12 AUG 1919

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

held at the SHIRE HALL, WEDDERBURN, on TUESDAY the 12th. AUGUST 1919, at 11 a.m.

PRESENT :- Crs. Andrews (President) Thomas, Chalmers, Kelly, O'Brien White & Gray. Apologies were received from Crs Howe and Furdiry.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Crs. O'brien and Thomas.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1—From Dr Webster reporting two cases of Diptheria at Mysia on the 12th July.

2—From Dr Jotbart, reporting two cases of Diptheria at Richmond Plains on 22nd ultimo.

3—From Ocean Fisheries Supply Coy, soliciting Council's co-operation in an endeavor to organise a system of fresh fish distribution throughout country districts.

4—From Commonwealth Button Fund, intimating that an attractive Commeration Button Fund is being prepared for issue, free of charge, to those who have retained a complete set of Buttons issued by the Fund. Also soliciting Council's support in connection with Wattle Day collection in aid of Charities for Children to be held in August 22nd.

5—From Closer Settlement Board, stating re the camping and water Reserve—Kurraca—that the matter is now in the hands of the Valuers, and that on the receipt of their reports, steps will be taken to to make the the land available for soldier settlement.

6—From Mercantile Mutual Insurance Coy, drawing attention to Council's liability for injuries arising out of unsafe roads and bridges and suggesting and insurance policy.

7—From Victorian Town Planning Conference, inviting Council to send a delegate to the Conference to be held at Ballarat on 13th, 14th and 15th November.

8—From John H Pascoe, giving notice of intention to drive a traction in through the Shire.

9—From T W Bridger, A.M.I.E.E. (Returned Soldier) notifying Council that he has set up as a Consulting Electrical and Mechanical Engineer, and asking that he be given consideration should the Council be undertaking such works.

10—From Sale Borough, submitting copy of resolution passed by citizens of Sale re high cost of living—expressing the opinion that the present industrial unrest is caused chiefly by the unjustified high price of the necessaries of life, and suggesting that Councils should through their Federal representatives urge the Commonwealth Government to make the strictest investigation into the matter.

11—From Central Loan Committee, soliciting Council's co-operation in raising new war loan about to be floated—

12—From Country Municipal Association, intimating that the Annual Conference will be held at St Arnaud about 3rd week in September, asking Council to appoint two delegates, submit motions and nominate candidates for office—

13—From Charlton Agricultural Society, asking that steps be taken to have Thursday the 18th September. —Charlton Show Day, proclaimed a holiday throughout Ridings suitable.

14—From Public Works Department, asking to be supplied with number of persons in the Ratepayer's Roll at June 10th, also the number not enrolled in consequence of rates not having been paid—

15—From H O Gordon Fenton's Creek, suggesting that this council should make application to the Defence Department—if same had not already been done—for a share in the distribution of War Trophies. - Expressing the opinion that Wedderburn's record should entitle favorable consideration to such application—

1. Received.

2. Received - The Doctor to be advised that the Council would like the Act carried out as strictly in regard to isolation of infectious [illegible]

3. Received.

4. Received.

5. Received.

6. Received.

7. Received.

8. Received.

9. Received.

10. Sale Borough to be advised that this Councilis in sympathy and that the Federal representative - Mr Jowett M.H.R. - is already alive to the situation.

11. On themotionof Crs White and Thomas it was resolved to invite the committee which acted in connexion with the 7th. War Loan to act in connexion with the Peace Loan.

12. On the motionof Crs O'Brien and Thomas, Cr White was appointed to represent the Shire, and on the motion of Crs Gray and Kelly, Cr O'Brien was appointed to accompany CrWhite as second delegate.

13. On the motionof Crs Thomas and O'Brien it was resolved to apply for a holiday for the North and Central Ridings.

14. The Secretary intimated that the information had beem supplied. His action was approved.

15. On the motionof Crs O'Brien and White it was resolved to support the application that had been made by the Wedderburn Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. and also an application by the Rheola Patriotic League.

MrGordon to be thanked for having brought the matter under the notice of the Council.

