Minute Book Lower Hutt Local Board 1874-1884

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1874 Oct 01 Masonic Hall, Lower Hutt 7pm – Present Henry Jackson, Nathaniel Valentine, John White, Henry Ellerm, Alfred Ludlam

Proposed Jackson, Seconded Valentine – that Mr Ludlam take the chair – carried

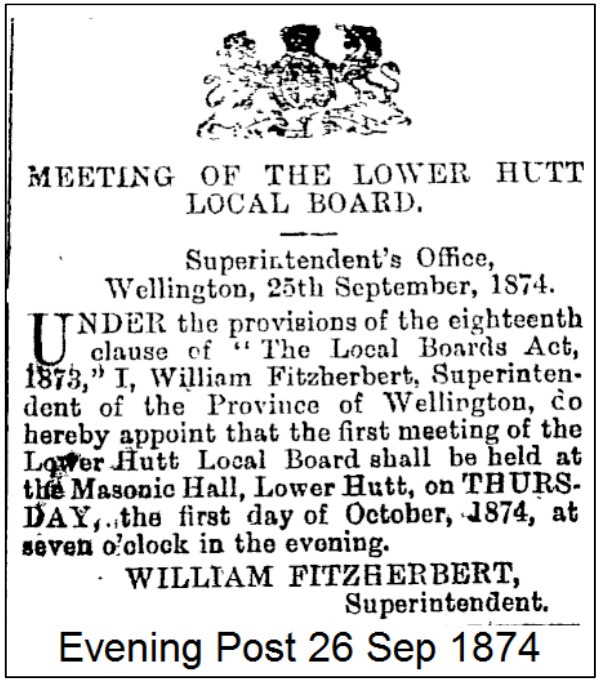
Proposed Jackson, Seconded Ellerm – that Mr Ludlam be elected Chairman of the Lower Hutt Local Board – carried

Proposed Jackson, Seconded Valentine – that an advertisement be inserted in the Evening Post calling for Tenders in the Assessment of the property in the district. Tenders to be sent in by 13 Oct 1874 – carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that the Chairman send a Notice to Mr M. Connor the present poundkeeper to effect that from the 2nd October next the Board take over the Public Pound in the Lower Hutt and that all fines, penalties and forfeitures are to be paid to the Board - carried

Moved White, Seconded Ellerm – that a deputation from the Board consisting of Messrs Jackson and Valentine wait on His Honor the Superintendent to learn from him what sum out of the £1200 voted for Local Boards by the Provincial Council will be allocated to the Board – carried

Moved Valentine, Seconded White – that the Board adjourn until Monday October 12th at 7 o'clock p.m.



MEETING OF THE LOWER HUTT LOCAL BOARD.

Superintendent's Office,
Wellington, 25th September, 1874.

UNDER the provisions of the eighteenth clause of "The Local Boards Act, 1873," I, William Fitzherbert, Superintendent of the Province of Wellington, do hereby appoint that the first meeting of the Lower Hutt Local Board shall be held at the Masonic Hall, Lower Hutt, on THURSDAY, the first day of October, 1874, at seven o'clock in the evening.

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Superintendent.

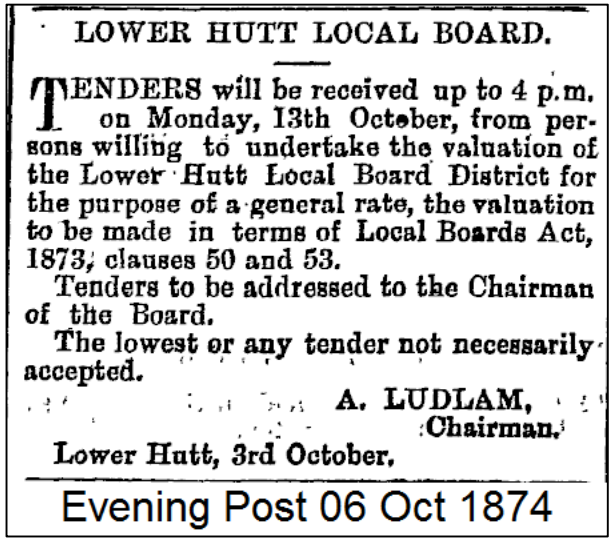
Evening Post 26 Sep 1874

1874 Oct 12 Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; H. Jackson, N. Valentine, J. White, H. Ellerm
The Chairman informed the Board that he had sent the following notice to Mr M. Connor the Poundkeeper

> *Lower Hutt Oct 13th 1874 – I hereby give you Notice that the Public Pound in the Lower Hutt of which you are Poundkeeper is now vested in the Lower Hutt Local Board under clause 44 of the Local Boards Act 1873 and that all fines, penalties and forfeitures are from this date to be paid to the Board.*

The Chairman also informed the Board that he had sent an advertisement to the Evening Post for insertion calling for Tenders for the valuation of the District, Tenders to be sent in up to 4 o'clock P.M. of 13th October.

