AUGUST 10 th. 1920

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF KORONG HELD AT THE SHIRE HALL WEDDERBURN on TUESDAY the 10th.AUGUST 1920 , at 11 a.m.

PRESENT:-Crs.O'BRIEN , KELLY , WHITE , HENDRY , ANDREWS & CHALMERS .

An apology was received from the President (CrKiniry) who owing to an injury was absent from the meting .

On the motion of Crs. Kelly and Andrews - Cr.O'Brien was elected chairman .

MINUTES of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Crs .Kelly and Chalmers .

On the motion of Crs.O'Brien and Chalmers it was resolved to send a letter to the President expressing ~~XXXXX~~ sympathy with him in his injury.

CORRESPONDENCE .

1—From State Trophy committee stating that it could not accede to council's request for a larger trophy—

2—From Railway department, pointing out that the post office at Korong Vale receives its water supply from the department's mains, and inquiring if the council intends approaching the postal department with a view to a connection being made with the council's main—

3—From Charlton Agricultural Society, asking council to have September 16 (Charlton show day) proclaimed a public holiday—

4—From Lands department, re Borong gravel reserve, stating in reply to council's letter that the papers in connection with same are with the district surveyor, and that he will be asked to report on council's application to purchase the land—

5—From Blind Institute, asking council's co-operation in discovering the existence of blind children—

6—From Police department approving of the appointment of Const. Mackay as inspector for Korong Vale district—

7—From Dr Deravin, intimating that owing to a severe outbreak of measles at Arnold West, he had recommended the closing of that school for 14 days—

8—From same, stating that owing to the same cause, he had recommended the closing of the Kinypanial school for four weeks from 5th ult—

9—From Public Works department inquiring if council had any objection to a north and south road between allots 115 and 115a, Kinyoaniel, being leased to A and S Thompson—

From same, inquiring if council had any objection to the leasing of a road south of allots 12 and 46, parish of Barrimal, to Wm Walker—

11—From secretary Korong Vale Red Cross Society, requesting permission to erect a soldiers' memorial at the corner of Vernon and Main street, Korong Vale—

12—From Municipal Association, acknowledging receipt of motions for the business sheet of the next annual session—

13—From same, submitting list of motions passed at the last annual session, and the replies of the Premier and the Ministers of the other departments thereto—

14—From same, suggesting that council should urge its Parliamentary representative to oppose the bill to be brought in to abolish the 10th June for the payment of rates—

15—From same, bringing under the notice of council that the Hon. D. McNamara, M.L.C., has introduced in the Legislative Council a bill cited as the Local Government (proportional representation) Act, 1920, and requesting council to express its opinion regarding the matter—

16—From same, notifying that on and after 1st September the association will be located in the Stock Exchange Building, Collins street, Melbourne—

1. Received.

2. On the motion of Crs White and Hendry it was resolved to inform the Railway Department that the Council did not consider it advisable to alter the existing conditions .

3. On the motion of Crs Chalmers and White it was resolved to apply for a holiday for the North & Central Rdings.

4. On the motion of Crs. Andrews and Chalmers it was resolved to again communicate with the Department and to urge the necessity of the matter being finalized.

5. Co-operation granted on the motion of Crs.O'Brien and Kelly.

6. Received.

7. Recd.

8. Received.

9. Engineer to inspect and report.

10. Held over for one month.

11. On the motion of Crs.Hendry and Chalmers it was resolved to offer no objection providing the site chosen met with the aproval of the Shire Engineer and Cr.Kiniry .

12. Received.

13. Received.

14. It was resolved on the motion of Crs White and Kelly to inform the Association that this Council is opposed to the Bill and to urge Mr.Weaver to oppose the Bill.

15. On the motion of Crs.White and Chalmers it was resolved to inform the Municipal Assn. that this Council is opposed to the Bill , ad to request Mr.Weaver M.L.A. to oppose the Bill.

