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Minutes of an ordinary monthly meeting of the Kerang Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on Thursday the 3rd of June 1897.

Present Cr McKechnie President in the Chair
Crs Redwood Catto Boyle Kennedy Stewart and Proctor Cr Grays Chalmers

Correspondence

1 Chief Secretary's Office re Conference to discuss the Fire Brigades application for a loan. Received

2 William Holmes Wedderburn asking Council to reconsider the resolution to prosecute the diggers at Nursery Dam
Consideration of this matter was deferred

3 Inspector Brosnahan with an a/c for 4/- for burying a cow found dead near the Specimen Hill Wedderburn. Ordered to be paid

4 Department of Water Supply for £9.13.5 share of cost of preparing & supplying the Trust loans due upon the 2000 Trust loans. Council declines to pay.

5 Railway Department promising to use every possible economy with regard to water in the Kerang Lake Water Supply.

6 Thomas Maguire for a butchers license to slaughter at Kingower. Constable Hornibrook reported that there is no objection to the issue of this license and it was granted

7 Cr Shoppee Ballarat inviting Council to appoint a delegate to Conference of Municipal Representatives on the subject of Fire

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Municipal Insurance
Received Council being of opinion that the system would not be suitable to Country Shires.

10 Mr Byrne Melbourne advocating the Claims of the Exchange to support of Country Councils the Annual Subscription to which had been reduced to 21/-

Cr Redwood
Cr Catto } That this Council subscribe to the Exchange
Carried

11 Jomes Jones Proctor Rate Collector resigning his connection with the Shire in consequence of his decision to leave for Western Australia after the end of June
The Resignation was accepted

12 The Secretary with an a/c for £149.10.11 being the Annual Instalment and Interest due upon the last wire netting loan.
The Amount has been paid by Secty

13 Albert Cook, Bridgewater abandoning his Contract for work in the South Riding and asking Council to return his deposit.
Council ordered fresh tenders to be called within 7 days and that the deposit be forfeited.

13 Michael Kirk for permission to fell dead timber on the road between Bridgewater and Tarnbury West Hotel

21 Mr Carroll for similar privilege. Council decided to invite applications or tenders for the right to remove the timber on the road referred to under supervision of the Shire Engineer Tenders to be in in 7 days.

14 Jas Kay Koroug Vale monthly report on his Contract.

15 Inspector Nevins monthly report of a satisfactory nature.

16 William Crisp Wedderburn explaining that he had been misrepresented by Hogan at last meeting in a letter to the Council and money due to Crisp was consequently detained.

The Secretary stated that this matter had now been settled.

17 William Squires Ricardo for permission to ring a few trees on the road near his orchard. Granted on condition that the timber is cleared off the roads and stumps removed.

18 Dr. Rinder Health Officer monthly report a case of illness had just been reported to him which appeared to be Typhoid fever with complications. The case was at Koroug Vale and he reminded Council of his previous recommendations to have certain sanitary improvements made and if this is not done at once he will be under the necessity of reporting the matter to the Public Health Department.

The Secretary was instructed to urge Inspector Skipper to have the drains attended to.

19 Inspector Brosnahan with an app for £7 for destroying (under authority of the Magistrate) a Cow with a broken leg and dying same. Ordered to be paid.

20 Thomas Bizzett, Salisbury West asking Council to give him time therein to pay his rates. Received

21 St Vincent de Pauls Boys Orphanage for subscription

Five pound was voted upon the motion of Crs Chalmers & Redwood.

22 Robert Hart and other Ratepayers Wedderburn asking Council to permit miners to remove "the bottom" from the dam at nursery Gully. the work is allowed to be done under the supervision of the Shire Engineer.

Cr Stewart was of opinion that any responsible party should be allowed to take out the earth on nursery Dam on payment of £5 deposit

Crs Chalmers & Watts } That the Engineer divide the ground into four blocks and let them by lot a deposit of £1 each to be paid.

An amendment by

Crs Gray and Cr Boyle that the ground be divided into six blocks instead of four was carried by 5 votes to 4.

On the motion of Cr Boyle the action of the Secretary in holding over the prosecution of the diggers for reconsideration by this meeting was approved

The Treasurer reported Receipts during month £89.7/
Expenditure " " £218.5.6
Bank Balance to Debit £70.14.3

Cr Gray called attention to the fact that the money advanced by the Government for the Fourth has been used and not yet refunded.

Cr. Redwood that in future the luncheon served in the Secretarys Office be ready at 11.0 clock on Council meeting days. agreed to.

