

**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NINNES.****BUTE, MONDAY, MARCH 13.**

**Present**—The chairman (Or A. Gethleben) and Ors A. W. Ramsey, M. McCormack, W. H. Sharman, A. Paterson, the clerk (Mr L. E. Simon), and the overseer (Mr G. Heath).—Ors A. D. McDonald and A. Bruce excused.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

The chairman reported that a subsidy for the rates had been received. The roads were getting in a bad state, and as funds were low, he suggested that a man be employed in patching and filling up the holes in the roads. He did not think that more money would be forthcoming, though the main road grant was quite inadequate. The Ninnes district was doing splendidly in sending recruits to the front. Per head of population they were perhaps the best in the State, and fully 95 men had been sent into camp. He therefore suggested a roll of honour, and that a facsimile be placed in the Alford hall. It was an honor to the district to have responded so splendidly.—**Adopted.**

Or W. H. Sharman said that he fully concurred in the chairman's suggestion of a roll of honor. Nearly every Corporation and Council had inaugurated such a record, and he considered it right that Ninnes should follow their example. It was mooted that a roll for Bute only should be procured, but he was not with the members of the committee on that point.

The chairman stated that when the idea of a roll of honor took shape, he expressed himself as willing to pay for the materials. Then there was agitation for the roll being established for Bute alone, and naturally he withdrew his offer, and said that such a roll should embrace the whole district, and not only a part. However, if anyone was willing to subscribe towards it, he would be pleased to accept any donation.

Or Sharman quite agreed with the views of the chairman. The recruiting committee was for the whole of the district, and the men had come from practically every ward. It was therefore only right that one roll of honor, with the names of all the men who had enlisted therein be inaugurated. A facsimile should also be placed in the Alford hall.

Or McCormack seconded the motion. He was not in favor of having a Bute roll only. He fully concurred in the opinion that it should be for the whole district, and that Council should bear the expense. In the absence of Ors A. D. McDonald and A. Bruce, it would perhaps be advisable to leave the matter of the roll for Alford to a full Council, so that the opinions of the absent councillors

that the opinions of the absent councillors be ascertained. Though he was in favor of the motion as it stood, he preferred to leave any decision till the next meeting. Mr G. Heath (overseer) was in favor of a duplicate roll for Alford, and considered that the absent councillors would not be averse to such action by Council.

After further discussion it was resolved on the motion of Ors Sharman and Ramsey, that the matter of securing the roll of honour be left in the hands of the chairman, and that only the names of those who had enlisted in the district be placed thereon.

**OVERSEER'S REPORT.**

The overseer reported as under :—Since your last meeting I have been employed on the undermentioned work :—I have inspected the Contracts that are in hand, and have to report that H. S. Kennett has completed Contract No. 8, 71 yards of maintenance metal on the Wallaroo and Alford main road. J. Gale has 2 chains of metal spread and broken on Contract No. 11 in Tickera. G. R. Carmen has completed his Contract for clearing drift sand off the boundary road between Tickera and Wokurna. I employed A. Fraser to clear drift sand off sand hill near W. Hutchinson's on the Ninnes main road, and A. Hazelwood to clear drift sand out of cutting near the white gate on the Thomas' Plains road. I have also had repairs done at the District Hall.—**Adopted.**

**QUESTIONS.**

Or Sharman—How is the registration of dogs proceeding? I know quite a number of ratepayers who have failed to comply with the Council's request.

The clerk replied that since the 1st of January, only three dogs had been registered, and since his appointment only 15 dogs.

It was resolved that the registrar of dogs see into the matter, with a view of ascertaining the number of unregistered dogs in the district.

**TENDERS.**

The following tenders were accepted :—Contract No. 9, To be re-advertised; No. 12, A. Hazelwood, £3 per chain; No. 3, A. J. Arbon, £3 19s per chain; No. 4, A. J. Arbon, £3 12s per chain; No. 13, To stand over.

**LEASE OF ALFORD PARK LANDS.**

As no written applications had been received, the matter was allowed to stand over till next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

From Crown Lands Department, subsidy on rates. £298 5s 3d.—Received.

From Commissioner of Taxes, land tax accounts.—Received, and amount to be paid.

From Hydraulic Engineer, account of

From Hydraulic Engineer, account of water rates.—Received, and amounts to be paid.

From the Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance Society, re clerk's guarantee.—Received, and matter to be finalised.

From the Local Government Association, stating that the March half-yearly meeting had been allowed to lapse.—Received.

From the District Council of Terowie, stating that a representative deputation would wait on the Commissioner of Public Works re increased railway fares, on March 28 at Adelaide.—It was resolved that the Chairman's expenses be paid while acting as a delegate to Adelaide.

#### FINANCE.

The following amounts were passed for payment ;—H. A. Kennett, £11 6s 8d; A. Fraser, £3 10; Geo. Heath, £12; G. R. Carmen, £20; A. Hazelwood, £3; M. W. Rogers, 17s; L. E. Simon, £6 5s; B. Rieken, 14s; Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance, 13s 6d; A. J. Gale, £6; H. Bettess, £1 10s total, £65 16s 2d.

#### NEW WORK.

By Cr Ramsey—About 15 chains of mulinising, sections 52 and 110, Nines ward, at about 1s 6d per chain.

Cr McCormack moved that the overseer see to the filling in of holes on the roads as soon as the weather permits.—Cr Sharman seconded.—Carried.

Cr Sharman wished to have some information of the miscellaneous expenditure, and he considered that Bute could scarcely pay £36 out of a revenue of £72. Each Ward had to pay the same amount, and the Wards with a bigger income seemed to have the advantage.—The matter was discussed at some length, and it was stated that all the Wards had to bear certain miscellaneous expenses equally, and not in proportion of income.

It was moved by Cr Sharman, and seconded by Cr Ramsay, that the hall be let on March 21st for the patriotic concert free of charge, but that the usual charge be made for the dance to follow.

Amount received from the caretaker of the hall, £4 0s 9d.

It was resolved that the Clerk be instructed to secure a proper receipt book, to be used by the caretaker of the hall.

Cr Sharman drew attention to a piece of bad footpath from the corner of the Catholic Church to the post office, and considered it would be advisable to have the same attended to as soon as the wet weather sets in.

Resolved that the next meeting be held at Alford on April 10.