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

held at the Shire Hall , Wedderbun on TUESDAY the 13th. JAN. 1920.

PRESENT :- Cr. Kiniry (President) White , Hendry , Thomas , Chalmers , O8Brien , Kelly & Howe.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed onthe motion of CrThomas and Howe.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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1 From Municipal Association, stating that the motion submitted by this council objecting to restrictions on sale and export of rabbit skins, was ruled "out of order" by the Executive on the ground that same was not a municipal matter.

2 Public Works Department, stating that a revised edition of the Municipal Guide had been prepared and approved by the Governor in Council, and recommending Council to procure copy.

3 Dr Wilkinson, reporting a case of advanced case of tuberculosis, a visitor to Inglewood.

4 Dr Deravin, reporting two cases of diptheria at Kurting and one at Salisbury.

5 Central Loan Committee, intimating the Peace Loan Honor Tablet was being sent.

6 I. J. Weaver, M.L.A., forwarding copy of letter received in reply to representation on Councils behalf objecting to Bill providing for the enrolment of ratepayers when rates have not been paid by June 10th.

7 State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, approving of the estimates submitted and requesting that Rating By-Laws be passed for current year.

8 Lands Department, stating that the matter of erecting a Railway Siding in Gravel Reserve in the Parish of Borung, had been referred to the Railway Department.

9 and 10. Health Department: Re expenditure incurred by the Inglewood Hospital, enquiring if this Council would prefer the hospital direct or for Inglewood Council to re-imburse the hospital and this Council to pay Inglewood its proportions, also asking to be supplied with details in connection with various matters in connection with the influenza epidemic.

11 Constable Bertrand resigning position of Health Inspector for Korong Vale District.

12 Constable W. Ford, making application for position of Health Inspector.

13 Country Roads Board, intimating that accounts in connection with maintenance of Borung, Serpentine and Bendigo-Charlton Rd. have been passed for payment.

14 Country Roads Bd., re Borung-Hurstwood Rd, stating that after hearing the evidence of the deputation from this Council it had been decided to apportion the half cost due by the municipalities expenditure as follows: From Hurstwood Bridge west to first cross road (67 chains), Korong and East Loddon each bear half cost. Thence to cross roads about tree miles further west. Korong two-thirds, East Loddon one third. Thence to Borung township, Korong whole cost.

15 Country Roads Bd., re permanent works on Bendigo-Charlton Rd, requesting that a locality plan be submitted showing the positions of the works.

16 Country Roads Bd., re 40 chains of metalling and 30 chains of gravelling on Serpentine Rd., stating that the Board has approved of the work being carried out and requesting that plans and specifications be submitted.

17 East Loddon Shire, re Municipal Employees Wages Claim, suggesting that this Council co-operate in sending a witness to give evidence.

18 East Loddon Shire, re Borung-Hurstwood Rd, stating that the Council was prepared to stand to its original agreemsnt in connection with the cost of making the road.

19 East Loddon Shire, re Major's line road, requesting that a few chains at least, of urgently needed work be done on this road.

1. Received.

2. One copy to be procured (O'Brien & White)

3. Received.

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5. The Secretary was instructed to inquire if the right name of President could be put on the Tablet.

6 Received.

7. Dealt with by notice of motion.

8. Held over till next meeting (Chalmers and Thomas.)

10. Left inthe hnads of the Secretary.

11. Received.

12. On the motionof Crs Kelly and Howe Constable Ford was appointed Health Inspectoer for he Korong Vale district.

13. Received.

14. Received. (On the motionof Crs Kelly and O'Brien the Depautation - CrAndrews and Messrs Hargreaves and Gourlay were thanked for having represented the Council.)

15. The plan prepared by he Shire Engineer to be frowarded .

16. The Engineer was instructed to prepare plans and if approved to call tenders for next meeting.

17. Received.

18. Received.

19. On the motionof Crs Chalmers and Thomas the it was resolved to call tenders for the urgently needed works.

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20 Health Department, re application of Mrs M. A. Pratt, stating the conditions that must be complied with before the Board can confirm the Council's recommendation in favor of registration.

21 Kenneth Cameron, secretary of the R S S I.L.A., Wedderburn, soliciting Councils moral and active support in connection with the League's scheme for building club-rooms on the old mill site.

22 Railway Department, intimating that cattle pit logs at the crossing on the Mount road near J. Horbys require renewal. The Railway Commissioners propose to widen the crossing if the Council will attend to improvements to the approaches necessary to within 7 feet of the rails on each side,

23 John R. Fahey, applying for a slaughtering license at Korong Vale, to enable him to sell a portion of sheep killed for his own use.

24 Arthur Bland, suggesting that a notice be put up at old Inglewood Reservoir warning people against using same as a bathing place.

