Minutes of an ordinary monthly meeting of the Kerrogdairs Council held in the Chairs Office Hedderburn on Thursday the 1st of July 1897

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

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed

Correspondence:—

1 Water Supply Department intimating that the Collection of the Water rate will be proceeded with to meet expenditure by the Department in repairs to the Coonoer Weir during the years 1894. 5. 6
upon the motion of Cr Catto Stewart the Secty was instructed to write to the Ratepayers affected and recommend them to collect the amount required viz £9. 13. 5 and pay it over

2 Treasury with an a/c for the Endowment £366. 18. 1 The President & Treasurer had Completed the Form as required and the money had been received.

3 Alex Billing, Kinpondoe Creek suggesting that Clearing between Wright and Graham's be done in preference to that part north of Archelmans
Received

4 The Manager the Exchange Newspaper re forwarding members cards for use of members & Officers of the Council.

5 Secretary Shire of Goulburn soliciting Co-operation in a movement to "obtain a more equitable allocation of the amount derived from publicans licenses within the respective shires by urging members of Parliament to support an amendment to the Act to that effect. Council declined to join in the agitation as it was of opinion the Government would not alter the

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9 Chief Inspector Vermin Destruction Act Melbourne reminding Council that it had been decided to continue the bonus on fox scalps and giving particulars as to the form and times within which claims must be made.

10 Country Fire Board for quarterly Contribution of £2.12.11. Ordered to be paid.

11 Treasury with Statement of Interest at 6 per cent per annum upon loans for Waterworks Wedderburn & Korong Vale £38.8.7 Ordered to be paid.

12 White & Co Melbourne large buyers of fox skins quoting from 1/6 to 2/6 per skin and soliciting consignments from Council.

13 both Wedderburn & Korong agricultural Societies applying for donations towards their funds. Consideration deferred until it is ascertained which societies held shows

14 Secretary of the Gordon Shire Council expressing the hope that this Council may soon see its way to cooperate in an effort to have the law so altered as to permit of Shire Councils taking over the works and responsibility of Water Trusts. Received a motion by Crs Chalmers and Boyle to support the Gordon Council being took

15 Captain Milligan of the Salvation Army applying for a donation towards the funds of the Social Rescue Brigade.

Council declined to donate money to any Religious body.

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14 Department of Agriculture enclosing app. for £4.7.0 plant in aid to Wedderburn Gardens Received and attended to.

15 Secretary Berriwillock Farmers Club asking Council to reconstruct Sutherlands Low Water bridge and to make provision upon the estimates for cutting down Jennings Hill on the W. Boort and Sparrow road. The Secretary was instructed to reply that this Council is ready to join the Kara Kara Council in repairs to the bridge

16 Lewis Thomas Wycheitella requesting the President to convene a public meeting for the purpose of having a successor to the late Jno Piper upon the trust of the Wycheitella Cemetery nominated.

Council resolved that Cr Chalmers should represent the President at a public meeting to be held at the State School Wycheitella on the 8th of July for the above purpose

21 Charlton Shire pointing out the urgent necessity of all Shires throughout this district taking united action for suppression of the fox pest, and with a view to amelioration of the nuisance recommending that this Council again offer a bonus for fox scalps. Received

22 Shire Secretary Charlton forwarding an app. for £24.4.6 app. of fox works carried out by the Charlton Council which was ordered to be paid upon the motion of Crs Boyle & Chalmers.

23 Mr Kay monthly report upon his maintenance contract Korong Vale and applying for an extension of his contract for another twelve months. Council decided to extend the contract for another 3 months to the end of September

25 Arthur Baker School Teacher ~~letting~~ asking that a few cases of sickness in his district be investigated by the Health Officer as he suspects the presence of infectious disease. The Secretary had referred this letter to Dr. D. E. Ravin of Inglewood who reported that from the history of the disease tendered by parents of the affected children he has no grounds to suspect scarlet fever or any other infectious diseases and that he consequently advised the Teachers of Kurting & Glenalbyn Schools to not debar their children from attending their schools

