Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Burgh Shire Council held in the Town Hall Wedderburn on Thursday the 14th of January 1897 Present Br McKechnie (President in the Chair) Brs Stewart Gray Chalmers, Redwood, Kennedy Catto & Boyle

Minutes of the last meeting which was held in November were read & confirmed.

Correspondence

1 Letters were received from various Charitable Institutions acknowledging receipt of donations from this Council.

2 The Secretary produced a memorandum with regard to the Shire weighbridges & Offers from one or two of the weighbridgekeepers

Redwood Chalmers } Br Redwood moved that the same persons be appointed for the year 1897 if they offer the same amount as for last year. Carried

Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs Stoddart with respect to the Boring Bridge

11 Mines & Water Supply Department forwarding an extract from the report of a Mr Rowe an Officer of the Department with regard to Complaints from local miners as to the drain to the Wedderburn Reservoir recently cut by order of this Council The extract required to have been perused by the Councillors interested and

Br Gray moved that it be approved and that another larger flume be put over the drain at Mandrick Road & Brown's machine seconded by Br McKechnie & carried.

13 Brown Law Offices stating that the writ enabling Mr Greene Esq to swear in as a Justice of the Peace the president (Br McKechnie) had been forwarded

14 Warracknabeal A & S. Society asking "Co-operation of this Council in a request "to the Minister not to sanction Gristing in "Bond till he has an expression of opinion "from the farmers of the Colony"

15 A similar letter from the Shire of Borung objecting to drawbacks on flour made from imported wheat was received & discussed at the same time.

Cr Gray
Cr Boyle } That the letters be received merely & no action taken

Thereupon Cr Chalmers moved as an amendment that this Council support the movement to prevent gristing in Bond seconded by Cr Redwood & lost upon the casting vote of the President the voting being for the amendment Crs Chalmers Redwood Stewart & Kennedy against it the rest.

The motion was then put and carried by the casting vote of the president

17 Chief Inspector Vermin Destruction Act giving notice that his Department intends to discontinue the bonus on fox skins from the 31st December.

42 A later letter stated that in consequence of the divergence of opinion upon the subject it had been decided to continue the bonus till the end of June 1897.

18 Thomas Langdon MP. relative to the proposal to cut up into small allts the Wooloed Lake. upon the suggestion of Cr Chalmers the subject was postponed until a reply is obtained from Lands Council

18 The assistant Govt Statist applying for a list of farmers arriving in the District since last season or cultivating for the first time in 1896.

Secretary had replied that many farmers had left the District & he knew none that had cultivated for the first time in 1896 & this was approved by the Council.

19 Country Fire Board for £1.19.3 qrly contribution. Ordered to be paid

21 Secretary Wy Cliproos Shire asking for services of this Councils Inspector to adjust certain Weighbridges in his Shire. Secty had replied that no such officer is employed by this Council.

21 Ratepayers Parishes of Glenalbyn and Kingower expressing a desire that the Council purchase the dam owned by Mr Pat Coard and have it reserved for a domestic supply of water.

Cr Redwood
Cr Latto } That Council purchase Coards right to the dam if same can be obtained for £7.10/- Carried

22 Lowe Berk & Hawthorn objecting to the "Victorian Government Stock Bill 1896" which proposes to reduce the interest at present paid upon "Municipal Sinking Funds" from four to three per cent. Received

23. 24 Secretary Shire of Charlton acknowledging receipt of Cheque for £25.19/- and stating that the representatives of his Council will attended the Conference on Reverance & are of opinion that the resolution handing over

to

Charlton Council the arrears of Rates embraced all arrears within the severed area and was not restricted to the year 1895. The Minutes of the Conference were produced and the Secretary stated that he did not understand that Charlton was entitled to any more arrears than were due for the year when severance took place and these were the only arrears so far paid to them

Cr Stewart
Cr. Boyle } That the Secretary's action be approved and that arrears for the year of severance only be paid to Charlton Shire.

Carried

24 Shire Ballan for support in effort to maintain existing bonus on fox scalps

Cr Redwood moved that the bonus by this Council be renewed

amendment by

Cr Chalmers Gray that this council is of opinion that the fox as a rule does no harm and that the Minister be so informed.

Carried Crs Stewart Redwood & Catto voting against it.

