8 JUL 1919

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF WEDDERBURN HELD AT THE SHIRE HALL, WEDDERBURN, ON TUESDAY, THE

PRESENT:- Crs Andrews (President) Thomas , Chalmers , O'Brien , White , Kenny , Gray.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received.

2. Referred to the Wedderburn Soldiers of the R.S.S.I.L.A. on the motion of Crs O'Brien and White.

3. Was not received.

4. "

In connexion with he above matter it was resolved on the motion of Crs O'Brien and White that the Secretary communicate with Patriotic Committees throughout the Shire and invite their support and co-operation in the matter of presenting the certificates and to intimate that members of this Council would be prepared to attend in their own districts for the purpose of making presentations.

5. Support to be given (Crs O'Brien & Thomas)

6. On the motion of Crs Gray and White it was resolved to ~~support~~ accede the application subject to a deposit of £25 being lodged. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Gray it was resolved that the Central Riding Crs. And the Engineer be appointed a committee to interview the Dredge owner with a view to having a large dam left when he dredge ceases operations.

7. Left in the hands of the Secretary.

8. & 9 Received.

Re the matter of the obstruction by W.Cornish it was resolved to place the matter in the hands of the Shire Solicitor to give Cornish 7 days notice to remove the obstruction, and if necessary to take further steps on the advice of the Shire Solicitor.

10. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Chalmers it was resolved that the Engineers report be submitted.

11. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Gray it was resolved to write to the C.R.B. requesting that the rate of Commission be increased by one% in each case. (Maintenance and Permanent Works)

12. The secretary was authorised to issue a linence subject to a satisfactory report from the Health Inspector. (Crs White & O'Brien)

13. Dealt with in Engineers report.

14. COUNTRY ROADS BOARD intimating that claims amounting to £204/4/6/ had been passed for payment , but intimating that and amount of £18/o/8 had been held up pending final inspection of works be Engineer Kemp of the C.R.Board.
RECEIVED.

15. DR.WEBSTER reporting two cases of DIPTHERIA at MYSIA. After discussion it was resolved on the motion of Crs Chalmers and Thomas that the Health Officer -DrJelbart - be requested to take immediate steps to deal with he epidemic either by himself or through DrWebster.

16. D.F.GIBSON reporting that he had completed his inspection of the properties in the Shire and that he would have all on the schedules in a few days time.
RECEIVED.

1—From Dr Deravin reporting a case of diptheria at Llanelly—

2—From Sailors and Soldiers' Widows and Widowed Mothers' Trust Fund, stating that the Trust holds £10 000 for the purpose of providing homes for the above. Asking it this Municipality has any land suitable as sites for such homes and also if there is any existing fund which could be applied in aid—

3—From D. W. Paterson and Co., stating that the delay in supply soldiers certificates was due to the strike which was responsible for their machines being idle—

4—D. W. Paterson and Co., forwarding Memorial Certificates, and expressing the hope that same will be to Council's satisfaction—

5—From Yea Shire requesting this Council's co operation in a movement to induce the Government to start factories to make Wire Netting to provide netting on the deferred payment system for returned soldiers on land—

6—From J. P. Livingstone, requesting permission to sluice out portion of Godfrey Street to enable him to cross with dredge—

7—From Education Department, suggesting for reasons stated that rates should not be charged on Departmental residence, Wedderburn—

8—From John Eeles, re removal of fence Kinypanial road, stating that he is unable to act in the matter and that business will have to be done with the exors of the Estate—

9—From John Bell, re fence on Kinypanial road, stating that he has the posts in the ground and that he is waiting for the wire and droppers which he has had difficulty in getting

10—From Country Roads Board, re widening of Borung Hurstwood road and complaint of W Hopkins, stating that where a private entrance is interfered with, it is the practice of the Board to provide a new entrance to the fence line, and asking that a report from the Shire Engineer be furnished—

11—From Country Roads Board, approving of tenders as submitted for maintenance works on Borung-Hurstwood road and Serpentine road. The Board intimates that commission up to 4 per cent on Permanent Works and 1½ per cent on Maintenance Works will be allowed—

12—From S. Jacka, re-submitting application for licence to slaughter stock, stating that the slaughter yard is situated on allot. 18 Sec. 14, parish of Wedderburn on the Kingower road, about 3 miles from the Township—

13—From M. Hindson, re Wychitella Water Supply, stating that the residents have decided that a 2 inch main across the road from the trough would be more economical and give a better service than the scheme formerly suggested.

