Minutes of an ordinary monthly meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on Thursday the 2nd of December 1897.

Present Cr Gatto president Crs Kennedy & Redwood, Gray, McKechnie, Chalmers, Boyle & Ennis, and the assist Secty.

The minutes of previous meeting were taken as read & confirmed.

The President referred to the absence of Mr Kinder Shire Secretary who had the previous evening been bereft by death of his only daughter and he proposed that the Council as a mark of sympathy for and respect to him adjourn after dealing with tenders and passing the accs this was seconded by Cr Chalmers and unanimously agreed to.

The following tenders were brought up and dealt with.

No. 1 Clearing & Draining &c by Martins, Grays & Gaunes Boring Estimate £22. 12. 0
Kierce William 24. 5. 5
Jenkins Bros 23. 8. 4 Recommended

2 Cutting down Rocky siding between White and Pigeon Hole Dam. Estimate £5
Crisp 9. 10. 0
Ross 8. 0. 0
Lot let

3 Draining & filling scours Inglewood & Bowlet roads
No tenders Estimate —

4 Catchment drains Spencers Hill Wedderburn
Ross Geo 9. 13. 0 Estimate £10. 0. 0
Recommended

Tenders Contd

5 Repairs to Embankment Rheola Reservoir
Ryan Jno £81. 5. 6 Estimate £94. 0. 0
Connolly Wm 70. 19. 6
Jackson Bros 96. 0. 6
Recommended Connolly

6 Forming near Gowar Creamery
Ross Geo 16. 5. 7 Estimate £13. 0. 0
Ryan J. H 26. 0. 0
Ryan Jno 15. 3. 4
Too high none accepted

The Council then formally accepted the following tenders

No. 1 Jenkins Bros £23. 8. 4
4 Ross 9. 13. 0
5 Connolly 70. 19. 6

Cr Redwood
Cr Gray } That the following accs be passed and paid
Carried

112	Sundry accs per voucher		2. 10. 0
113	" " "		4. 0. 0
114	Labour accs per Gatto		10. 14. 0
115	Kierce labour		1. 5. 0
116	Lachmond do		1. 15. 0
117	Irving do		1. 5. 0
118	W. Watts do		3. 15. 0
119	Crisp do		9. 7. 6
120	Henderson & do Leggitt		1. 5. 0
121	Frick Henderson labour		4. 12. 0
122	Frick do		17. 6
123	Jenkins Bros do		2. 0. 0
124	Connolly do		3. 2. 6
125	Auson water		1. 15. 0
126	Contract	Kierce	4. 0. 0
127	"	Jackson	25. 0. 0
128	"	Watts	3. 0. 0

Brot forward

129	Beer J. A. Contract		6. 0. 0
130	Mc Mahon	"	4. 10. 0
131	Wm Crisp	"	18. 0
132	M. Mitchell	"	3. 10. 0
133	Henderson	"	4. 7. 0
134	Jenkins & Sons	"	2. 3. 9
135	Jas Kay	"	5. 0. 0
136	Connolly	"	4. 9. 3
137	Jenkins & Sons	"	10. 8. 3
138	Connolly Bros	"	17. 0. 0
139	Lyons Jno	"	24. 0. 0
140	O'Connell	"	7. 0. 0
141	Wm Crisp	"	1. 16. 0
142	O'Hannassy	"	4. 0. 0
143	Jas Wesson	"	25. 0. 0
144	T. Chambers	"	4. 10. 0
145	Rundle Shire Secretary		14. 3. 4
146	Hawkins Shire Engineer		18. 15. 0
147	Gray Jas assist Shire Secty		12. 7. 11
148	Cayzer Bros advertising		2. 11. 3
149	Goode printing & advertising		2. 18. 6
150	Thos H. Griffiths lamplighting		3. 6. 8
151	Thos Vahuso do		17. 4
152	Steel line for Hburn Reservoir		10. 10. 0
153	Deposits D. Gladeen		2. 16. 0
154	" Jenkins & Sons		1. 18. 0
155	" H. Watts		6 0
156	" Jno Lyons		1. 10. 0
157	" Jas McMahon		6. 0
158	Presidents allowance		3. 11. 6
159			
		£	328 " 18 " 9

At this stage the meeting was adjourned to Thursday the 16th of December upon which date the annual meeting will also be held.