27 Mrs Thos Doro Bremenah for repairs to roads in this locality. Referred to Engineer for report.

28 Thomas Hinkson with regard to certain repairs expected to the Wycheella Weighbridge under his orders approved & ages to be paid.

Phosphorised Wheat

The Secretary informed the Council that he had a quantity of Wheat

but that the high price of Wheat brought the total Cost up to about 9/6 per Bushel and he Suggested that Council should bear part of the Cost. It was thereupon moved by Cr Catto & seconded by Cr Redwood that Council sell the Phosphorised Wheat at 6/ per Bushel,

Carried

29 The Secretary Fire Underwriters Association desiring to purchase a copy of the plan of Korong Vale township. The Secretary had lent the Office plan for a few days.

30 National Wool Co Limited again bringing under notice the advantages of "Oxa" rabbit poison which the Co is prepared to supply at £5 " 12/ per bott.

Received

31 R. F. Kennedy Warrnambool bringing under notice a new Rabbit poison of his own make called "Moro" Received

32 Mrs O'Brien monthly report on Kingower Reservoir.

34 Water Supply Department with Statement of Interest due by the various Shires upon

35 the Avoca Trust forms at the time the Government took possession and requesting favour of a cheque for £47 " 11/ this Council's proportion of the liability. Received

36 Govt Statist with forms necessary for the Collection of the Agricultural Statistics. The Secretary had distributed the Schedules & an urged the Rate Collectors but had left the amount of remuneration to be fixed by the Council,

Cr Catto then

that the Collectors be paid same amounts for the work as last year. Carried

37 Chief Secretary's Office with list of Candidates for the position of Representatives on the Country Fire Brigades Board. Council had resolved at previous meeting to take no part in the Election and the Ballot paper had not been returned.

38 & 39 Mr Casey & H. Crawford write informing Council that they had been again returned for the Fire Board

41 Alx Bryce Kingower for permission to close a road parish of Glenalbyn Secty to reply that Council cannot give leave under the circumstances

42 Secretary for Water Supply reminding Council that he had not received the Civil Engineers estimate of cost of improving Magpie Dam as requested

Cr Steedwart
Cr ~~Hawkins~~ } That Secretary suggest a new dam near the diggings at a cost of about £50 Carried

43 Secretary Country Fire Brigades Board for the Valuations of Wedderburn & Korong Vale Townships. Secretary to attend to same

44 Mrs Kay, Korong Vale and
45 Robert Henderson of Wedderburn applying for a renewal of their maintenance contracts, × agreed to report the matter

Cr Gray Steedwart

47 Hon Secretary Australasian Federation League Melbourne suggesting that President of this Council arrange for public meetings with a view to stimulating interest in the Federal Elections.

48 Department of Water Supply respecting Mr Coutts application for the sale of part of the Camping Water Reserve Secty objected to by the Council.

49 A.H. Tourette reporting on Alma Reservoir.

50 Inspector Broadhan monthly report in which he stated that a horse had been buried at Councils expense during the month also that he had been unable to obtain the returns of stock slaughtered from the butchers. Inspector to be informed that he must obtain the returns or enforce the penalties

51 Inspector Lewis monthly reports

52 Inspector Hornibrook Alma intimating that he purposes giving School teachers notice to improve the Water Supply at certain schools and in cases of default will prosecute.

54 Inspector ~~Lewis~~ a second report of a formal nature

55 Mrs Kay monthly report on her maintenance Contract Korong Vale

56 Treasury with forms for preparation of Statements in connection with application for Endowment.

57 John Ward A demand enclosing an order upon Phillips & Roberts for Contracts for the sum of £9.2.6 As no money appeared to be due to the Contractors the Secretary had returned the order This action was approved.

58 Dr Rinder Chairman of Hospital Sub Committee Wrote for a public holiday on the 24th February

Cr Stewart
Cr McKechnie } That the Secretary apply for public Holiday on the date named
Carried

59 Inspector Horrinbrook recommending Prosecution of one Joseph Barren of Rhedra for removing from the road soil washed on to it by the recent rain
Council declined to take action

60 Peter Ward wrote to the Shire Engineer offering piece of land for a tank site upon condition that a gate to his paddock is provided This was agreed to on the motion of Cr Boyle & Balmers

At this stage Council adjourned for the purpose of holding the

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting

Of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall at noon on Thursday the 14th January 1897.