C Hall's gang, after having completed approx. 24 chains of gravelling on the Richmond Plains road in detached portions, have now begun on the Nine Mile road by Platt's and Jackson's.

W Rodger's gang have nearly completed 20 chains on the north and south road north from Kurting, after which they will commence work on the Bridgewater-Newbridge road.

A Bell's gang have made some progress with patching and filling scoure on the road from Borung to Cr Andrews. This gang is not working as well as the others and I am not satisfied with the progress made.

I have authorised D H Morrison, of Mysia, to commence carting gravel from the reserve by O T Wills to Mysia township on 4th inst.

A. J. E GOURLAY,
Shire Engineer.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT.

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6—The east and west road between Cameron and G Wilson, and between McPherson's paddocks, Wychitella, requires patching, several places being very dangerous.

Central Riding.

7—The Wedderburn-Boort road is in a very bad condition from McHugh's to the cross roads by Bremner's and Mrs Geory's. The worst places are in the eucalyptus reserve, about 1 mile south of the intersection of the Woolshed Flat road, between McCalman and P. Manlien where the road is now a watercourse; and between Carruthers and McNicol. A comparatively small expenditure of money, especially at the places mentioned, will save a large amount in the future.

8—Re Walker's complaint re the ramp Fenton's Creek by Cain's. I inspected this, and am satisfied with the work done by the contractor in the time. The work done has effected an improvement on the grade of the eastern approach to the ford. There is now a good track 12 feet wide at a grade of 1 in 10, whereas, before, the grade was 1 in 7. It was alleged that filling had been put in the bed of the creek, which subsequently got washed away This was not done.

9—I inspected the scour on the St Arnaud road which is bringing down the log fence at P D Curnow's. To buy the necessary land, ¼ chain wide for 20 chains, would cost £17 approx. with survey fees and ½ cost of a new fence. Repairs could be effected for considerably less and I recommend that they be carried out.

10—I have had repairs effected to a culvert on the road south of Coonooer Bridge, complained of by Mrs Allen.

11—G E Taylor has completed his contract on the Wedderburn-Kingower road for sundry repairs, drainage, etc.

12—I have instructed W Horby, of Glenalbyn, to effect repairs to scours on the north and south road between Metelmann and Weston.

13—The St Arnaud road on Galloway's hill and for 18 chains north from Paterson's crossing is badly requiring attention as per clause 14 of Oct. report. Many complaints are being made about this section of road.

South Riding.

14—Wm Forster has very nearly completed the stone crossing and logwork on the north and south road between Kelly and Kelly, Glenalbyn.

15—Re application by S. R. Catto to purchase unused road between allots. 13, 6 and 5 parish of Kangderaar I inspected this, and interviewed S R Catto, and find that there is no objection. The road is not fenced and goes across a cropping paddock, two creeks and some old diggings.

16—I have made arrangements for F J Harding to repair the footings of the masonry culvert near Rheola, which were being undermined.

17—Re J Curnick's application for Council to buy necessary land if he re erects a wire fence ¼ chain north of existing fence line—In 3 places existing fence is being brought down by scours from paddock. If Council will buy necessary land, i.e., 1 acre, for which he wants £7, he offers to re-erect fence at his own expense.

18—W Taig has completed his contract on road between Lyon and Canfield, Kinypaniel, and has commenced work by Martin's, Salisbury West.

19—A E Taig have commenced excavating 43 chains of drainage and the Bridgewater road by Redwood's.

20—Maintenance has been effected to the Serpentine road through Coutt's swamp, which is now in perfect order.

21—F J Harding has completed his contract for metalling on the Bridgewater bridge satisfactorily, also repairs to one of the corbels and the approaches.

22—I instructed F J Harding to repair stone crossing by McLinden's on Serpentine road, which was dangerous.

Employment of Returned Soldiers under Government Grant.

On the Logan-Emu road Crisp's gang have completed 25 chains of gravelling 15 feet wide, also repairs to the approach to the bridge over the Avoca River.

North Riding.

1—Wychitella Water Supply. I received a letter from M Hindson stating that he had convened a meeting of the water ratepayers, and they had decided to ask the Council's permission to extend the 2 inch pipe from the water trough across the road opposite O'Neil's Hotel, at their own expense. This would improve the supplies; and I can see no objection to it.

