9 SEP 1949

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF KORONG

HELD AT THE SHIRE HALL - WEDDERBURN, on TUESDAY THE 9th. SEPTEMBER 1949 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT :- Crs. Andrews, Thomas, Chalmers, White, Kiniry and Hendry

O'Brien, Kelly & Howe.

On the motion of Crs Andrews and O'Brien - Cr White was elected to the chair.

Newly elected Councillors were introduced as under :-

Cr. Kelly was introduced by Cr. O'Brien.

Cr. Chalmers was introduced by Cr. Andrews.

Cr. Hendry was introduced by Cr. Kiniry.

Each Councillor in turn was welcomed to the Council by the Chairman.
On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Howe the President's Allowance was fixed at £90.

On the motion of Crs. Andrews and O'Brien - Cr Kiniry was elected President for the ensuing year.

A vote of thanks to the retiring President was moved by the President Cr. Kiniry - Seconded by Cr White - Supported by Cr O'Brien and carried unanimously.

MINUTES :- The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Crs Thomas and Andrews.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E.

1. Received.

2. Received.

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4. On the motion of Crs White and O'Brien it was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the delegates to the conference.

5. The Secretary was instructed to intimate that this Council is in sympathy with the movement.

6. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Howe it was resolved to intimate to the Association that this Council is opposed to the Bill and also to communicate with the Parliamentary Representative to that effect.

7. On the motion of Crs Kinry and Andrews - Cr White was appointed representative (The President - Cr Kiniry declined to acept appointment)

8. On the motion of Crs Andrews and O'Brien it was resolved to support the Warragul Shire in the movement.

9. On the motion of Crs Chalmers and Andrews it was resolved to apply for a holiday for the North and Central Ridings of the Shire.

10. It was resolved on the motion of Crs White and O'Brien to intimate to the Department that Mrs Pratt is applying for registration and to refer the case of Mrs Deledio to the Health Officer (Dr Deravin)

11. Received.

1—From Central Loan Committee, submitting list of district quotas. Korong Shire's quota is £21,000.—

2.—From Chief Secretary, intimating that Thursday the 18th inst—Charlton Show Day had been proclaimed a holiday throughout the North and Central Ridings of the Shire—

3—From Home and Territories Department re War Trophies, intimating that a distribution will not take place till the last week in September, and that the application by the Wedderburn Branch of the Returned Soldiers has been filled and will receive consideration—

J—From Walpeup Shire, intimating that Cr James Wilson has been nominated by that Council for a seat on the Executive Committee of the Country Municipal Association and asking this Council's support to his candidature—

5—From Municipal Association, requesting Council's support in an endeavour to compile an Honor Roll of all Councillors and Municipal Officers who enlisted in the great war—

6—From Municipal Association, inviting Council's attention and provisions of a Bill brought in re County Fire Brigades and expenses of fires being borne by Municipal Councils—

7—From Municipal Association, stating that the Annual Conference will be held on 15th and 16th of October and asking that this Council appoint a representative—

8—From Warragul Shire, pointing out that now that the Government is a large buyer of land they should carry the same responsibility in regard to rates as private perchasers, also suggesting that soldiers settling on land should be relieved of paying rates for the first three years and that the rates should be paid by the Lands Purchase Board—

9—From Boort Agricultural Society, requesting that Thursday October 2nd, Boort Show Day be proclaimed a holiday throughout the Shire—

10—From Health Department, pointing out that it is contrary to the Health Act that any person should be allowed to take in a patient unless the premises are registered as a Private Hospital—

11—From Department of Public Works, intimating that special application is necessary if an extension of time is required in order to spend the gift of £749—

Correspondence - (continued)

12— From Dr Webster, reporting a case of Diptheria at Mysia—

13—From Health Department, approving of the appointment of Dr Jelbart as Health Officer for the North and Central Ridings of the Shire—

14—From Health Department, intimating that part of the claim in connection with influenza accounts has been paid—part has been disallowed and part held over for further explanation—

15—From Taxpayers Association, drawing attention to the serious drift in Federal and State Finances—

16—From C E Maxwell, stating that he has prepared a digest of about 1600 cases tested in Court relating to Local Government and soliciting an order—

17—From Frank Harrison, requesting a renewal of his lamplighting contract at Bridgewater at the rate he is now being paid—

18—From Public Works Department, stating that it has a small quantity of wire netting for sale at £75 per mile—

19—From A J Gourlay, requesting permission to undertake the supervision of some work on behalf of the Swan Hill Water Works Trust—