16. Received.

17—From same, forwarding a copy of the address of welcome presented to the Prince of Wales, with the reply of H.R.H. attatched, and asking that it be framed and hung in the council chamber—

18—From Borough of Inglewood, drawing council's attention to the bad state of the Kingower road adjacent to the Borough boundary—

19—From same, requesting council to oppose the proposal to have the 8.50 p.m. train from Bendigo to Korong Vale train altered from Thursday to Friday—

20—From Melbourne Ragged Boys' Home, particularising a scheme to liquidate the debt on the building fund, and requesting support—

21—From Secretary Charlton Fire Brigade, intimating that a demonstration would be held at Charlton on August and asking that the day be proclaimed a public holiday—

22—From Health department, submitting copies of code of duties of health officers and inspectors, also drawing attention to the fact that the regulation requiring weekly returns from the council must be observed—

23—From Health department,:—drawing attention of council to the regulations in the Health Act, 1919, requiring (1) Cattle yards to be registered. (2) ice cream and aerated water factories to be registered. (3) Margarine (notice to be put in shops). (4) analyses to be submitted by the Council every three months—

24—From J. F. Morse and other ratepayers, drawing council's attention to the bad state of the road running north and south between Morse and Fogarty Bros.—

25—From Mrs S. Walker, requesting permission to remove timber along the road fronting her 79 acre block of land at Kingower. The trees are crooked and useless and are preventing growth of grass—

26—From Bournick,—Inglewood, requesting permission to cut five small saplings that are in the line of fence being erected—

27—From W. and C. Thompson, requesting permision to remove five or six dry trees along their fence. The limbs they state, are falling on the fence and breaking it, also in the crop and damaging it—

28—From Country Roads Board, stating that the work proposed in Contract 9o on the Bendigo-Charlton Road cannot be classed as permanent work, as it is considered that the work is in the nature of maintenance only. A late letter (in reply to a letter from this office pointing out that the road required to be constructed) confirms the above.

29—From same, stating, in reply to a request that the council be given authority to proceed with works on the Serpentine and Bendigo Charlton Roads, that the Board cannot authorise the carrying out of these works until advice is received regarding the provision of the additional loan funds. A bill is at present before Parliament for the provision of further funds—

30—From same, referring to a request made through the Board's inspector that action be taken to reduce the weights to be carried on the Serpentine Road, and requesting that action be taken by this council in the matter under the provisions of the Local Government Act—

31—From A. R. Jaysom (Inglewood Advertise) and K. Cameron (Wedderburn Express), requesting that the allowance for Shire advertising be increased to £10 per half year—

32—From the Central Loan committee, requesting council to form a committee in connexion the 2nd Peace Loan. Sunday correspondence connected therewith—

33—From Municipal Association, stating that the president desired to mark the opening of the new offices in the Stock Exchange Building by holding a dinner. It was also proposed, if the majority of councils approve, to hold the dinner annually as was done prior to the war—

34—From same, intimating that the annual Session of the association will be held on the 13th and 14th of October, and asking council to appoint a delegate—

35—From John Wilson, Wedderburn, asking permission to remove a street pine tree in the front of his house, which is destroying the walls—

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17. On the motion of Crs Andrews and Chalmers it was resolved to have the Address framed .

18. ~~Engineer to inspect and report.~~ Referred to Engineer

19. Received.

20. Received.

21. On the motion of Crs White and Andrews it was resolved to point out that the day chosen was already the half-holiday in both Wedderburn and Korong Vale and that further application was considered unnecessary.

22. Left in the hands of the Secretary to inquire into the matter

23. Left in the hands of the Secretary to inquire into the matter and to take the necessary action.

24. Referred to the Engineer 's report.

25. Left in the hands of the Shire Engineer.

26. Application granted on the motion of Crs.O'Brien and Kelly.

27. On the motion of Crs Kelly and White it was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the Shire Engineer.

28. On the motionof Crs White and Hendry it was resolved bring under the noticee- of the Board , again , that the road had never been constructed and that the Council proposes to alter the specifications to provide for Permanent Work.