28 Inspector Hornibrook Rheeld forwarding two a/cs for burying dead cows Fuller 12/- and Jackson 10/- ordered to be paid

29 Inspector Bromahan with a/c for 4/- for similar work.

30 G. F. Belcher, Esq. for permission to cut trees for sleepers on the Beaufort & Ercildoun road
Referred to Shire Engineer

31 Matthew Mitchell monthly report on his Contract at Wedderburn.

32 Dr. Rinder H.O. monthly report.

33 Reports of Cases of infectious diseases were received from Dr. D. E. Ravin & Dr. Chaplin in each instance precautions for preventing spread of the diseases had been taken.

Secretary Municipal Association asking Council to forward for consideration of the Executive any business it may have before July 22nd next.

Treasurer Reported

Money received during the month	£	1400. 13. 10
" " Expended "	£	328. 3. 7
Bank Balance to credit	£	1001. 16. 4

Approved

The Secretary brought up the North South Riding lists of unpaid Rates which were referred to Councillors for Consideration.

Engineer Reported:—

That it is advisable to proceed with work of metalling near Dows. Wooang Cr. Procter

" Hewart } That tenders be invited returnable at next meeting for this work, half a mile.

The Engineer recommended about 35 chains of forming and draining an open crossing south from the Catumal Charlot Wedderburn and Boort Road

Cr. Chalmers
Cr. Procter } That tenders be called for forming and crossing as recommended by Engineer in Clause 2 of his report

It was resolved to extend all maintenance works to the end of September.

The Public Works Committee brought up the following

Tenders

No. 1

For 30 Chains of gravelling between Borung & Mysia

Hartley	46. 1. 3	Estimate £35. 0. 0
Slyfield	52. 10. 0	
McAllister	52. 10. 0	
Rose Geo	43. 15. 0	
Beer J.H.	42. 5. 10	
Geo Geles	35. 0. 0	withdrawn

Recommend Hartley

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No. 2 Clearing Weadurburn & Burkes Flat road
Estimate £11. 0. 0

Dalrymple £16. 6. 0
Fresh tenders

3 Crossing by O'Hanneesys South Riding
Estimate £12. 0. 0

O'Hannessy £14. 6. 6
Fresh tenders to be called

4 Side drains and Clearing Burkes Flat by Beaties road.
Estimate £ [illegible]
No tenders — to be advertised again.

5 Clearing & Crossings from Dobsons road towards Woolshed Creek.
Estimate £30. 0. 0

Crisp Bros	37. 17. 6
O'Neil	76. 7. 6
Kierce	31. 0. 0
Sly junr	32. 9. 6

Recommd Kierce

6 Crossings in new road between Wy & Cutella and Woolshed Flat
Estimate £35. 0. 0

Kierce	31. 2. 0
Crisp Bros	44. 6. 6
Sly junr	41. 5. 3
Beer	62. 12. 6

Recommd Kierce

7 Removing Culverts &c near Kurtwg Station
Estimate £10. 0. 0

Sly junr	9. 1. 0
Crisp Ay	12. 5. 0
Jenkins & Sons	10. 18. 0

Recommd Sly junr

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8 Removing Culvert by Ellis Serpentine road
Estimate £16. 0. 0

Sly junr [illegible]
Connolly [illegible] 15. 14. 6
Jenkins & Sons 17. 10. 0
Recommd Sly junr

9 Constructing Drain &c Boring
Estimate £5. 0. 0

Beer & H.	4. 0. 0
Harley	6. 0. 0
M'Allister	5. 17. 6

Recommd Beer

10 Travelling over Cameron's Dobsons &c by Cutella
Estimate £112. 10/-

M'Mahon	101. 5/-
Glasheen	133. 0/-
Beer	153. 15/-
Sly junr	97. 10/-
Irving	108. 0. 0
O'Neard	89. 0. 0
Rozo	110. 16. 8

Recommd O'Neard.