20—From H J Lamprell Kurting, refusing permission to allow drainage to go through his paddock—

21—From Country Roads Board, intimating that T J Cranwell, a returned soldier, has been appointed the Boards Inspector of Types in place of Mr F Morris (deceased)—

22—From Country Roads Board, stating that the Board is prepared to be the cost of drainage improved in High Street within a distance of 40 feet in the centre of the road, also for excavating earth inlets and outlets and for culvert ends of ordinary type. Cost to be charged to Permanent Works—

23—From F B Handley, requesting permission to carry a drain pipe from her fruit shop under the footpath into High Street—

24—From E F Wiggin, making application for a position as manager of the Park at the Reserve—

25—From Australian Machinery Coy stating that they will have a show at Stand No 85 a large amount of Road Making Machinery and invite Councillors attending the Melbourne Show to inspect—

12. Received.

13. Received.

14. Left in the hands of the Secretary.

15. Received.

16. On the motion of Crs White and Andrews the Secretary was authorised to procure one copy.

17. Renewal granted on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Howe.

18. Received.

19. Permission granted on the motion of Crs Kelly and Chalmers.

20. On the motion of Crs Kelly and O'Brien the Engineer was instructed to report at next meeting as to the best manner of dealing with the Situation.

21. Received. At the instance of Cr White the Engineer was instructed to examine the sale of workers and others and where being excessive to warn them that the act must be complied with.

22. On the motion of Crs White and Hendry it was resolved to call tenders for the work.

23. On the motion of Crs White and Hendry it was resolved to grant the application subject to conditions laid down by the Shire Engineer.

24. On the motion of Crs Hendry and White it was resolved to advise the applicant that at present there is not any vacancy. The Engineer was instructed to inspect and report at next meeting as to what expenditure is required to put the gardens in order.

25. Received.

26. From Charles Boyle applying to have a road between his property and that of Cr Andrews - Borung - closed under the provisions of the Act.

On the motion of Crs Chalmers and Andrews Thomas it was resolved to advise the applicant to make application direct to the Public Works department.

27. W.THOMPSON complaining of the state of the East & West road between his property and that of W.Chambers.

On the motion of Crs White and Kelly the matter was left in the hands of Crs Kinirry and Hendry and the Shire Engineer to inspect and report.

28. From COUNTRY ROADS BOARD stating that all workmen employed by contractors on C.R.B. Contracts to comply with the conditions of the contract must be insured with the State Office.

RECEIVED.

29. From the Country Roads Board intimating that Commission on Country Roads Works amounting to £33/18/11 had been allowed.

The Secretary was authorised - on the motion of Crs O'Brien and White to pay same to the Shire Engineer.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

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NORTH RIDING.

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2—D. Butterick has completed the contract let to E. A Smith for 20 chains of formation, loaming, and a stone crossing on the east and west road between A. G. Chalmers' and Stewart's.

3—Crisp and Ross have completed 55 chains of loamed formation and stone crossings on the Borung-Hurstwood road near Perryman's.

4—The road leading to Major's Line Bridge is in a swampy condition at present, the clayey nature of the soil making it almost impassable. It requires draining, forming and loaming for 15 chains, and the existing stone crossing requires repairing and extending for ½ chain. Approx. cost £34.

5—Wm. Forster has completed 27 chains of formation and a stone crossing on the north and south road between McDonald and Squair, Terappee, and repairs on the Wychitella to Borung road.

6—The recidents of Wychitella are about to make alterations to the water supply connection in accordance with their request.

CENTRAL RIDING.

7—A separate report has been prepared re Gray's Lake Wedderburn.

8—D. Butterick has commenced day work on the Wedderburn-Boort road. I have instructed him on the ground re the repairs to be effected,

9—S. Crisp has been on day work for a week repairing scours, etc, on Galloway's Hill, filling holes near Patterson's crossing, and repairing holes in crossings and metal formation, on Logan road between Hendry and Davies. I have instructed him to put in a chain stone crossing and approaches on same road at Edwards' corner.

10—I have made arrangements with W. Forster to repair drain on St. Arnaud road near P. D. Curnow's and bridge on Coonooer road between Ross and Chandler. He will leave Wedderburn on 8th inst for these places.

11—E. C. Smith has completed his contract for drainage, etc, on the Barimal road by Lockhart's, also sundry repairs by day labor on adjacent roads

SOUTH RIDING

12—W Taig has completed his contract for 35 chains of drainage, etc, on the Serpentine road by O'Meally's, also extras authorised by Mr Kemp and myself on 30 7 19.