John Watts President

Confirmed

Minutes of an ordinary monthly meeting which had been adjourned from the 2nd December and was concluded on the 16th December 1897, in the Skinnet Hall Redcliffe. Present Crs Watts, President, Gray, Chalmers, McKechnie, Boyle. Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Correspondence

1 Shire Engineer apologising for absence from the meeting owing to ill health of his wife.

2 Secretary Shire Bircelip asking co-operation in efforts to obtain a reduction of the works of water trusts

Co-operation granted

2 Railway Department declining any responsibility for condition of the fence between Boring and Mundaring stations

Cr Chalmers was of opinion that the Department should repair the fence and suggested that Counsel's opinion be taken as to who is liable under the agreement.

3 Secretary Kalgoorlie Council for £1120 0 0 Current & accrued interest upon liabilities of the trust allocated to this Shire.

Received

4 Executors Don Murchison Memorial Fund acknowledging receipt of £1 1/

5 Shire of Gordon re weighbridge proposing that an expert be employed at joint expense to test & if necessary repair the bridge

Cr Boyle was favourable to joining with Gordon providing the cost does not exceed £10

Cr Chalmers
Cr Catto

That Secretary be empowered to Communicate with the Gordon Shire with authority to join with them that the Cost do not exceed 20/ per bridge

Carried

Council here adjourned for the purpose of holding the Annual Meeting —

Present Crs Catto Redwood McKechnie Gray, Stewart and Boyle & Chalmers

The Secretary produced the annual statement of a/cs to the end of September 1897 which had been audited also the auditors Report, The a/cs were then "finally examined and settled by the Council and allowed and ordered to be certified to under the hand of the Chairman of the meeting.

Council Resumed

7 Shire of Ballarat advocating the claims of Cr John Lester to a seat on the Board of Public Health

8 Health Department with Ballot paper or list of persons nominated for the representation of the Western Shires Group upon the Board of Health
The Secretary had struck the names of all but Mr — and returned the paper.

9 Town Clerk Melbourne acknowledging receipt of Cheq for 2/ proportion of the Cost of the Municipal address to the Queen and enquiring how many copies of the Photographic Album Council desire

On the motion of Crs Chalmers & Redwood it was resolved to order one copy of the address

10 Jas Ray offering his services as Dog Registrar and Collector of agricultural Rates.

11 J. Ramey Photographer Melbourne placing his services at disposal of Council, in connection with the Premiers idea of advertising the Colony in England.

12 President of the Municipal Association of Victoria intimating that Mr Ott Meaden had been appointed Secretary of the Association

13 Municipal Association for this Councils opinion upon the Charities Bill

14 Shire Secty Mt Narracan inviting opposition to the Charities Bill from Municipalities

15 Thomas Langdon M.P. stating that he owned how much pleasure in representing this Council at the Congress in opposition to the Hospital & Charities Bill.

16 Treasurer Ladies Benevolent Society Melbn for a special donation.
One guinea was voted upon the motion of Crs Chalmers & Redwood

17 Health Department approving of the appointment of Mr John Catto as a Trustee of the Ballarat Public Cemetery

18 Inspector Nevins Inglewood with a/cs for removing trees by Moroney & Flanagan
ordered to be paid

also 10/ for removing trees Bartlett by Mayor's order.

19 Teacher Burrells Inst reporting case of scarlet fever amongst his school boys

20 Scarlet fever was also reported from the Salisbury School

27 Hon J. A. Pratt promising attention to claims in the Bill to amend the Vermin Destruction Act.

28 R. J. Horne Kurting claiming 15/ for removing trees. Held over for inquiry

29 Health Officer reporting scarlet fever in family of Masterson of Salisbury where he had given instructions for preventing the spread of the disease

30 Jas Kay monthly report on maintenance Contract

31 Dr. Manley monthly report

32 Norman MacDonald Wells for permission to construct a drain across the road near the site of the old saw mill Wells township. Agreed to.