12 AUG 1919

16—From State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, requesting that information be supplied re machinery plant, pipes, etc, connected with Wedderburn and Korong Vale Water Supply and provision made for depreciation accounts in connection with same—

17—From Country Roads Board, expressing approval of arrangements made by the Shire Engineer in regard to private entrances on Borung-Hurstwood road—

18—From Country Roads Board, stating in reply to Council's letter that the Board could not see its way clear to grant an increase in commission on works as requested—

19—From Country Roads Board, intimating that part of the recent claim submitted had been passed for payment but that all recent claims in connection with the Serpentine road were being held up pending inspection of work by Engineer Kemp—

20—From Charlton Shire, intimating that that Shire can find employment for 15 or 20 returned soldiers if there are any unemployed soldiers in this Shire—

21—From W Cornish, stating that he is prepared to remove his bank on the Kinypaniel road if other ratepayers interested are going to do the same

22—From A M Speer, stating that he has completed the wire fence across the depression on Kinypaniel road with the exception of droppers—

23—From McKay and Thwaites, re Mary H Matthews estate, re Kinypaniel road, stating they are communicating with the owners and occupier re obstruction to drainage—

24—From Wedderburn sub-branch Returned Soldier's League, inviting Councils co-operation in a building scheme on the old Mill Site, and submitting copy of a resolution passed by a meeting of the branch—re same—

25—From Hardy Bros Durkin, drawing attention to bad state of road close to Loddon River near the Mayo's line bridge—

26—From Public Works Department, acknowledging receipt of [illegible] from H E Vanrenan for [illegible] connection with road exchange and intimating procedure necessary for confirmation of the deviation by Governor in Council—

16. Left in the hands of the Secretary and Engineer.

17. Received.

18. Received.

19. Received.

20. Received.

21. Received.

22. Received

23. Received.

24. Held over for one month.

25. Engineer to inspect the road and report at next meeting.

26. Steps to be taken to have the deviation transfer completed and the transfer confirmed

27. STATE RIVERS requesting estimates for the ensuing year.

left in the hands of the Secretary.

28. CLOSER SETTLEMENTN BOARD stating in reply to Councils letter re settlement of returned soldiers that it is the policy of the Board to have each case dealt with as early as possible.
RECEIVED.

444 29.-~~CHARLTON-SHIRE-requesting-the-co-operation-of-this-Council-~~
HEALTH DEPARTMENT requesting further information in connexion with the Influenza Rpidemic Accounts.
Information and explanation to be supplied.

445 30. CHARLTON SHIRE asking Council co-operation in forming about 30 chains near the Buckrabanyule Railway Staion on the South side of the hill.
Co-operation granted on the motionof Crs Thomas and Chalmers. The work to be let by tender in preference to day-labor.

31. MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION re LOANS TO MUNICIPALITIES by the REPATRIATION DEPARTMENT.
Cr White gave notice of motion that he would move at the next meeting of the Council that the Central Riding borrow £1000

32. KORONG VALE BRANCH OF THE R.S.S.I.L.A. soliciting Councils support in connexion with a building scheme at Korong Vale.
held over for onr month.

449 33. L.J. GALE asking permission to erect a verandah over the foot-path in Main Street - Korong Vale.
Permission granted onthe motionof Crs Gray and White. The work to be done to the satisfaction of the Shire Engineer.

443 34. Mrs.M.BARRY re land applied for by her husband andRepatriation Scheme.
Asking Councils support in hurrying the matter on.
Mrs.Barry to be informed that the ~~am-~~ matter has nor yet been before this Council.

12 AUG 1919

Correspondence (continued)

35. J.P.LIVINGSTONE giving information re leaving a strip of timber in main Flat , Wedderburn , after dredging operations have ceased.

It was resolved on the motionof Crs Gray and White to affirm the principle of having the lake and to earmark the money necessary the Engineer to effect the purpose. Also that the Central Riding Councillors inspect and report on the most suitable site , also as to any adjacent area of Crown Land which may be required.

36. W.W.HALL asking that his deposit in connexion with the SANITARY Contract be refinded . On the motionof Crs Gary and White it was dedided to return the deposit.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

North Riding.

1—Wm Forster has completed 20 chains formation and a stone crossing on the north and south road between Smale and McDonald. Owing to representations made by Mr Alexander and Cr Thomas, I have ordered 7 chains extra to be retopped. He will shortly commence the 15 chains drainage by Miss Hunter's and patching by McPherson's.