13—F. J. Harding has completed extra maintenance on Serpentine road and all requirements have now been complied with. Owing to the exceptional circumstances under which this road was damaged, and the very heavy maintenance thus entailed, I recommend that the contractor be given some consideration for the extra work done. Mr Kemp told me that the Country Roads Board would pay such extra cost as consideration to the contractor as this Council decided to recommend.

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16—F. J. Harding has completed 24 chains of formation and check banks near Barber's corner, Powlett. I had to order extras on this contract as the quantities allowed were not sufficient to do the work.

17—I authorised A. Taig to clear out the drain on the Inglewood road complained of by Hogan.

Employment of Returned Soldiers under Government Grant.

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Clauses 1 to 6 - North Riding - were received.

Re Wychitella Water Supply alterations - clause 6 - at the instance of Cr Thomas the Engineer was instructed to see that the work was satisfactorily completed.

Clause 7- Re Gray's Lake [illegible]

REPORT ON GRAY'S LAKE. WEDDERBURN.

On the 26th Aug. Crs. Gray and White, Mr. Livingstone and I inspected the site of the proposed lake; with the object of being able to outline the main details of the project.
The site is to be at the rear of what is known as Market Square, Wedderburn; between Racecourse Road and the Inglewood Road.
Mr. Livingstone stated that the dredge could leave an excavation on this block approximately 20 feet [illegible] chains wide at the rubbish tip on Racecourse Road, and 2 chains wide near the Inglewood Road.
The length of the lake would be approx. 6 chains and the area 1.8 acres.
The capacity would be approx. 7,500,000 gallons.
There would be no necessity for the Council to go to much expense beyond the £130 to £150 compensation to the dredge-master, which the sub-committee thinks is reasonable.
Any further expense might be incurred in the construction of catchment drains, by-wash or draw-off pipe, overflow drain, levelling up surrounding land and filling digger's holes, building up land on south side to complete a dam, arrangements for watering stock, and in any beatification, fencing &c the Council might think fit.
About one third of the material sluiced by the dredge would be placed on the east side as that is the lower. In order to fill the lake, a drain would have to be constructed to carry the water from Nardoo Creek, or as much of it as was required, from a point some distance upstream. The sub-committee is convinced that the scheme is a sound one, and in the interests of the rate-payers; and any money expended would be justifiable. Not only would the lake be of great utility, but it would add to the beauty of the town. In recognition of the active part Ex-Cr. Gray has taken as the initiator of the scheme; the sub-committee also recommends that the lake be known as Gray's Lake.

A.J.E.Gourlay
Shire Engineer.
5/9/19.

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On the motionof Crs.White and Kiniry it was resolved to make provision for the adoptionof the scheme as recommended by the sub-committee.

Clause 8. Received - Cl. 9. Engineers action approved - At theinstance of Cr.Hendry the Engineer was instructed to have scours attended to and some darinage provided at the corner near the junctionof the Logan and St Arnaud Roads.

Clauses 10 & 11. Received. 12. Received.

Clause 13. On the motionof Crs. Howe and Kelly it was resolved to allow the extras as recommended by the Engineer.

Cl.14- Received. Cl.15- The Engineer was instructed to mark the depressions in each case and to notify the landholders that the requirements of the Council must be complied with.

Clauses 16 & 17 - were received.

The Engineer's report re works carried out by the Returned Soldiers unedr the gift of £749 was received. Also the explanation re works done by Bell's gang in the North Riding.

The application by the Shire Engineer for a commission allowance in connexion with he extra work involved in supervising the works carried out under the gift of £749 was considered and it was resolved on the motion of Crs.O'Brien & Howe to allow the Engineer 2% on he expenditure.

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TENDERS.

Contract :- 76 - Brick drain at Korong Vale - On the motion of Crs White Kinsry and White to alter the specification to provide that the Council supply the material the contractor the labor only and to re-advertise the work.

Contract No.89. Formation etc. on the North & South Road between Breig & Hendry and repairs at Hendry's corner - Parish of Powlett

On the motion of Crs. Kelly and O'Brien the tender of D.BUTTERICK at £23-7- 0 was accepted.

F I N A N C E.

On the motionof Crs White and Howe accounts amounting to

£782- 7- 1 on the General Account of the Shire

£141- 17 - 0 on the Country Roads Board a/c of the Shire and

£26 - 11 - 0 on the Water Account ---- were passed for payment.