Motions under Notice

Cr. Chalmers
Cr Boyle } That tenders be called for 30 chains of gravel between Boroung & Myrtle. Carried

Cr McKechnie
Cr Gray } " for clearing Wburn and Barkes Flat road. Carried

Cr Catto
Cr Redwood } " for an open Stone hatched crossing of a Culvert on creek between Cropley's and Dhamassy land, Alexia and Barkes Flat & Weld road, also for clearing for Barkes Flat and Bealiba road. Carried

Cr Boyle reported that he saw the Commissioner at the Railway Offices Melbourne who tried hard to enforce what he called the agreement but he (Cr Boyle) showed there was no agreement and proposed that the Cost of removing the earth from the tank, Myrtle be shared by the Department & Mr Mathieson agreed to contribute the sum of £5 towards it which Cr Boyle accepted.

Cr Catto
Cr Proctor } That the arrangement made by Cr Boyle be approved. Carried.

The Secretary was authorised to pay Mr Alx Stewart £8 on ape of his duties as Thistle Inspector.

Cr Gray with leave of the Council that two small Culverts on the Junction road be lengthened about 10 feet each Cost not to exceed £5.0.0 Tenders to be in within 7 days Carried

C. Boyle That tenders for removal of the bank at the Myrtle tank be returnable in 7 days. Carried

Engineers Report was dealt with as follows:—
Clause 2 the Engineers action in Calling for for tenders for W.P. road near Alexandra Vraggie was approved.

Cr Chalmers
Cr Boyle } Clause 3. That the Council pay half Cost of Clearing out Tank at Buckatoungie up to £25.
Clause 4 Carried
Tenders to be called for about 1½ miles clearing between Dobsons road and Woolshed diggings estimated Cost £47.0.0
Clause 5.
Tenders to be called for three Crossings on McClutchie & Woolshed flat road estimated Cost £18.0.0. Carried
Clause 6 With regard to Cruishs application for leave to remove green trees from road Mr Leoland the matter was referred to the Engineer.
Clause 7.
Engineer was authorised to have tenders in at next meeting for crossings near Kurting stated.

The other Clauses in the report were dealt with by notice of motion.

The public works Committee then brought up the following
Tenders

Tenders

No 1 Clearing East from Kerang Vale towards Powell
Estimate £3. 5.
Jas Watts. 3. 5. 0
Recommended Watts

2 Forming by Baines & McCoombs Wycheella
Estimate £20. 0. 0
Irving 11. 17. 0
Glasheen 15. 0. 0
Ross 30. 0. 0
Beed 21. 9. 2
McMahon 9. 15. 2 ×
Thomas 15. 0. 0
O'neard 20. 0. 0
Irving Jr 15. 0. 0
O'Meara Hy 20. 0. 0
Hurley 12 5. 10
Malone 12. 10. 0
Recommend McMahon

3 Repairs & metalling Waterhole Flat
Estimate £40. 12. 0
Ross Geo 30. 1. 6 ×
Crisp Hy 53. 4. 0
Recommend Ross.

4 Forming & open drawing near Alexander Drapes
Estimate £22. 0. 0
Thomas 30. 10. 0
McMahon & McNeil 15. 14. 6
Webb 15. 14. 0
Malone 18. 0. 0
Glasheen 15. 18. 0
O'neard 14. 18. 0 ×
O'meara Recommended

5 No tenders

6 Repairing screwing up & tarring bridges & Culverts in South Ridings
Estimate £14. 0. 0
Thomas Hy 90. 0. 0
Jackson 81. 2. 0
Gibson + 83. 2. 0 Recom

Cr Redwood & Cr Catto } That the tenders of Messrs Watts McMahon Ross O'meara & Mason as recommended by the Committee be accepted
Carried

Instructions to Officers

By Cr Catto } Engineer supply pipes for Wycheella Reservoir and attend to Culvert near the Old Station Kingower and Wehla road.

Cr Chalmers } Engineer to have rubbish removed from Days Crossing, Inglewood.

By Cr Boyle That tenders be called for catchment drains at Boring Creek (Tenders to be in at next meeting)

General Business

Cr Chalmers Called attention to need of repairs to the fence erected some time ago by Council in his Riding and suggested that the Department be asked to repair it, agreed to.