25 Frank Niebit drawing attention to the necessity of having a pump erected on Government Dam at Weelshed Flat, reminding Council that this was promised last year.

26 W. B. Bissett, complaining of the practice of some persons in dragging their dead horses and bringing their old horses too and shooting them on the roads running N. and S. and E. and W. adjoining the property of M. A. Bissett, west of the Serpentine Inglewood Rd.

27 Railway Department, giving notice of restricted water supply at Korong Vale.

28 John Eales, re "Kinypanial Rd.," expressing his willingness to meet the Shire Engineer to arrange what is to be done.

29 W. C Harding, applying for permission to mine on street in Wedderburn near the Church of England.

30 E. H. Dixon. Norseman, W.A., requesting to know to what extent this Council would be prepared to encourage private enterprise, in the matter of lighting the town electrically.

31 Shire of East Loddon, stating that arrangements have been made for screwing up and tarring the Hurstwood Bridge, and the Loddon Bridge near W. G. Coutts, and requesting the Councils approval.

32 J. E. Murphy, analyist, stating that the samples submitted by the Shire Inspector conformed with the standard of the Pure Foods Act.

33 The Secretaries of the "Back to Rheola Charity Carnival" inviting the members of the Council to the gathering to be held at Rheola on Easter Monday.

34 Lands Department:— notifying that the unused Road in the Parish of Kangderaar applied for by S. R. Coutts, has been closed under the provisions of the Land Act (303).

20. On the motionof Crs White and Hendry it was resolved to refer the matter to the applicant.

22. On the motionof Crs Kelly and Hendry it was resolved to advise the Railway Department that owing to the small amount of traffic on the road the Councio was not prepared to spend money on the road.

21. On the motion of Crs Hendry and White it was resolved to support the movement.

23 . Received.

24. It was resolved on the motion of Crs Kelly and O'Brien to refer the matter to the Shire In spector (Const. Linehan)and to have notices posted.

25. Left in the hands of the Shire Engineer.

26. On the motion of Crs Kelly and O'Brien it was resolved to refer the matter to the Shire Inspector (Const. Linehan) with inst ructuons to prosecute offenders.

27. Received.

28. Dealt with in Engineer 's report.

29 . Application granted.

30. On the motionof Crs Hendry and White it was resoloved to advise the correspondent that the Council would give support by way of Street Lighting%

3L. Works agreed to on the motion of Crs Thomas and Chalmers.

32 . Received.

33. Crs Kelly and O'Brien expressed the hope that as many of the Councillors as could do so would attend the Carnival.

34. Received.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Secretary's Report.

The secretary reported:—Receipts, 1st October to 31st December, 1919. —Rates, current, £3/5/; rates, arrears, £47/5/; rates, interest, £2/19/3; pan charges, Wedderburn, £34/13/; pan charges, Korong Vale, £2/5/; mining deposits, £10; mining application fees, 5/; contractors' deposits, £6; hall rent, £1; weighbridge rents, £38; weighbridge receipt books, 8/; footpath deposit, 10/; rent, Wedderburn racecourse, £17/5/7; voters' rolls, 2/; rate certificate, 1/; refund Boort influenza epidemic, Health Department, £74/5/3; interest inscribed stock, £18; proceeds sale of inscribed stock, £763/15/; commission from C.R.B., £22/0/9; total, £1041/19/9.

The bank account showed a debit balance of £1920/9/3; plus outstanding cheques, £6/5/; total, £1927/14/3; less cheques issued, £32/7/11. Net debit balance, 31st Dec., 1919, £1894/6/4. The addition of todays pay sheet of £264/12/6 will make the debit balance £2127/0/11.

Financial positions of Ridings.—North Riding, debit, £304/5/8; Central Riding, debit, £1481/11/7; South Riding, debit, £152/7/5; trust accounts, credit, £43/8/4; balance, debit, £1894/16/4.

War Loan—Inscribed Stock.—The £500 4½ per cent. stock, invested March, 1917, maturing 1925, was sold at £96/7/6, yielding £481/17/6. The £300 4½ per cent. stock, invested November, 1917, maturing 1927, was sold at £96/3/6, yielding £288/7/6; total, £770/5/. Broker's exchange, etc., £6/10/. Net proceeds, £763/15/. Interest received during the period of investment, £96/7/6. Net profit, £60/2/6. Against this the council has been paying interest on overdraft.

Water Account.—Receipts, 1st October to 31st December, 1919:—Rates, Wedderburn, £14/15/; water sold at hand-pipe, 1/; reticulation charges, 11/4; total, £15/17/4. Bank debit balance, 5/8.

