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Minutes of an ordinary monthly meeting of the Korong Vale Council held in the Vale Hall Wedderburn on Thursday the 7th October 1897.

Present

Cr Catto President (in the chair) Crs Redwood Kennedy Chalmers Boyle Ennis Gray. Stewart — and McKechnie

Minute of previous meeting were read and confirmed

Correspondence

1 Hannah Gordon Home for Boys the Warrnambool for a donation. to be considered with Charitable Ctte.

2 Department of Water Supply Melbourne for payment of the sum of £5.17.7 owing by this Council due to share of the Avoca Drain Loan Ordered to be paid

3 Treasury with cfe for £386.18.1 second payment of Endowment for 1897. The money had been received and paid to Bank.

4 Lands Department for opinion of Council about an application to graze 50 acres of the gravel reserve Korong Vale.

Council has no objection

5 Health Department approving of the appointment of Dr Manly as Health Officer,

6 Treasury Melbourne intimating that the Endowment for the half year would not be paid till the Council limit £B. 4. 0 under the Municipalities Advances Act.

7 Arthur Phillips Solicitor Charleton forwarding a garnishee Order obtained by Jno Marsh against Jno Irving there Contractor and attaching money due by the latter

Cr Gray
Cr Ennis } That the amount of the Order £3. 3. 6 be paid and that Irving be disqualified from tendering.
Carried

8 Secretary Protection of Animals Society forwarding its annual Report and soliciting a donation. Received

9. Secty Rhodes Relief Fund acknowledging receipt of two pounds voted by the Council

10 A. De Gruchy Boort forwarding a "Speculative Sketch" design for a Swine Stall and offering to prepare Specifications and supervise work for 6% on cost.
To be considered with Swine Hog business

11 Mr Ray monthly report on Korong Vale maintenance work of a satisfactory nature

12 Municipal Association with Copies of Business Paper for Consideration at the approaching Annual Session
Council discussed the various proposals and the Secretary indicated the opinions upon the paper

13 Mr Power Head Teacher W Burn reported that a case of Scarlet fever had occurred in the family of James Fletcher Wedderburn

14 Dr De Ravin reporting that the health of South Riding in borough is good

15 Inspector Skipper & Inspector Horwitbrook & Nevins accepting reduced salary of £5 per annum,

16 &c Monthly reports were received from the following Officers
Inspector Nevins
Jonathy Rhodes
Mitchell W Burn
Dr Manly do
Inspector Skipper reporting that the sum of 2/6 or 3/ would be ample remuneration for Andrews on &c removing trees at Boroung
Council concurs & orders payment

17 William O'Neard abandoning his Contract for gravelling by Cameron's Dobedons Street Wedderburn.

Cr Chalmers
Cr Boyle } That the deposit be forfeited and fresh tenders called for the work at next meeting
Carried

18 Jas J Cook Water Rate Collector in reply to Shire Secretary's request that he should endeavour to Collect water Rates up to the 30th September Stating that he had handed over his books on the 12th of August and declined to collect any more When he accepted office Cr Gray promised that his salary should be increased but that was never done

Cr Gray stated that Mr Cook was under a misapprehension that he had never promised an increase of Salary but as the Circumstances were unfavorable to him and he had been a faithful Officer he would move that Mr Cook receive a Bonus of £3. 0. 0 recorded by Cr McKechnie but Cook

The Secretary submitted a report reviewing the financial transactions of the year just closed During August & September the amount of rates and arrears received was £423 being four times the sum received for last year during the same period; a large sum of arrears still remain uncollected and he recommended that Mr Gray at whom it was proposed to appoint Collector should be paid some Commission for recovery of these arrears

The President moved the adoption of the report seconded by Mr Gray.

Mr Boyle objected to any remuneration for collection of rates, in the office

Aldermen Burns & others were in favour of paying Mr Gray the balance due on yr rates salary £5 & 12. 10/ and a resolution to that effect was carried

The report was thus adopted

Secretary produced a copy of the Rate notice which he proposed to use and the same was approved of

Engineers Report was dealt with as follows:—

Clause 3 Mr Stewart & Mr Richmond that tenders be called for work near Rogerson's Richmond Plains at an estimated cost of £20. 0. 0

Carried

4 also for the metalling forming & draining &c at an estimated cost of £8 near Ross & Morphett subject to the Charlton Council joining in the cost

Carried

Clauses 5 & 7 were postponed, on Clause 5 no action was taken

8 Council resolved to offer no objection to the occupation under Section 128 of

Engineers Report Continued

8 of the two tree reserves Sowth applied for by Boyd

9 Mr Kennedy & Redwood that culvert near Daniels Salisbury West be fetched with metal at an estimated cost of £6. 0. 0

The Engineers report was approved

The public works committee brought up the following

Tenders

No 1

Clearing near water hole Flat & Pigeon Hole dam Estimate £20. 0. 0

H. Briggs £25. 0. 0

Rejected

2 Drains and scour filling on road between Martins & Tenatty along westside of mt Barker Estimate £

J C Morgan 15. 14. 0 Estimate £14. 11. 0
Geo Ross 17. 0. 0
Jno Lethlean 12. 7. 0 ×
Geo Briggs 17. 0. 6

