Hendrys.

Cr. Boyle — That a previous resolution confirming the Shire advertisements to the Argylewood & Meredith papers be rescinded and that the Kyneton Tele Lance be accorded a share of the advertising

Cr. Chalmers — That tenders be returned to the June meeting for gravelling by Dobsons & Cameron's [illegible]

276	Sundry a/cs	✓	6. 0. 0
277	Cor 86 & 87 Jno Lyons	✓	14. 5. 0
278	Cor 78 Irving	✓	5. 0. 0
279	Cor 76 Phillips	✓	7. 10. 0
280	Cor 88 Commody & (Deposit part of)	✓	11. 0. 0
281	Cor 44 Kenny	✓	18. 0
282	Cor 80 Croco	✓	1. 17. 6
283	Cor 92 Osborne	✓	20. 0. 0
284	Cor 21 Irving	✓	5. 0. 0
285	Cor 76 Phillips Cor 83	✓	23 8 4
286	Cor 100 Geo Rozo & 39	✓	12. 10. 0
287	Cor 90 O'Shannassy	✓	8. 0. 0
288	Cor 76 Phillips & Robertson	✓	12 1 6
289	Dennis Stamps &c	✓	4. 16 6
290	Deposit forfeited	✓	1. 11. 6
291	Hawkins on a/c of Salary	✓	12. 10 0
292	Labour per a/c Geo Male	✓	3. 5. 0
293	Cor 25 & 2025 Phillips & Co	✓	1. 13. 0
294	Hawkins Balance	✓	12 5 10
295	Cor 7 Mitchell	✓	3. 10 10
296	Cor 2094 Henderson	✓	7. 0. 0
297	Cor 53 Hurley	✓	3. 3. 4
298	Cor 2100 Kay	✓	5. 1. 0
299	Cor by O'Shannassy	✓	3. 0. 0
300	Cor 98 Crisp	✓	6. 0. 0
301	Cor 79 O'Meara & Deposit	✓	17. 8. 6
302	Labour per Jenkins Cor	✓	2 5. 0
303	Do O'Shannassy	✓	1. 8. 0
304	Gray for one month Salary	✓	12. 7 11
305	Ruder Shire Secretary	✓	14 3. 4
306	Lamplighting Griffiths	✓	3. 4 0
307	Do Lalings	✓	— 17 4
308	Labour Irving	✓	3. 5. 0
309	" Jas Kay	✓	4 15 0
310	" O'Shannassy	✓	1 12 6
311	" Thomas Cook	✓	1 5 0
312	Cor 28 Dalrymple		1 13 10

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Brought forward

313	Macy mining Deposit	✓ 5. 0. 0
314	Bou 31 Beer	
315	Bou 19 do	✓ 6. 8. 3
315	bow 84 & 86 Lyons	✓ 16 0. 0
316	bo 98 Crisp	✓ 9. 0. 0
317	bo 90 Otamaccia & Deposit	✓ 7. 16. 0
318	bosh salary & statistics	✓ 24. 12 6
319	Jno Reach do	✓ 10. 12. 6
320	do do	✓ 8
321	Jones & Ins Goods salary & c	28. 10. 0
322	Inspector Brennahan	✓ 1. 17. 6
323	Inspector Pepper	✓ 1. 17 6
324	Inspector Levins	✓ 1. 17. 6
325	Inspector Hornibrook	✓ 1. 17. 6
326	Jas O'Brien curators	✓ 2. 2. 6
327	A H Jonetty do	✓ 2. 11. 0
328	Thomas book do & Jas book	2. 2. 6
329	bon 2100 Jas Kay	✓ 7. 17. 8
330	bon 93 Kierce	✓ 5. 0. 0
331	bon 33 Moser	✓ 5. 0. 0
332	bon 47 Keogh	✓ 2. 0. 0
333	bon 101 Perkins & Co	✓ 5. 0. 0
334	bon 92 Osborn	✓ 4. 10. 0
334a	Sundry a/cs per voucher	✓ 6. 0. 0
335	Advertisements & Goods	✓ 4. 4. 6
336	Jagoom Bros adv'tg	✓ 1. 5. 7
337	Moreton President's Allowance	3. 19. 0
338	R. F. Kennedy more forward	1. 1. 0
339	Kerosene from Steel for Steel	6. 15. 0
340	Bergman tree guards Rowing	1. 7. 6
341	Blishen & Co Rowing Club	1. 2. 6
342	Hans Reino salary as Engineer	24. 15. 10
343	Ruider salary as Shed Keeper	14. 3 4
344	Cory Junior do assist Keeper	12. 7. 11
345	Kerosene lighting Thos Griffiths	2. 8. 0
346		£495. 12. 5
347		
348	There was ordinary meeting was order	

held on the usual day and the business ended

Confirmed May 6th 1897.

John McTechnie President