2—W. Rodgers has made a start with his contract for 93 chains formation etc near the White Elephant dam near Borung, and has about 10 chains completed.

3—Crisp and Ross have commenced their contract for 55 chains formation on the Borung-Hurstwood road near Perryman's.

4—D. and F. Butterick have completed their contracts on the Borung-Hurstwood road except for maintenance.

5—D. Butterick has commenced the contract on the east and west road between Chalmer and Stewart, for 10 chains formation, 10 chains of re-topping and a stone crossing.

Central Riding.

6—I inspected the three chain road, Korong Vale, from the Recreation Reserve, north to Borung. The whole of the road is in a very badly scoured condition. North from the creek by Chamber's most of the scours have been caused by the overflow from the creek going down the centre of the road for its entire length. A large check bank 4 chains long would prevent the overflow doing any more damage. A summary of the most necessary works includes 16 chains filling scores, 4 chains of stone crossings, 26 chains formation, 8 chains drainage and grubbing out 12 large trees. Approx £71 8. 0!

7—W. Forster has removed and re-erected the fence at Ross's corner Barrakee at a cost of £3 1 s. The old posts were so rotten that they nearly all had to be replaced with new ones.

8—E. A. Smith has nearly completed his contract for drainage etc by Lockhart's Berrimal. I have ordered various works to be done in this locality by day labour at Robinson's, between Baker's and Burge's and at the corner of the St Arnaud road. These works were absolutely necessary and urgent.

9—Crisp and Ross have nearly completed their contract on the Wehla road by Edmonds and Brandrup's, for 12 chains of formation drainage etc. I got Ross to put in a day removing dry trees from drain between Papworth's and Rinder's and straightening drain.

10—R. J. Rodgers has completed his contract for supplying 150 cubic yards of 2½ inch metal to Korong Vale. Cr Kiniry and I made arrangements for him to put this straight on the road and to roll it.

11—After consenting to repair the culvert on the Gowar to Coonooer road, Wm. Martin wrote telling me he couldn't arrange for anyone to cart the necessary timber, I intend having this attended to at the same time that I have a man repairing the drain on the St Arnaud road by P D. Curnow's.

South Riding.

12—Wm Cornish notified me that he was prepared to remove the bank along his south fence, so I notified J. R. Fahey to commence work on his contract. He has recently made a start, but has not as yet made any appreciable progress. None of the ratepayers along this road have as yet complied with their agreements.

13—I authorised F. Harding to construct 12 chains of drainage and light formation on the north and south road between Lamprell and Wilson, Kurting to protect works already done. Scours will occur further north again from this work unless the drainage is thrown into a depression through H. Lamprell's. In order to do this it will be necessarry to obtain his permission to make a short pitched drain through his property. I have written him to obtain this permission.

14—W. Taig has completed his contract at Martin's, Salisbury West and has commenced his contract for drainage etc by O'Meally's.

15—On 30th July, Mr Kemp of the Country Roads Board visited the Serpentine road in company with Cr Howe, Kelly and myself. He asked me to get the contractor to trim up the flanks of the Coutt's Swamp Contract, and ordered a small extra at one of the crossings at the north end. The necessity for extra filling to be put in the wheel tracks was also apparent. The Contractor has been on the road for the whole of the week attending to these matters.

16—F J Harding has repaired the footings of the masonary culvert north of Rheolr, by S. Catto's.

Employment of Returned Soldiers Under Government Grant.

After completing 94 chains of gravelling near Emu, S Crisp's gang have come up to Korong Vale where they dave completed 12½ chains of gravelling on the 3 chain road opposite the Wesleyan Church.

The South Ridings portion being spent I had to move W Rodger's gang from the Old Maxwell mine, where they have completed 12 chains of metalling, to the Wehla road by Hendry's, where they are filling up bad holes in the existing gravel formation.

O Hall's gang are still doing good work on the Nine Mile road, having completed some 20 chains in detached portions near Barbers, Pratt's and Jackson's

D H Morrison, J Ross and O Donaldson are carting gravel from Latta's hill to the Mysia Township, where they have completed about 6 chains of formation.

A Bell's gang have commenced work gravelling the 50 link road north of Borung in detached portions after having finished filling scours etc on the road west of Borung leading to the gravel reserve.