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDINARY BUSINESS.
VALUATION.
On the motionof Crs O'brien and White additions to the valuation for the year ending the 30/9/1919 amounting to £388---------- and deductions amounting to £63------ ----- were approved by the Council making the valuation for the year ending 30/9/1919 - £ 54,713---- -

KORONG VALE - WEIGHBRIDGE. On the motion of Crs White and Andrews the Engineer was instructed to inspect and report as to what is required to put the bridge in ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ proper order.

WEDDERBURN WEIGHBRIDGE. On the motionof Crs White and Hendry it was left to the Shire Secretary to make the best arrangements possible in connexion with the Wedderburn Weighbridge.

The Secretary reported that the lessees for the year 198/1919 in connexion withthe Weighbridges at BORUNG , MYSIA & WYCHITELLA had accepted the offer of the Council and had agreed to lease for another year.

KORONG VALE WATER SUPPLY. The Engineer was instructed to issue a written authority to C.Mitchell authorising him to effect repairs to water supply woks at Korong Vale when same ae necessary.

EXTRAS TO CONTRACTS:- On the motionof Crs White and Andrews extras to contracts amounting to £277-16-9 in connexion with Shire Contracts and £156-8-6 in connexion with C.R.B. contracts were approved by the Council.
(Detailedlist shown in the Contract Ledger)

On the motion of Crs Andrews and White the applications of the Wedderburn & Korong Vale Sub-branches of thr .R.S.S.ILL.A. were held over for a period of 4 months to enable Councillors and others to think over the scheme. To soldiers to be invited to make any suggestions they have before the Council or submit any concrete proposal they have under consideration.

Cr White brought under the notice of the Council an item of business ~~on~~ included in the report of the executive of the Country Municipal Association and on his motion seconded by Cr O'Brien it was resolved to submit to the Municipal Assoviation a motion protesting aginst against any attempt being made by the Government to restrict the sale or export of Rabbit Skins.

On themotion of Crs White and Chalmers the secretary was authorised to pay to the Valuer D.F.Gibson a cheque for £55 - as a progress payment in connexion with his contract to make a valuationof the Shire.

On themotion of Crs White and O'Brien the Secretary was empowered to employ any assistance required by him to cope with he addiational work of checking the valuation etc.

ORDINARY BUSINESS (Continued)

On the motionof Crs White and Andrews one weeks leave of absence was granted to the Secretary.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ENGINEER.

Cr Thomas instructed the Engineer to inspect and report on the road WEDDERBURN - WYCHITELLA from Doanldsons to Wychitella.

CrKiniry instructed to ~~report~~ have the road south of Mrs Matcham's Woolshed Flat attended to also the road by the Wedderburn "aolway line Wedderburn Junction.

Cr Hendry instructed the Engineer to attend to the Bridge near Duncan Stewarts-Logan ; to attendto the bridge on the Charlton Road near Coonooer to repair the crossing between Smith and Smith - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~Water Hole Flat; to inspect the road from Shake Hill to Hendersom's Water Hole Flat, to have the lamp north of the Royal Hotel placed on the western side of the street and to inspect the Charlton Road South of Mrs Wards residence.

MOTIONS UNDER NOTICE.

Cr.White moved"That ~~the~~ application be made for a loan of £1000-- for the Central Riding under the scheme of "Loans to Municipalities by the Repatriation Department". He urged that the flotation of Such a loan would enable the Central Riding to adjust its finances and do some Permanent Work. The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

CrWhite moved that"The motion agreeing to contribute £100-- towards the estab lishment of a Higher Elementary School in the Shire of Korong be rescinded.

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder .

The motion to set aside a portione of revenue each year for a period of seven years to providefor the establishment of a higher elemementary schoolin the Shire of Korong was withdrawn.

Cr Andrews moved that the resolution appointing DrJelbart of Wedderburn Health Officer for the North Riding be rescinded . Seconded by Cr Chalmers.

For the motion - Crs Andrews , Chalmers and Thomas.
Against themotion - Crs.Kiniry , O'Brien , Howe , Kelly, White , Hendry.

The motion to appoint DrWebster of Boort Health Officer for the North Riding was withdrawn.

Cr White moved that the resolution passed at a former meeting of the Council allowing the Secretary / 1½ % commissionon C.R.B. works be rescineded and that the secretary's salary beincreased to £250 a year on the General A/c. The motion was seconded by Cr O'Brien and Carried and the Secretary was authorised to draw the chegue.

Notice of MOTION.

Cr. Kiniry ~~me~~ gave noticethat he would move at the next meeting of the Council that the valuationof the Shire made by D.F.GIBSON be adopted.

Confirmed
Peter Kiniry
President
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