2—G E Taylor has completed his contract for drainage repairs to crossing, check banks etc, on the east and west roads between Good and Gross and between Paterson and Threlfel, Buckrabanyule.

3—The east and west road between Mary Roberts and T Morecroft, Buckrabanyule is badly scoured for 100 chains as it has become the watercourse, taking all the water from a large natural depression emanating from the Woosang hills. A check bank near Miss Robert's house keeps this water in its course through T. Morecroft's paddock, but owing to siltation, it gets back on the road. This road requires 100 chains of drainage on the north side, scours filling, and check banks.

4—I interviewed Miss Roberts re the drain she had asked permission to make on the Buckrabanyule road, by J. Patterson. I recommend that permission be granted as the drain will do no harm to he road, and the property owners concerned offer no objection.

5—The Country Roads Board contracts on the Borung-Hurstwood road, will all be completed by about 12th inst., except the one between Perryman and Perryman, which has not yet been commenced.

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" 2. Received.

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For. Kelly, O'Brien & Thomas: Against: Howe, gray, white & Chalmers.

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The Engineers report in connexion with work caried out by the Returned Soldiers under thegift of £749 was received.

MAINTENANCE ESTIMATES - MAIN ROADS - C.R.B.

It was resolved on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Howe to recommend that the undermentioned amounts be allocated for the maintenance of Main Roads in the Shire for the year ending June 30th.1920.

BENDIGO	CHARLTON RD.	£270
Borung Hurstwood	"	£200
SERPENTINE ROAD	"	£300
	Total :-	£770

The Secretary & Rate Collector reported as under:-

Collected to 30/6/1919 Current Rate £2813 : 6: 4

Arrears " 112 :2: 8 £3925: 9: -

Uncollected at 30 / 6/ 1919 Current Rate £265/15/-8

Arrears " 89/10/5 £355:6:1

BANK Overdraft at 30/6/19 £687/2/7

TENDERS.

The recomendations of the tender committee were as under :-

No.82. The tender of W.J.TAIG at £23:0:3 to be accepted.

83. The tender of James Crisp & J.Ross at £17: 11: 10 to be accepted.

84. To be re-advertised.

On the motionof Crs O'Brien and Thomas the above recommendations were adopted.

F I N A N C E.

On the motionof Crs O'Brienand Howe accounts amounting to :-

£541: 0:7 on the Genaral A/c of the Shire,

£186: 0;10 " C.R.B. 2 " " " ,

£3-1-5 on the Water Account ,

were passed for payment.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

RETURNING OFFICERS, on the motionof Crs O'Brien & Chalmers/ were appointed/for the ensuing year as umder :-

North Riding - ~~XXXXXXXX~~ CrAndrews.

Central Riding Cr A.D.WHite

South Riding Cr J.B.Howe.

REVISION COURT :- On themotionof Crs Thomas & O'Brien the date of the Revision Court was fixed for Tuesday the 22nd. July at 11 a.m.

WATER RESERVE :- On the motionof Crs Thomas and Chalmers it was resolved to offer no objection tothe sale to F.M.DONALDSON of the reserve in the Parish of Woosang near MissBarwick's property and containing 5 acres.

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He gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Council that the scheme be adopted. He also gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the motion passed at the last meeting of the Council, wherein the Council agreed to contribute £100 towards the establishment of the school be rescinded.

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(motions for the Agenda Paper)

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No 82—32 chains of drainage, 3 check banks, grubbing etc on the north and south road between Adlem and Wilson, Parish of Kurting.
No 83—12 chains of formation, filling scours, drainage and check banks, on the Wedderburn Wehla road, between Edmonds and Brandrup, Parish of Kurraca.
No 84—Construction of stone apron and logwork in scour between Fahey and Fahey near Korong Vale, Parish of Borang.

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On the mtion of Crs Crs Andrews and White it was resolved to rescind the former resolution relating to office hours.

EXTRAS TO C.R.B. CONTRACTS

On the motion of Crs Howe and Kelly extras amounting to £9:13:6 on Contract 4M 18/19 and amounting to £4:7:10 on Contract 3P.18/19 were approved.

CONFIRMED.

H West Andrews Chairman.

Date:- 12·8·1919

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