Fair progress is being made with all the works, but the money is rapidly being spent with 21 men going, and will only last for about another week

Clause 1 . Engineers action approved.(2) , 3, 4, 5, Received.
&
6.Held over for the attendance of Cr.Kiniry. (7) Received.

8. Engineer's action approved on the motionof Crs Gray and White.

9. Received (10) Action approved on the motionof Crs White and Gray.

11. & 12. Received . 13. Held over 14. Received . 15 & 16. Received.

The Engineers report in conexion with the works carried out under the gift of £749 was received.

FINANCE.

On the motionof Crs.O'Brien and Thomas accounts amounting to :-

£1007 : 7: 1 on the General account of the Shire and amounting to

£276 : o: 1 on the Country Roads A/c of the Shire

were passed for payment.

The Secretary was authorised to pay sundry small water accounts.

12 AUG 1919

TENDERS

The recommendations of thetender comittee were as under :-

No 76 (re-advertised)—4 chains of new brick drain, and 7 chains of lifting and re setting existing brick drains at Korong Vale.

No 84 (readvertised)—Construction of stone apron and logwork in drain between Fahey and Fahey, near Korong Vale.

No 85—100 chains of side drains, 7 check banks, filling scours etc on the east and west road between Roberts and Morecroft. PARISH OF WOOSANG.

No 86—24 chains of formation, one stone crossing, repairs etc on the north and south road between Cash and Cash. PARISH OF WOOSANG.

No 87—17 chains of loamed formation and a pipe culvert on the 3 chain road between Rollinson and Rollinson. PARISH OF MYSIA.

No 88—10 chains of loamed formation etc on the north and south road between Kelly and Peterson. PARISH OF POWLETT.

76. To be re-advertised.

84. The tender of J.R.FAHEY at £11:6:3 to be accepted.

85. The tender of S.F.CRISP at £38:11:6 to be accepted.

86. The tender of JOHN ROSS at £23:2:6 to be accepted.

87. The tender of John Ross at £35:19:- tobe accepted.

88. The tender of W.J.TAIG at £13:9:6 tobe accepted.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported that the Bank overdraft atthe end of the mothth of July was £1054:10:9 plus outstanding cheques £100:10:- made the Debit balance at that the date £1155:0:9. - Positionof the Ridings- NorthDebit £880:2- Central Debit £1174:17:1 - South £98:9:4 : Trust a/cs Credit £126:5:10

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

WEIGHBRIDGES: On the motionof Crs Andrews and Thomas it was resolved to offer the Borung , Mysia & Wychite 11 weighbridges to the former lessees at the same rental as paid last year.

On themotionof Crs Gray and White it was resolved to offer the Korong Vale Weighbridge to the former lessee at the same rental as paid last year, and to call tenders for a lessee for the Wederburn Weighbridge.

BY LAW FOR REGULATING TRACTION ENGINE TRAFFIC.

On the motionof Crs Kelly and Gray it was resolved to conformhe resolution passed at last meeting of the Council adopting the by-law for regulating traction engine traffic and traffic of other vehicles having projections on their wheels.

OFFICE HOURS

On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Gray it was resolved that the Secretary's office hours be as follows 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. with one hour for dinner. Saturdays 9 a.m. to Noon . The Engineer to attend at the office on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Cr.Kelly intimated that MrGeorge Porter of Inglewood was prepared to pay half the cost up to £10 to repair a piece of road between Greig and Hendrys on the Powlett -Inglewood Road . He moved that tenders be called for the work. Seconded by Cr.O'Brien and carried.

On the motionof Crs Kelly and O'Brien it was resolvedto call tenders for 10 chains of loamed formation and side drains on the Kurting Road running south, between R.Kelly and T.Peterson - Parish of Powlett

~~Cr Gray instructed the Engineer~~ to to have all theruts filled on the three

12 AUG 1919

Cr Gray instructed the Engineer to have altrts filled in on the three chain road(Korong Vale-Wedderburn Junction Road Rd) between Hansen and Gray and Wison & Wilson.

The matter of ordering valuationnotices was left in he hands of the Secretary.

Cr O'brien mentioned that the Forest's Department had recently been convicted one charge of having possession upon Crown land under their control.

The Secretary was instructed to make enquiries regarding the matter.