Country Roads Board account.—Receipts: Refunds by board—Permanent works, £46/14/; maintenance works, £131/2/6; total, £177/16/6.

The Secretary's report was read and received.

Motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

Very little work has been carried out in the Shire during the last two months. I have brought the Shire plan up-to-date.

NORTH RIDING

1 I have had repairs effected to scour on road between Jones and Kelly, Buckrabanyule. An apron and log-work has been constructed and a small stone crossing.

2 The weighbridges at Mysia, Boung and Wychitella upon testing proved to be weighing correctly.

CENTRAL RIDING

3 The water in the Wedderburn reservoir having on Dec. 6th reached the 6ft level, it become necessary to impose restrictions on its use. After conferring with Cr Hendry we decided to prohibit the use of the water between 8 p.m. and 12 noon, and to cut off the water where practicable between those hours. This restriction is still imposed. However the people on the higher levels of the township are suffering most and it might be advisable to set apart different days for consumers at the different levels to have the use of the water.

4 Jas Crisp has completed the construction of the concreate culvert, and 5 silt pits etc. in Wedderburn.

5 Mr W. C. Harding applied for a Mining Right in Herr Street, opposite the Church of England, which I granted under the usual Shire conditions.

6 I tested the Korong Vale and Wedderburn weighbridges and found that they were weighing correctly.

7 I have had the Asphalt in front of Smith's hotel and the Shire Hall tar painted at the cost of £2 10s.

8 Mr C. Hall has satisfactorily completed a crossing on the road along the north side of his property, one chain long, also improvements to the drainage east of the crossing.

SOUTH RIDING

9 Fahey's contract for 4½ chains of formation and drainage, 4 stone inverts, and 8 check banks on the road leading to the Kinypanial State school, has been left in a very untidy state. I have notified him that unless certain defects be remedied final payment will be withheld.

10 As instructed I advised the ratepayers on the north side of road above referred to that I would be there on 21st Nov. to distinctly mark out where I required them to remove banks and log fences. Only Mr J. Bell was there to meet me and he agreed to remove his fence for 4 chains where I showed him provided the Council paid half cost. Under the circumstances I agreed to this.

11 The tar painting of the Bridgewater bridge has been carried out by T. Boyle. This work required more tar than was estimated on account of the very absorbant nature of the surface. Considerable delay was experienced in obtaining the extra tar required to complete it, on account of two barrels arriving stove in and practically empty. I did not take delivery of these and have sent in a claim to the Claims Agent for compensation.

A. G. E. GOURLAY,
Shire Engineer.

Received.

1. Received.

2. Received.

3. Received. On the motionof Crs Hendry White and it was resolved to adopt the regulations as drawn up by theofficers and to enforce same under the provisions of the Water Act.

4. Received . The Engineer was authorised to have the fences necessary for safety erected.

6. Received.

7. Action approved.

8. Received.

9. Engineer's action approved.

Regarding the obstructins still remaining it was resolved to refer the matter to the Associatuon Solicitors.

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re arrangement with J.Bell - the Engineers actinn was approved.

11. Received.

INSPECTORS REPORT.

Constable Ford reported that the drains and Slaughter houses in the Korong Vale district were in a satisfactory condition.

F I N A N C E.

On the motinn of Crs White and Howe accounts as under were passed for payment:-

General a/c - January a/c's £264:12:6
December " £263:19:9 Total £528:12:3

Country Roads Bd. a/c - December & January - Total£13:4:7

Water Account -- " " " " " £76:7:4

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GENERAL BUSINESS.

On the motion of Crs White and Kelly it was resolved to sign and seal the plan lodged by D.Sutherland - Solicitor - and the consent to certain land in the Township of Wedderburn being brought under the Transfer of Land Act.

Shire Valuation :- On the motionof Crs O'Brien and Kelly it was resolved as under :-

That the Valuer be requested to make valuations of all properties omitted from the valuation lodged and to return same to the Shire Offices at least three days before the next Council meeting (Feby 10th.) and that he officially report to the Council when finished.

That the Valuer be requested to report to the Council on the various objections, ~~XXXX~~letters ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ and notices of appeal received . A separate report to be presented in each case.

~~XXXXXXX~~ That the Valuer be be rquested to meeet the Council at 2 p.m. on February the 10th. and confer with the Council regarding the various appeals received.

That the date for the Court of Appeal be fixed for Wednesday - March the 3rd. 1920.

That a special meetingof the Council be held on Wednesday the 11th. Feby. 1920 and that ratepayers who have given notice to appeal be invited to attend and confer with the Council - with a view to arriving at an agreement regarding valuations - before going to the Court of Appeal.

That the Valuer be requested to attend this Special Meeting and confer with the Council and the ratepayers.

Confirmed 10/2/20 R. Clerson President