29. Received.
The Secretary was instructed to make further application when there was any indication in the Press of further Loan moneys being provided .

30. On the motion of Crs White and Kelly it was resolved to leave the matter in the handsof the Shire Engineer to take action where he considers necessary.

31. On the motion of Crs White and Kelly it was resolved to grant the application , and to pay the amount asked, for the next twelve months.

32. It was resolved onthe motion of Crs O'Brien and White to request the committee which acted on former occasions to act in connexion with the 2nd.Peace Loan .

33. On the motion of Crs Hendry and Kelly it was resolved to hold the matter over till next meetimg.

34. Held over till next meeting .

35. On the motion of Crs Hendry and White it was resolved to grant the application. The work to be dome to the satisfaction of the Shire Engineer.

North Riding.

1—Plans and specifications prepared for 40 chains forming on the east and west road between Speers and Leech, parish of Kinypaniel.

2—Contractor S. Crisp employed in the Borung-Kinypaniel district erecting check banks and cleaning out drains to dams, etc,

Central Riding

3—Plans and specifications prepared for 40 chains side drains, township of Korong Vale

4—Specifications prepared for 80 chains clearing and grubbing on the Korong Vale-Borong Road, north of Chambers and Thompson.

5—Plans and specifications prepared for 9 chains metalling on Korong Vale-Kinypaniel road near the R C. Church, Korong Vale

6—Korong Vale Sanitary Contractor C Mitchell reports that the bottoms are dropping out of sanitary pans. Upon inspection, I find that 20 false bottoms are necessary

7—Brick drain in back street, township of Korong Vale, has been damaged owing to vehicles passing over it without suitable channel crossing being provided. As drainage is essential in the district, I recommend that drain be repaired and, in future, by-law Ns 24 be enforced

8—Road running parallel with Korong Vale Charlton railway line requires side drains cut and check banks erected at various places between Boort road and H Neal's, Woolshed Flat

9—30 chains gravel has been spread on the Wedderburn Junction road near O Gray's

10—Richmond Plains road requires repairs, ruts, etc., filling in

11—Contractor Waters has completed his contract on the Nine Mile road near White Bros, satisfactorily

12—I have inspected the road between Lang and Rogerson, Richmond Plains. This road is in a bad state. Owing to the erosion caused by the creek higher up stream, the water brought down carries a lot of silt which is deposited on the plains, with the result that the natural bed of the creek has been silted up. Where the water crosses the road, the silt has diverted the creek from its natural course, and until lately the water has been flowing down the road. Lately a check bank has been erected, but this only serves to make a dam on the road. A stone crossing was provided years ago where the natural water course crossed the road. I recommend that the creek bed be cleaned out and so allow the water to cross in its natural course. Mr Lang agrees to the work being done on his property

13—Contractor S Crisp has completed his contract of forming and gravelling on the St. Arnaud road, near Gunning's Crossing, satisfactorily

14—Maintenance work on the Wehla road has been completed

15—At various places on the Nine Mile road the road can be improved by clearing and so widening the track. At one corner it is dangerous, and I have instructed T Waters to carry out the work

16—Bridge on the north and south road near Nisbet's, Woolshed Flat has been repaired

South Riding

17—Main Bridgewater-Serpentine road requires maintenance in places

18—The undermentioned work has been completed ;—Cleaning out drains near H R Gillespie's, Inglewood ; side draining and filling scours on the road leading south from Glenalbyn ; side drains and check tank on the road leading to D Cornish's, Glenalbyn ; cleaning out side drains on the Wedderburn-Brennah road near J. Rumgay's ; clearing and grubbing on the road running west from Harrison's bridge to A Adams, Kurting

19—Inglewood-Kingower road requires repairs near the Inglewood boundary

20—North and south road between Morse and Fogarty, parish of Glenalbyn, requires repairs to levee banks and the erection of a check bank

21—Kurting-Kingower road between Evans and Bacon—The creek on the west side of this road requires beaching at various places, and the erection of a check bank on the road

22—Maintenance work on the Logan-Emu road has been completed

23—On the east west road between J and W Thompson, parish of Kinypaniel, a check bank has been deliberately out

ENGINEER'S REPORT --- AUGUST 10th.1920.