Recommend Lethlean

3 Metal & tuting stone crossing for culvert near McGuffies Salisbury West. Estimate £6. 0. 0

A R Jenkins 7. 10. 0
H. Connolly 6. 15. 0 ×

Recommend Connolly

4 Repairs to ~~Salisbury~~ Superintendent & Bridgewater road between finger post and Salisbury Creamery Estimate £12. 0. 0

H. Connolly £9. 10. 0 ×
A. R. Jenkins 10. 15.

Recommend Connolly

Tenders Continued

No. 5 Metalling by Doors on the W. Burn and Charlton road

Estimate £123. 15

Ross	114. 11. 8
Jenkins & Sons	113. 8. 0
J. H. Beer	162. 14. 2
John Irving	97. 0. 0

Cr Gray objected that this work will be of little benefit to the Shire Ratepayers & he is opposed to the expenditure. It was then agreed to postpone consideration of it for one month Crs Ennis McKechnie & Stewart to inspect the site in meantime

6 Stone pitching Weddburn & Bowes road

Estimate £13. 15. 6

H. Crisp	£19. 13. 0

Not let fresh tenders to be called

The Secretary produced the list of last years Charitable donations amounting to £74. 16. 0 and it was agreed to limit this years vote to that amount and distribute in the same manner.

The Secretary produced an Estimate of the Revenue & Expenditure for the Coming year showing that the net annual value of rateable property in the Shire is £48.120 and that the sum of £2130 is required for the several purposes in respect of which the Council is authorised to expend the same

Cr Gray
Cr Stewart } That the Estimate submitted be approved and adopted. Carried

Cr Catto
Cr Boyle } That in order to raise the sum required viz £2130 the Council do make and levy a General Rate of One shilling in the pound on the net annual Value of Property Assessable in the Shire for the period commencing on this date and ending on the 30th day of September 1898, and that the said Rate be collected in one sum due & payable on the first day of November 1897, and that the Collector for the time being be authorised to duly demand & collect the said Rate.

An amendment was moved by Cr Chalmers & Cr Redwood that the rate be twopence.

Cr Boyle supported a ½ Rate in order that funds may be raised for building a Shire Hall Cr Stewart was afraid a sixpenny rate would not meet the expenditure A second amendment by Cr Gray that the rate be sixpence was not seconded and therefore lapsed.

Cr Chalmers amendment that the Rate be 9d in the pound was then put to the meeting & Carried the voting being as follows.

For the amendment

Crs Chalmers, Redwood, Gray, Ennis & McKechnie against it the rest.

Mr Gray junior was appointed Rate Collector for the whole shire.

Notices under Notice

Cr. Boyle That Engineer report on proposal to reticulate the townships of Boroung & Nyah

Postponed to next mtg.

Cr Boyle
Cr Chalmers } That tenders be called for the work included in Clauses 3 & 4 of Engineers report for September Lock.

Carried

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Motions under Notice

Cr Chalmers / Cr Boyle { Tenders be called for 20 chains forming by Douglas & Walsh's. Carried

Cr Chalmers / Cr Boyle { " for 30 chains of loaming Fernihurst & Nyrio road near Ritchie's. Carried

Cr Stewart / Cr Chalmers { " for removing dead timber on any road within Thedore at a minimum of 10/ per mile together with a deposit equal to 1/ per mile for fulfilment of Conditions. Carried

Instructions

By Cr. Kennedy Engineer to inspect and report on Morrow road and also on Nyrio & Kurting road near Harrisons farm.

By Cr. Chalmers Engineer to see our farm as to repairs required by him

By Cr. Boyle " to send two bags of lime to Morang tank

By Cr Stewart " to have more lime put into Nyrio Reservoir

By Cr Redwood Engineer to have a scour filled near Mrs Rinders Salisbury.

The Engineer promised to have road near Garrett & Kong's claim attended to.

Discussion on Shire Hall Question

Cr Boyle asked for the result of vote taken on the question in 1888. the minute Book was produced showing that a majority then voted in favour of building a Hall at

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Cr Boyle / Cr Stewart { That immediate steps be taken to build a Shire Hall of an estimated Cost not exceeding £500.

Cr Ennis was in favour of stopping the rent he had required the price required by the owner of the Hall now in use but considered it too high.

Cr Gray was not in in favor of building at present and moves as an

Amendment that

the subject be postponed for twelve months and that a vote of the ratepayers be taken at the August Election in 1898, seconded by Cr Chalmers & Carried the voting for the amendment being Cr Gray Redwood & Chalmers Mr Ritchie Kennedy & Ritto against Boyle Stewart & Ennis.