Present
Cr McKechnie President in the Chair Crs Stewart Gray Catto Redwood Kennedy Balmers & Boyle

The Secretary produced the Annual Statement of accounts duly audited and found Correct except as to the item for Interest on Avoca Water Trust Loans which was disallowed for want of the Order in Council by the Government.

Cr Gray
Cr Redwood } That the Statement of accts be passed and allowed, Carried

The auditors Report was then read and dealt with as follows:—

Cr Gray
Cr Stewart } That the Council formally abandon the list of arrears recommended by the Auditors amounting to £17.10.0 on the Current Yr 1895/6 Rate also a sum of £58.7.0 outstanding in some cases for years, Carried

The auditors report was approved by the Council and an order given to publish the Balance Sheet once, in each of the three local papers.

Council Resumed

Treasurer Reported since previous meeting Receipts £401.15.3 Expenditure £534.13.4
Bank Overdraft £150.17.3

Received & adopted

The Secretary was instructed to convey to the Rate Collectors the desire of the Council that they put more energy in their work of Collecting

Engineers Report was printed and Circulated amongst the members of the Council and dealt with as follow.

Clause 2 Cr Chalmers gave reasons for tenders being called for tanks on the Catchment Channel before his notice of motion had been discussed and his explanation was approved

On clause 3 repairs to Myrtle Creek road Cr Boyle will give notice of motion

Clause 4 Cr Stewart moved that Charlton Council be asked to contribute half cost of crossing by Billinghurst Barrinal

On clauses 5. 6. 7 Cr Catto moved with leave Cr Redwood seconded that Tenders be called for the work recommended by Garrett & Longo for Parish of Inglewood Carried

On clause 8 referring to urgent repairs carried out by Cr Catto & the engineer at the Cherra Reservoir during the month accts for 33/ were ordered to be paid.

Clause 10 deprecating the rapidly increasing practice of destroying green timber upon Shire Roads was discussed.

Cr Catto
Cr Redwood } That permission to remove green trees from the roads near their land be granted to land holders upon application to this Council.

Crs Chalmers & Stewart object to any general destruction of green timber on roads also Cr Gray who desires a prosecution of every man who cuts or rings trees on roads.

The motion was lost on the casting vote of the President

Voting for the motion being Crs Catto, Redwood & Kennedy & Boyle against it Crs Stewart & Gray

Chalmers & McKenzie.

Secretary to give Inspectors strict instructions to stop the practice of ringing trees on roads

The following Tenders were brought up by the Public Works Committee

No. 1 Culvert and stone crossing Woolshed Flat Estimate £22.6.9

Henderson & Son £21.15.
Henry Crisp £19.5.6

It was resolved that this contract be held over for inspection by Central Riding members with power to accept.

No 2 Supplying & spreading 400 c. yds gravel near Kingower township. Estimate £30.0.0

J. Shannassy £19.3.4 Recommended

3. Excavating 1000 yd tank between Feathers & Coutts on the Catchment Channel

Kenny	£32.0.0	Estimate £32.0.0
Jenkins & Sons	19.8.2	
Moore	23.4.8	
Thomas	26.9.0	
Beer	30.17.2	
O'Meara	20.16.0	

Recommend Jenkins & Sons

4 Excavating 1000 yd tank on Catchment Channel near Wards Blocks Tuppsia

O'Meara	£25.0.0	Estimate £34.0.0
Kenny	30.1.3	
Jenkins & Sons	28.1.3	
Beer	28.13.3	
Moore	24.0.0	Recom Moore
Pierce W	26.5.3	

Moved by Cr Chalmers that the tenders of Messrs Jenkins & Shannassy & Osborne recommended by the public works Committee be accepted seconded by Cr Redwood & Cd

Cr Gray moved that all contracts not commenced after 14 days notice be cancelled and Engineer to bring up list of those not commenced. Carried

Motions under Notice

1 Cr Chalmers for two small tanks on both sides of Natural Channel withdrawn the contracts having been accepted.

2 Cr Gray to reduce the working expenses of the shire. Postponed

3 Cr Boyle / Cr Chalmers } That tenders be invited for forming footpath and erecting turnstile between the Railway station and Neighbourhood. Boyle Carried

Cr Catto with leave that tenders be in at next Meeting for the necessary No. of stops in drain or water hole Kingower & Inglewood road near Caledonia Nat. also for repairs to Bet Bet Boundary road from Drville also at McArthurs seconded by Cr Redwood & Carried.