1. Received.

2. Engineer's action approved . Motion of Crs.Andrews and Chalmers.

3. Received.

4. Recd.

5. Recd.

6. On the motion of Crs White and Hendry it was resolved to have the pans repaired .

7. On the motion of Crs. White and Hendry it was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the Shire Engineer .

8. Left in the hands of the Engineer to have the work done . Motion of Crs White and Hendry.

9. Received.

10. Work to be done . Motion of Crs White and Hendry

11. Received.

12. On the ~~XXXXXX~~ motion of Crs White and Hendry it was resolved to leave the mater in the hands of the Shire Engineer to have the work carried out .

13. Received.

14. Received . On the motion of Crs O'Brien and White it was resolved to have the ruts filled up on the road from the stone weir to Trotmans corner .

15. On the motion of Crs White and ~~XXXXXX~~ Hendry it was resolved to adopt the recomendation of the Engineer.

16. Received.

17. The Engineer was authorised to have the necessary maintenance work done .

18. Received.

19. On the motion of Crs Kelly and O'Brien the Engineer was authorised to have temporary repair effected .

20. On the motion of Crs Kelly and O'Brien the Engineer was authorised to have the work mentioned in clause 20 carried out, also 12 chains of formation.

21. Left in the hands of the Engineer to have the necessary work done .

22. Received.

23. On the motion of Crs.O'Brien and Kelly it was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the Engineer to obtain information and if necessary prosecute

ENGINEERS REPORT. (continued)

The Engineer reported that a traction Engine hauling a boiler from Wedderburn to Pendigo was now "hung up " on the road near Glenalbyn .

If allowed to proceed before the road was thoroughly hard considerable damage would be done .

On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly the Engineer was authorised to take such action as he considers necessary for the XXXXXXXXX protection of the road and if further advice is needed to seek same from the Municipal Assn.

Kinypaniel Rd. Obstructions to drainage . It was resolved to notify the Exors . Starr's Estate that the Council will hold the Estate responsible for damage done to the road through the obstruction to drainage caused by the log fence .

SECRETARY' S REPORT.

Secretary's Report.

The secretary (Mr. E. Hargreaves) reported:—Receipts for month ending 31st July, 1920—Rates, current, £191/9/2; do., arrears, £18/9/7; interest, £5/8/2; pan charges, Wedderburn, £12/14/; Korong Vale, £10/10/; moiety of fines, £1/5/; Wychitella water rates, £4; slaughtering licence, £1; contract deposits, £8; miscellaneous, 7/6; total, £253/2/5. Credit balance at bank, as per pass-book, £1052/5/10; less outstanding cheques, 6/6 — £1046/19/10. Cross-cheques issued since last week, £1659/15/.

Regarding the difference between the cash book balance and the bank pass book balance, which is accounted for by cheques issued, acting under your instructions I drew cheques and deposited £300 in the Commonwealth Savings Bank, £350 in the State Savings Bank, and have paid £1000 to the credit of the water account, to relieve the overdraft on that account. The £300 in the Commonwealth Bank will earn 3½ per cent. interest, the £350 in the State Savings Bank 4 per cent., and I propose to charge the water account 4 per cent. on this advance from the general account. This amount will be repaid by the water account when the loan is obtained from the Government.

Financial position of ridings.—North, credit, £1101/18/3; Central, debit, £171/3/3; South, credit, £1725/14/6; trust, credit, £49/5/4; balance, as per cash book, £2705/14/10.

Final notices have been issued in connection with rates outstanding and wire netting instalments not paid. There is still an amount of £608/1/ outstanding. Uncollected—Current rate, £532/12/2 ;arrears, £75/9/1; total, £608/1/3. It appears as though legal proceedings will be necessary in order to collect in a number of cases.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr.Taylor reported that there had been several cases of diptheria at Korong Vale - all now convalescent . The epidemic of measles had spent itself and no new cases had occurred.