Cr. Boyle moved & Cr Chalmers seconded that the tenders of Messrs Beer 2 Kierce 2 Sly 2 & O'Neard be recommended by the Committee be accepted (Carried)

Motion Carried

Cr Redwood & Cr Catto } That about 20 chains of forming and 300 yards of gravel supplied on the new bridge and Bridgewater road.
Carried

Cr Gray & Cr Stewart } That a rebate of 25% be made on the Weadurburn Water Rates for next year if paid within the half year for which the rate is due.
Carried

Cont'd

Motions under Notice

Cr Kennedy / Cr Catto — That ~~tenders~~ be called for about 15 chains of formingand a crossing by Bissett also 15 chains forming in detached portions and 60 chains of side drains and an open crossing on East & West road Sebat.

Carried

Instructions

Beg Cr Catto and Redwood Engineer to report on cost of cutting down hill on the Albula and Yarnagulla road

Carried

By Cr Boyle Engineer to have scours on west side of Mount Korong attended to.

By Cr Redwood Engineer to have necessary repairs effected to drains by Tallaleys Inglewood and Yarnagulla Road also by Ellis'ds Inglewood & Serpentine road.

General Business

Cr Boyle / Cr Walmers — That the Council ask the minister of Justice to appoint Cr Procter a Justice of the Peace.

Carried

Cr Catto suggested that the names of Cr Gray and Stewart be added. Cr Stewart objects that the motion should be confined to Cr Procter after some discussion

Cr Catto / Cr Boyle — That the name of Cr Stewart be submitted

Carried

Cr Gray brought up the report of Cr Walmers Kennedy & himself

appointed at last meeting to formulate some scheme for the reduction of the working expenses of the Shire. The report was read by the Secretary and contained the following recommendations

1 That the Keeper of Wedderburn Reserves be placed in charge of all dams, roads & reserves within a radius of four miles of Wedderburn and that he also act as Water Rate Collector & Inspector of Nuisances at an increased salary of £7 10/-

2 That without increase of salary the Engineer should carry out the duties of Dog Registrar, Collector of Vehicles and General Inspector of Nuisances for the Shire except for the area within 4 miles of Wedderburn.

3 That the Rate Collector be dispensed with and all Rates & arrears be collected by the Secretary & Assistant.

4 That the salaries of Jas Rinder & D E Ward Health Officers be reduced to £17 & £10 per annum respectively.

5 That the Council contribute no more money towards cost of laying water to private holdings

6 That no allowance be made for Valuations and that the rent of Shire Hall be reduced to £52 per annum

7 The Committee were of opinion that the Office expenses were too high but could not were not prepared to fault any particular items

The savings contemplated by the

Carrying out of these proposals would amount to £300 per annum. and if adopted should come into force on the first of October. next.

Cr Gray
Cr Chalmers } That the report be accepted and approved.

Cr Stewart thought the Committee had made a good arrangement and he would support them

Cr Boyle was doubtful about the Rates being properly collected under the new system and he thought the Committee had overlooked the Engineers salary which was too high and should be reduced.

Crs Catto & Redwood objected to the Engineer acting as Inspector of nuisances the present Inspectors did their work well and the Committee should withdraw the part of the report referring to them

Cr Proctor stated that a saving of £116 per annum by the abolition of the Collectors would be all the saving expected he proposes an all round reduction of 25% on salaries by which means £195 will be saved and he moved an amendment that the report lay on the table for one month seconded by Cr Boyle carried the voting being for the amendment

Crs Proctor
" Boyle
" Stewart
" Redwood
" McKechnie

against

Crs Chalmers
" Gray
" Kennedy

The Secretary was reminded to give notice of the Coming into operation of the "Width of Tires act".

The Revision Court was fixed for Saturday July 24th at noon Crs Gray Proctor Stewart and McKechnie promising to attend.