By Cr Chalmers Engineer inspect road at the Granites and between Bamioo & Tooles.

By Cr Catto Secretary to give notice by ad of the width of 3 rods act applied to the Gu

By Cr Kennedy Engineer to define boundary between Shire and Borough on Whitehead road also to report on road going East from Kingparnel Creamery towards the Loddon.

By Cr Redwood Engineer to report upon road between Adkins and Isaacs Dowtt.

In reply to Cr Gray the Engineer stated that he had several times written to Martin Kelly to open the road ~~road~~ at Jowar and he will see that it is opened.

By Cr McKechnie Engineer to have Culvert near Furraca bridge repaired

Cr Gray called attention to the practice of mining on roads. One or two large paddocks have been made on the road at Bealiba & he moved that no further permits be given to work inside the township till new Regulations are made seconded by Cr McKechnie and Carried

Cr Chalmers / Cr Boyle } That the central Riding members and Cr Catto be appointed a Committee to deal with mining on roads and draw up new Regulations, Carried

Secretary was instructed to inquire whether Lamoon & Partys mining lease at Bealiba is still in force.

Cr Boyle asked for an alteration in the day of meeting so he cannot attend the meeting of the N.F. Frozen storage Co on the same day & will give notice to change day

Cr Gray
Cr. McLachlan } Tenders be called for Culvert or crossing by McLennons Weddenborn Members for Reeling to be consulted. Carried

Cr Latto
Cr Redwood } That the following a/cs presented by the Finance Committee be passed for payment. Carried

107	Arnall & Jackson stationery	✓	4.13.0
108	Cou 57 Osborn	✓	5.0.0
109	Inspectors Labour a/cs		2.0.0
110	Contract & deposit Clark	✓	11.0.2
111	Cou 82 Westmacott	✓	3.0.0
112	Cou 79 Dunera	✓	10.0.0
113	Miss Western Illuminated address		6.6.0
114	Cou 81 Gaylard	✓	2.0.0
115	Cou 62 Stewart	✓	30.0.0
116	Cou 2089 & Labour Stewart &		7.10.0
117	Sundry a/cs per Vouchers	✓	6.0.0
118	Cou 62 Richmond	✓	1.6.2
119	Cou 81 Gaylard	✓	1.3.0
120	Cou 82 Westmacott	✓	1.0.0
121	Cou 61 Kiercs & Cou 10	✓	9.16.0
122	Cou 2094 & Henderson	✓	7.0.0
123	Cou 82 Westmacott	✓	5.1.0
124	Cou 51 Jones	✓	3.1.0
125	Cou 82 Westmacott	✓	6.6.0
126	Charitable Institutions	✓	26.16.0
127	Inglewood Hospital	✓	20.0.0
128	St Arnaud do	✓	5.0.0
129	Dunolly do	✓	5.0.0
130	Ladies Benevolent	✓	5.0.0
131	Sandigo Benevolent		5.0.0
132	Eye & Ear Hospital	✓	5.0.0
133	Cleveden Home	✓	2.0.0
134	Hall Rins salary	✓	24.15.0
135	Cou 91 & Labour Jas Ross	✓	4.1.0
136	Cou 88 Jas Chambers		[illegible]