TENDERS .

95—Metalling 9 chains on Korong Vale—Kinypaniel road near R.C. Church, Korong Vale.

96—80 chains clearing and grubbing on Korong Vale—Borung road, north of Chalmers' and Thompson's.

97—40 chains forming on East and West road between Spear's and Leech's, parish of Kinypaniel.

98—30 chains side drains in township of Korong Vale.

95. The tender of J.R.FAHEY at £95:2:6 to be accepted .

96. Left in the hands of the Engineer to have the necessary grubbing done by day labor.

98. Held over.

97. The tender of John Ross to be accepted at £32----------

The above being the recommendations of the tender committee on the motion of Crs White and Andrews the recommendations were adopted .

FINANCE .

On the motion of Crs White and Andrews accounts amounting to :-

£1965 :9 : 1 on the General Account of the Shire ,

£29:7:1 on the Country Roads Board a/c of the Shire , and

£34:5:[illegible] on the Water Account ,

were passed for payment .

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

ENGINEERS COMMISSION - WATER WORKS . On the motion of Crs.White and H Hendry it was agreed to offer Engineer Gourlay , 2½% commission on recent expenditure, plus £10-- travelling expenses .

Mill Site
Improvements

ROAD WORKS .

On the motion of Crs Kelly & O'Brien it was resolved to call tenders for forming and loaming 40 chains - in detached portions - on the Korong Vale Kinypaniel Rd.

On the motion of Crs Kelly and O'Brien it was resolved to draw the attention of the Inglewood Borough Council to the bad state of the road-- Inglewood Powlett Rd. opposite the Inglewood Reservoir .

On the motion of Crs Chalmers and Andrews it was resolved to procure some bridge timber and establish a depot somewhere in the Fernihurst district for the purpose of repairing the bridges in that district.

It was resolved on the motion of Crs Kelly & O'Brien to call tenders for gravelling 10 chains of the existing formation on the Inglewood Rd Powlett Road , North fromAppleby's farm and opposite J.A.Sloan's property.
Also for 30 chains of loam formations in different portions near R.Barrs cross road and Dwyers . Inglewood Bridgewater Roads .

On the motion of Crs Hendry and White it ~~have~~ was resolved to have about 16 chains of metalling done on the St Arnaud Rd. from the Wedderburn Railway Bridge to Greens .To be done by day labor .

On the motion of Crs Chalmers and Andrews it was resolved to call tenders (alternate tenders) for gravelling or loaming about 80 chains on the North and South road between G.Hampson and J.Hall Jr.Parish of Buckrabanyule.

On the motion of Crs White and Hendry it was resolved to call tenders for gravelling about 10 chains on the St Arnaud Rd. from the existing fromation near the Pound Dam to the top of the hill.
Also for forming 20 chains in Greig st.- Korong vale , North from Vernon Street .

INSTRUCTIONS to ENGINEER .

Cr.Kelly instructed the Engineer to inspect and report on the East and West road between Bissett and Bissett, east from W.A.BIssett's Homestead, Parsih of Salisbury West , also the East and West opposite J.C . Daniel's Homestead

Cr.White --- Inspect and report on the side drains at the cross road at Nine Mile near White Bros. and J. Stewarts .(The drain is scouring and washing away Mr.Stewarts fence .)

Cr.Hendry ---- report on the Wedderburn Berrimal and Wedderburn Logan Roads . Report onthe Mill Site with a view to having necessary improvements made .

Cr.Chalmers gave notice that he would move at next meeting that tenders be called for forming and ~~XXXXXXX~~ loaming about 30 chains between J.Steewart's and W.Eeles , also about 20 chains loaming between J.Stewart and E.Evans .

John F O'Brien

CONFIRMED :- 14 SEP 1920

Chairman .