MOTIONS for the Annual Session of the conferences of the Municipal Associationof Victoria and the Country Municipal Assn.

Cr Gray moved that Cr Andrews and the Secretary be requested to submit the undermentioned motion :- "That the rate of fees be increased from 12/- per day to 15/- per day. Seconded by Cr White and carried.

MOTION UNDER NOTICE.

Cr Gray moved that the rate of fees be increased to reduce 12/- per day to 15/- per day. Seconded by Cr White and carried.

LAMPLIGHTING.

Cr Gray moved that J.Legett be offered a renewal of his lamplighting contract at an increase of 2 one penny per lamp per week.

Seconded by Cr White and carried.

Motions of which notice had been given, as under, were held over:-

By Cr Andrews :- That the resolution appointing Dr Jelbart Health Officer for the North Riding be rescinded.

By Cr White that the scheme allocating a certain portion of revenue to provide for a Higher Elementary School in the Shire of Korong-

To rescind the former resolution agreeing to contribute £100 toward the establishment of the School - also to rescind the former resolution agreeing to allow the Secretary 1½ % commission on the C.R.B. works and to increase his salary to £250 on the General Account.

CR. GRAY'S RETIREMENT.

At this stage CrGray intimated that it was the last meeting at which he would sit as a Councillor.

COLLEAGUES EXPRESS AAPRECIATION OF HIS WORK

Cr. Gray sat as a member of the Korong Shire Council for the last time on Tuesday. At the conclusion of the meeting, in announcing his retirement, he said that during his 18 years in the council he had many pleasant recollections to carry away upon retiring. He felt that he had been cajoled into public life, and they knew that public life was not all sunshine. There was one pleasing recollection he would carry to the grave, and that was that he was able to mix with and carry out the business with the other councillors in such an amicable manner. He thanked all councillors for their courtesy, and also the officers. He wished them all the best of health, wealth and happiness. He would always take a deep interest in the welfare of the council. (Applause.)

Cr. O'Brien said that it was with very sincere regret that he had to speak of Cr. Gray's retirement. No better councillor had ever graced the council table. His retirement was a grave loss to the council, and more especially to the ratepayers of the Central riding. There was no excuse for him leaving them, for he was still possessed of plenty of energy and ability. He would be much missed if he retired from all public matters; but he trusted that that was not his intention. He was retiring full of honor and credit. No doubt he had made enemies, but Cr. Gray didn't bother going round trying to find which way the cat would jump. A man who made no enemies, did, as a rule, not much work. Cr. Gray had been a fearless, independent representative, who no sooner conceived an idea than he acted upon it. (Applause.)

Cr. Thomas said that the Central riding would never have a better representative than Cr. Gray. Many things done owing to his influence would be a lasting monument to his worth as a councillor. (Applause.)

Cr. White said it was a great loss to the council to lose such an able and experienced man as Cr. Gray. He joined in expressing his deep regret at his retirement. (Applause.)

Cr. Chalmers, Kelly and Andrews also spoke in terms of regret at Cr. Gray's retirement and appreciation of his public services. They wished him all happiness in the future.

The Shire secretary (Mr. Hargreaves) and the engineer (Mr. Gourlay), also referred to the loss they were sustaining as officers of the council in Cr. Gray's retirement.

Cr. Gray feelingly responded.

Confirmed 9/9/18

"Local Government Act 1903."
Section 54 (1).

459

SHIRE OF KORONG.

DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR.

I, William Charles James Kelly do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the "*Local Government Act* ~~1903~~ 1915."

1903

Declared at Heathcote
in the State of Victoria this 9th
day of September 1919
Before me

W. C. J. Kelly

Wm J. O'Brien

One of the Councillors of the Shire of Korong

Arnal & Jackson, Printers, Melbourne.

"LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1903."
SECTION 54 (1).

459

SHIRE OF KORONG.

DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR.

I James Lawrence Roxburgh Hendry do ~~solemnly~~ declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the "*Local Government Act* ~~1903.~~ 1919"

Declared at Wedderburn
in the State of Victoria this 9th
day of Sept. 1919
Before me

Jas. L. R. Hendry

Elow Henry

One of the Councillors of the Shire of Korong

Arnal & Jackson, Printers, Melbourne.