33 W. Connolly giving notice that he had made a mistake in his tender and could not proceed with the Contract at Rhodes but to him at previous meeting, in connection with this matter the Engineer had left a memorandum recommending that Lyons the next lowest tenderer at £81. 5. 6 be given the

W. Connolly attended personally and offered to do the work for an additional payment of £7. 0. 0

After some discussion

Cr Gray moved and Boyle seconded that unless Connolly choose to go on with the work, the Contract be cancelled and the deposit forfeited. Carried

39 Mrs J. McDougall Brenanah for repairs to road between their farm and Kingower

Referred to Engineer

40 The Secretary Kara Kara Shire with an a/c for £58. 10/ half cost of repairing Low Water Bridge over the Avoca. The a/c included about £17 for extras

Cr Gray stated that he had been looking through the Contract book & found a considerable number of extras on contract which should not be allowed. The cost of this bridge was ~~to~~ not to exceed £100 but Jackson Contractor, was present and stated, that the timber charged for is in addition to the timber used from the old bridge. After some further discussion

Cr Batto
Cr Redwood } That a payment of £50 on a/c be made, the balance to remain till the Engineer inspects the work.

Carried

42 A. J. Nance St Kilda drawing attention to his stock of sanitary appliances.

43 Secretary Clarkton Council consenting to join in cost of work near Morphett Richmond Plains

44 Actonelly monthly report on Rhodes Reservoir

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47 Hon J. W. Pratt re Clauses struck out of Vermin Act Amendment Bill.

48 Lands Department for views of this Council upon the application of the Charlton Council to have placed under its control the Water & Recreation Reserve of 78 acres in parish of Charlton East.

Held over for enquiry

49 Miss Smith Registrar of Deaths Merrin reporting death of Mary Wills from Diphtheria

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Cr Walmers & Mr Kehne That the offers of Hindson & Pritchard be accepted, but if the others above do not give 50/- call for tenders.

Carried

53 Water Supply Department complaining that certain information with regard to the Kiddenburn Reservoir applied for that February had not been supplied and requesting an immediate report as to its condition.

Engineer to attend to this

54 Municipal Association with copies of Resolutions adopted by a Conference of delegates from Municipalities opposing the Hospitals & Charities Bill

55 D. Manly reporting steps taken by him to prevent the spread of illness at Borung & Nyeu Nyeu Children Schools.

Discussion re anti-toxin

The Secretary stated that he had obtained a supply of anti-toxin in accordance with the desire of the Health Officer and after a considerable discussion it was resolved to keep it at the Shire office and inform medical practitioners that it is available for cases of Diphtheria

The Secretary was authorised to pay Contractors accounts at the usual time in January if signed by the Engineer

The Engineer's report was read but no action taken upon it.

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Engineer's Report.

The President and Councillors of the Shire of Korong

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honor to report as follows:—

NORTH RIDING.

2.—I have inspected the road by Verley's, Herd's, and Bell's, Borung, and on interviewing some of the residents ascertained that they require about 47 chains of forming made to connect the portions already formed. The cost, including an open crossing and taking out some trees, I estimate at about £24.

CENTRAL RIDING.

3.—On the Wedderburn and Burke's Flat road near Stephenson's, four chains of forming are required in a hollow which is covered with water when Stephenson's dam is full. Before the fence on the west side was put on the proper line the hollow could be avoided, but since the alteration of the fence the traffic has to go through it.

4.—Near M. Birthisel's, on the Wehla road, some very bad scours need filling for 5 or 6 chains. I would recommend that the road be formed. This is a work needing immediate attention.

SOUTH RIDING.

5.—The inlet from the Inglewood and Bridgewater road into the storm channel near Flight's farm, can be done away with and the water taken direct into the creek by cutting a few inches deep for about two chains in front of the house. Three of the overfalls in the channel should have the aprons repaired and some stone and timber steps built to lessen the fall and force of the water. The cost of the above works, including some other repairs to the overfalls, I estimate at about £30.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant,
ERNEST E. HAWKINS,
Shire Engineer.

Wedderburn, Dec. 15th, 1897.

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of a private nature but in the meantime he desired to have a sample of the water analyzed & would forward to the secretary for transmission to the analyst. two bottles.

Mr Chalmers gave instructions for the preparation of a return showing the cost of the tank at Argyle

Contractor bounty attended and announced his intention of proceeding with the Contract at Rhodes.

Mr Chalmers gave instructions for the Engineer to inspect the road by Days Crossing with a view to repairs.

Notices of Motion

Mr Boyle That a Committee be appointed to Confer with the landlord for purchase of the land on which the present building stands

Mr McKechnie for about 4 Chains forming by Stephenson & Burns & Burns Halfroad
also for
500 l Chains filling scours near Birtles

Mr Redwood for 20 or 30 Chains forming our road near Bala Bull Station.
also for
painting & repairs to bridges not done last year

This ended the business of the meeting closed.

Confirmed February 3rd 1890

John Carter President