138	Gray for monthly salary a/c	✓	12.7.10
139	Ruler do do	✓	14.5.4
140	Sundry a/cs per Vouchers	✓	6.0.0
141	Valuators Expenses	✓	8.10.0
142	Cou 50 Brass	✓	2.0.0
143	Cou 66 Connolly	✓	23.0.0
144	Cou 31 Beer	✓	5.0.0
145	Cou 2044 Commission	✓	10.0
146	Cou 2060 Ross	✓	1.2.0
147	Cou 2090 & Dalrymple	✓	5.1.8
148	Cou 2050 Leth	✓	1.0.0
149	Cou 14 & Labour Robson	✓	2.5.0
150	Cou or Labour Phillips & Co	✓	6.1.6
151	Deposit Commission	✓	1.1.0
152	Deposit 2061 Chambers	✓	1.1.0
153	Deposit 7 Mitchell	✓	2.10.0
154	Deposit 51 Osborn	✓	2.6.11
156	Sundry a/cs	✓	6.0.0
157	Deposit 19 & 31 Beer	✓	4.9.0
158	Cou 32 Irving	✓	3.5.0
159	Deposit Roles	✓	1.7.0
160	Deposit Ally Stewart	✓	3.10.0
161	Lamplighting Griffiths	✓	3.4.0
162	Lamps & Bridgewater	✓	1.17.4
163	Cou 92 Kiercs	✓	2.0.0
164	Cou 3 & Beer	✓	6.0.0
165	Cou 2091 & 99 Henderson	✓	28.16.0
166	Cou Beer	✓	4.0.0
167	do Hindson	✓	18.0
168	Cou 65 Shannon	✓	22.0.0
169	Cou 7 Mitchell	✓	3.10.10
170	Cou 88 Chambers	✓	12.0.0
169	Dennis Stamps Rec'd/c	✓	2.8.10
170	McKennon timber per a/c	✓	4.9.6
173	Cou 18 & C Chambers	✓	9.12.6
174	Cou 30 Crisp	✓	7.0.0
177	Cou 69 Jenkins	✓	10.0.0

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178	Bon 2106 Kay	✓	15.	1.	0
175	Henry Phillips labour		2.	0.	0
176	Barlow & Brien Aurora	✓	2.	2	6
179	Corp Auditor (Morley)	✓	25.	6.	6
180	Local Auditor (Williams)	✓	19.	7.	0
181	Sundry accs per Vouchers	✓	6.	10	0
182	D McKeden Collector	✓	10.	12	6
183	Interest on Water Loans	✓	38.	15.	2
184	Bon 2093 Jenkins	✓	4.	5.	8
185	Bon 2094 Henderson	✓	4.	7.	0
186	Lamplighting Grigg & Co	✓	4.	0.	0
187	Labour — Lamplighting	✓	1.	1.	8
188	Labour Cleaners	✓	2.	10.	0
189	" Leech & Smith	✓	3	8	0
190	" Sweetman & Smith	✓	13.	4.	6
191	R. C. Gold Rate to Collector	✓	10.	12.	6
193	King & McBartie Phosphorus	✓	1.	16.	3
194	J. & S. Cook carting	✓	2.	2.	6
195	Jewitty do	✓	2.	11.	0
196	Inspector Devins salary	✓	2.	10.	0
197	" Brannahan do	✓	1.	17.	6
198	" Skipper	✓	1.	17.	6
199	" Hornibrook	✓	1.	17.	6
200	" Nowlan Inspector	✓	12.	9.	11
201	Sundry accs per Vouchers	✓	6.	0.	0
202	Rinder salary for month	✓	14.	5.	4
203	Hand Rinn for month	✓	24.	15.	10
204	Rock & Montgomery & Co	✓	11.	14.	0
205	Kinder advertising	✓	3.	11.	7
206	Poole do do	✓	2.	7.	6
207	Higgins Bros & Young	✓	1.	13.	6
208	Poole Printing Co	✓	2.	0.	0
209	Brass Barrels		12.	0.	0
211	Bon 69 Williams	✓	10.	0.	0
212	Labourer Colebraig	✓	3	0.	
213	Robt Laing labour Burrier		1.	7.	
214	Lamprell labour a/c		5.	3	0

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215	Christian labour	✓	1.	9.	0
217	Newton do	✓	1.	0.	0
218	Jenkins labour a/c	✓	2.	10.	0
219	Bon 52 Stewart	✓	5.	3.	4
220	Bon 78 Jennings	✓	10.	0.	0
221	Bon 7 Mitchell	✓	3.	10.	10
222	Bon 67 McMahon	✓		14.	6
222	John Davis Water Supply		17.	9.	3
223	Moreenopt pres allowance		4.	4.	0
224	Robt Steel 12 Cases Kerosene		6.	6.	0
225	Rent of Drill Hall	✓	35.	0.	0
226	Country Fire Board	✓	1.	17.	3
			£ 844.	10.	2

The next ordinary meeting was ordered to be held on the usual day and the proceedings terminated.

Confirmed February 12th 1897.

John McKechnie President