The following Returning Officers were appointed

North Riding	Cr Chalmers
Central "	Cr Gray
South "	Cr Redwood

Crs. Catto
Cr. Kennedy } That the following accounts presented by the finance Committee be passed and paid

			Carried
443	Cow 2089 & C Pharmacy	✓	2. 6. 0
444	Cow 15 R Ross & C	✓	10. 0. 0
445	Cow 45 Dalrymple	✓	1. 0. 0
446	Cow 118 Clark	✓	3. 6. 6
447	Cow 131 Beer	✓	11. 0. 0
448	Leach collector salary	✓	10. 12. 6
449	Mrs Kay Cow Forrest Valy	✓	1. 10. 0
450	Henderson do	✓	4. 6. 0
451	Share Hall rent for ½ year	✓	35. 0. 0
4400	Sundry a/cs per a/c	✓	6. 0. 0
452	Sundry a/cs per a/c	✓	6. 0. 0
453	Cow 108 Bonnell	✓	6. 0. 0
454	Cow 77 Henderson		1. 10. 0
455	Henderson Cow 77 & C	✓	4. 8. 0
456	Dr Rinder salary as H.O	✓	12. 10. 0
457	Cow 66 Pharmacy Dr Kirk		3. 0. 6
458	Cow 209 & Henderson	✓	4. 7. 0
459	Cow 60 Gorlett	✓	10. 0. 0
460	Cow 2100 Kay		5. 12. 4
461	Cow 7 Mitchell	✓	3. 0. 0
462	Cow 125 Jenkins		7. 0. 0

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463	Cor 124 Jenkins	✓	18. 0. 0
465	Cor 112 Connolly *	✓	1. 10. 4
466	Cor 114 Bartrop	✓	18. 0. 0
467	Cor 135 McCabon	✓	9. 0. 0
468	Geo Rypons *	✓	9. 10. 0
469	Hawkins salary	✓	14. 3. 4
470	Gray Junior salary on No 470		24 15. 10
471	Rinder secretary on No 469	✓	12. 7. 1
472	Thomas Cook salary	✓	10. 12. 6
473	Power Jora the salary & Co	✓	13. 5. 0
474	Goode advertising	✓	2. 17. 6
475	Young stationery &c	✓	4. 5. 6
476	Lamplighting Griffiths		3. 4. 0
477	do Lamps &c	✓	17. 4
478	Moncrop Council dinner		3. 6. 6
479	Kerosene kettle	✓	3. 19. 4
480	Municipal Association		4. 4. 0
481	McR & Craig store a/c	✓	3. 16. 7
482	Geo Downs fire plugs	✓	1. 11. 2
483	Labour & buckets	✓	4. 10. 10
484	do Wood	✓	1. 0. 0
485	do Mitchell	✓	1. 0. 0
486	Material from Drug store		5. 7. 9
487	Cor 142 Crisp	✓	5. 0. 0
488	Hawkins postage Richmond		2. 12. 10
489	Cor 122 Fry Lyons	✓	10. 0. 0
490	Cor 112 Connolly &c		11. 18. 10
491	Mining deposit Rowsell		5. 0. 0
		£	353. 19. 9

The next meeting was ordered to be held on the usual day in August and the business ended.

Confirmed August 1897

John McTechnie

Revision Court

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A Court for the Revision of the Voters' List for the several Ridings of the Shire was held in the Shire Hall Neddarburn on Thursday the 26th of July 1897.

Present

Cr McTechnie president in the chair Cr. Gray Stewart and Porter

The Secretary produced the Voters lists copies of which had been sent to various parts of the Shire for inspection he also stated that the necessary notices had been given

A letter was read from Mr Jas Hendry of Bridgewater asking that the names of his wife and daughter be inserted in the list for South Riding and that the name of Thomas. C. be substituted for James Hendry on the same list

Cr Stewart, Cr Gray } That the application of Mr Hendry be not entertained except as to the alteration of Christ names to Thomas. C. Hendry. Carried

The Secretary stated that the names of Mathew Mitchell Robert McIntyre and Norman McDonald had been accidentally omitted from the central list and it was moved by Cr Stewart and Gray that those names be inserted in the proper list. Carried

Cr Gray, Cr. Porter } That the Voters lists as produced by the Secretary and corrected by the Court be adopted and signed as required by the Local Government Act. Carried

John McTechnie