Cr Chalmers
Cr Boyle } That tenders be called for gravelling by 20 yards South Wycheella road.
Carried

Cr Gray's motion for reducing the working expenses was postponed till next meeting

Cr Chalmers
Cr Gray } That a Committee consisting of Crs Chalmers Gray & Kennedy be appointed to formulate a scheme of retrenchment in connection with Cr Gray's motion.
Carried

With regard to building a new Shire Hall Cr Boyle reported that the Sub Committee had not yet agreed upon any recommendation (He thinks submitted three plans and) the estimates for designs nos 1. 2. & 3 were £404. 17. 8 £436. 12. 9 & £470. 12. 4 respectively & he would find a contractor to carry them out at the prices quoted). He recommends that tenders be asked for the work after some discussion Cr Boyle moved and Cr Stewart seconded that the Engineer bring up plans & estimates at the meeting in August. Carried)

Cr. Chalmers did not believe that a Shire Hall should be built in such a bad season and he intends to move for a reduction of the Rate which will leave Council without funds for a Hall if Carried.

Notices of Motion

Cr Redwood) for 20 chains forming in different parts and about 300 yds gravel on the New bridge and Bridgewater Road.

Cr Gray That Bye law regarding Wed Nelbourne Water Rate be amended so to reduce the Water Rate by 25 per Cent

Cr. Kennedy Tenders be called for various Work as per notice by Bissett and at Powell

Cr Cotter) for restitution of open crossings for the Culverts between Old Inglewood and Kurting also for removing Culvert and filling in an open crossing near Ellis's Serpentine road)

Cr Chalmers, Cr Redwood) That the following Accs presented by the Finance & Public Works Committee be passed and paid).

Carried

388	Con 18 & c Chambers	✓	20. 12. 0
389	Con 18 & c Chambers	✓	6. 12. 6
390	Queens memorial Hospital	✓	5 0 0
391	Coup 8 Crisp	(two Accts)	6 0 0
392	Con 113 McCamish	✓	6 0 0
393	Coup 3 Kiere	✓	17 6
394	Labour O'Brien	✓	12 0
395	Coup 8 W Crisp	✓	7 0 8
396	Con 117 Westwacott	✓	3. 18. 0
397	Con 129 Lemon	✓	1. 10 0
398	Municipal Loan repayment	✓	23. 4. 0
399	Hawkins on acc of salary	✓	12. 0. 0
400	Exchange Nursery Early Dain	✓	2. 6. 0
401	Con 111 Ross	✓	10. 0. 0
402	Con 108 O'Connell	✓	4. 0. 0
403	Con 45 Crisp	✓	4. 11. 6
404	Con 118 Clark	✓	7. 0. 0
405	Con 52 Westwacott	✓	19 0
406	Rocke Thompson & Co	✓	3 13 0
407	Deposit on Con 20 Kinity	✓	1 14 0
408	Con or Co Jones Richards Hargreaves		2 10 0
409	Labour Richmond & Postage Stamps		2. 6. 4
410	Labour acc Chisholm	✓	1 10 0
411	Sundry accs per voucher	✓	6. 0. 0
412	Charlottesshire Rates	✓	3. 6. 0
413	Con 129 Lemon	✓	10. 0
414	Con 132 McMahon	✓	25. 16 8
414a	Deposit on Contract 132	✓	1 6 0
415	Con 111 & c Ross		24. 6. 4
416	Con 116 Geles & Deposit	✓	9. 15. 0
417	Con 121 Watts	✓	3. 0. 0
418	Con 20 yd. Henderson		7. 0 0

Carried forward

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419	Bon 7 Mitchell	✓	11.	0.	0
420	Bon 2100 Kay	✓	6.	7.	0
421	Bon 11 & 57 Osborne	✓	6.	0.	0
422	Bon 78 Irving	✓	10.	0.	0
423	Bon 207 & Carbone	✓	1.	6.	6
424	Bon 7 Lovell & Deposits	✓		18.	6
425	Bon 17 Moody	✓		14.	0
426	Bon 183 Phillips & Robertson	✓	1.	0.	2
427	Bon 43 Mason	✓	12.	7.	10
428	Bon 50 Dalrymple	✓		12.	0
429	Bon 105 & deposit Barber	✓	05.	10.	0
430	Bon 112 Connolly	✓	12.	0.	0
431	Griffiths lamplighting	✓	3.	4.	0
432	Lamp-lamplighting	✓		17.	4
433	Blue Books clerk	✓	1.	4.	6
434	Engineering Works Abort do	✓	1.	2.	6
435	Winder monthly salary	✓	14.	3.	4
436	Hawkins salary on acc		12.	15.	10
437	Grayburn salary for the month	✓	12.	7.	11
438	Taylour Bros advertising	✓	3.	0.	0
439	Poole printing & advertising	✓	3.	0.	0
440	Hordern Council dinner	✓	3.	4.	0
441	Sundry acc per Voucher	✓	6.	0.	0
442	Dennis Stamps &c per acc	✓	2	14	8
443	Bon 106 Mc Lyons		2.	0.	0
			342.	6.	7

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

(Confirmed)

John McKechnie