Treasurer reported Revenue during the month £722. 6. 8
Expenditure do £333. 18. 7
Bank Balance to Credit £869. 11. 7

Notices of Motion

Cr Gray for extension of reservoir drains N. Boort Cost not to exceed £15.

Cr Ritto for work at Red Rock Reservoir embankment

Cr McRitchie for 10 chains forming near Jowar Jowar Cheese & Creamery.

Cr Boyle Roof proved room each meeting

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Cr. Stewart
Cr. Redwood } That the following a/cs presented by the Finance Committee be passed and paid

		Carried
604	Alex Macdonald & Co	2. 10. 0
605	Kameruka Coroner Hearing Inq	5. 0. 0
606	Country Fire Board	2. 13. 0
607	Bon 54 Glasheen	12. 17. 0
608	Bon 144 Kierce	19 0 0
609	Bon 106 Fox & Sons	11. 10 0
610	Bon 120 Chambers	6. 8. 0
611	Bon 149 Thos Slyfield	12. 0. 0
612	Bon 144 Kierce	2. 17. 0
613	Bon 103 & C Ross	10. 5. 0
614	Municipal advance acct	23. 4. 0
615	Fox & Sons to Bon	4. 0. 0
616	Various Deposits	2. 12. 0
617	Sly Deposits	1. 0. 0
618	Engineering Works	16. 18. 0
619	Thos Kierce labour	2. 10. 0
620	Sundry a/cs per Vouchers	10. 18. 9
	Richmond Assoc Engineer	1. 7. 0
	Hawkins salary as Shire Engineer	24. 15. 10
2	Reuter Thirteen Creamers &c	14. 3. 4
3	Gray Junior Assistant Shire Secty	12. 7. 11
4	Deposits for Vouchers	2. 12. 0
5	Bon 139 Connelly	27. 0. 0
6	Home book Rate Collector	10. 12. 6
7	Deposit Bon 73 Lovell	1. 10 0
8	Sly Dwyer Bon 137	15 0
9	Stephen Jerome 138	11 0
10	Deposit 149 Sly	1. 0. 0
11	" 2904 Henderson	3. 0. 0
12	" 105 Deposit	1. 0. 0
13	Various deposits	3. 4. 3
14	Deposits returns	3. 4 0
15	McNicol deposits	4 0

forward

Brought forward

15	Contracts 54	Glasheen	10. 0. 0
16	Contracts	Osborn	11. 11. 6
17	" 156	Beer	7. 0. 0
18	Bon 78 & C	Irving	18. 0. 0
19	137	O'Meara	5. 0. 0
20	145	Kierce	8. 0. 0
21	144	O'Meara	2. 15 0
22	94 & C	Hawkins	15. 0 0
23	2100	Kay	5. 2. 4
24	7	Kitchen	7. 4. 4
25	77 & C	Henderson	12 8 0
26	102	Hargreaves	12 0
27	157	Ross	1. 2 0
28	150	Richmond	7. 10. 0
29	133	M Crisp	4. 0 0
30	75	Clark	1. 0. 0
31	138	Jas Mason	20. 0. 0
32	73	Thomas Lovell	3. 17. 10
33	106	Fox & Sons	1 3. 6
34	68	Barber	10 0
35	38	Garoorro	3. 4. 0
36	74 & C	Sly Junior	4 17. 0
37	Lamp lighting	Geo Griffiths	3. 6. 8
38	"	Lamps	17. 4
39	Steel	Kerosene	4. 14 6
40	Labour a/cs		2. 10. 0
41	Campbell	labour a/c	6 0. 0
42	W Hoskins	labour Superintendent	1. 10. 0
43	Geo Lepous	labour Shire	2. 0 0
44	Thomas Lovell	labour	2. 0 0
45	Thomas Sly Junior	labor Inglewood	3. 0. 0
46	Jas Kay	labour Korongvale	2. 11. 0
47	Wm McKinnon	do do	1. 10. 0
48	Irving Wyclitella	labour a/c	5. 0. 0
49	Alex Stewart	do do	1. 10. 0
50	Shipp	labour a/c	18. 0

forward

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Brought forward £

51	Maxwell & Victorian Digest	20.	5.	4
52	Arnall & Jackson Stationery per a/c	3.	1	0
53	Moncrieff Freeholds Allowance	3.	17	6
54	Dr Manly Health Officer	6.	5.	8
55	Dr De Rovin Health Officer	7.	10.	0
56	Mr J. Cook Rate Collector	2.	2.	6
57	A. H. Donnelly Curator	2.	11.	0
58	Mrs O'Brien do	2.	2.	6
59	Inspector Brosnahan Salary	1.	17	6
60	" Kipper	1.	17	6
61	" Hornibrook	1.	17	6
62	" Melvin	1.	17.	6
63	Crayford Balance of Scottis Salary	12.	10	0
64	Interest on overdraft loan	5.	17	7
		£ 531	5.	9

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

Confirmed November 2nd 1897.

President John Catto