Moved Valentine, Seconded Ellerm – that the advertisement in the Evening Post be renewed for one week – carried



LOWER HUTT LOCAL BOARD.

TENDERS will be received up to 4 p.m. on Monday, 13th October, from persons willing to undertake the valuation of the Lower Hutt Local Board District for the purpose of a general rate, the valuation to be made in terms of Local Boards Act, 1873, clauses 50 and 53.

Tenders to be addressed to the Chairman of the Board.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A. LUDLAM,
Chairman.

Lower Hutt, 3rd October.

Evening Post 06 Oct 1874

Messrs Jackson and Valentine informed the Board that they had waited as a deputation on His Honor the Superintendent in regard to the portion of the £1200 for Local Boards will be allocated to the Lower Hutt Local Board and received in reply a statement from the Superintendent that the Board will be entitled to its share but that the Government were not at present in a position to pay the money.

Moved Valentine, Seconded White – that the Chairman be authorised to obtain a Seal for the Board with the words "Lower Hutt Local Board" cut on it, also a Minute Book, A Book for the Assessment, Account Book for Treasurer – carried

Moved White, Seconded Ellerm – that the Board adjourn to Monday October 19th, 1874 at ½ past 7 o'clock P.M.

1874 Oct 19	Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; H. Jackson, J. White, H. Ellerm The Chairman informed the Board that in accordance with the wish of the Board he and Mr Ellerm saw Mr W. S. Milne on the subject of the valuation of the district asking him if he would undertake the work and received in reply a promise that he would consider the matter and give the Board an answer on Monday the 19th inst. Letter from Emanuel Rosa complaining of the state of the road in the Upper Waiwetu district and requesting that it may be repaired at once. Reply to be sent stating that until a rate is raised the Board have no funds with which to repair any road. Moved Jackson, Seconded White – that Mr William S. Milne of the Taita be appointed an Assessor to assess the annual value of the rateable property in the Lower Hutt Local Board district and that the Chairman inform him of the appointment – carried Moved Jackson, Seconded White – that the Board adjourn until Thursday the 22nd October at ½ past 7 P.M. - carried
1874 Oct 22	Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; Henry Jackson, John White, Henry Ellerm Proposed Ellerm, Seconded White – that Mr Joseph Hall of the Hutt be appointed an Assessor to assess the annual value of the rateable property in the Lower Hutt Local Board district and that the Chairman inform him of the appointment, the remuneration to be paid to him for the work to be £15 – carried Proposed Jackson, Seconded White – that the Chairman call the next meeting of the Board when necessary by notice per post – carried

1874 Nov 16 Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; H. Jackson, J. White, H. Ellerm
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The Chairman laid before the Board the following copy of a letter addressed to Mr J. Hall appointing him an Assessor to the Board

> *Hutt Oct 24th, 1874 – to Mr Joseph Hall, Hutt – Sir, I have to inform you that at a meeting of the Lower Hutt Local Board held on the 22nd instant the Commissioners appointed you an Assessor to assess the annual value of the rateable property in the Lower Hutt Local Board district – the remuneration for such valuation to be the sum of £15. I may inform you that in accordance with clause 50 of the Local Boards Act 1873 you are required to furnish the Board with a book containing the valuation of the property in the district within six weeks of the date of your appointment say 30th November. I will furnish you with a book in which to enter your valuation, any further information I can supply respecting the district I shall be happy to do on application*.

Also a letter from Mr Bunny Provincial Secretary in regard to a portion of the £1200 allocated to the Board and handed in a cheque for the sum of £75 received from the Provincial Government.

Proposed Ellerm, Seconded White – that Mr Henry Jackson be elected as Hon. Treasurer of the Board and that the account of the Board be kept at the Bank of New Zealand – carried

Proposed Jackson, Seconded White – that leave of absence be granted to Mr N. Valentine on urgent private affairs – carried
Proposed Jackson, Seconded Ellerm – that the Local Board rates shall be made payable half yearly – carried

Proposed Jackson, Seconded White – that a notice be posted in the district calling for Tenders from persons willing to perform the duties of Clerk and Collector to the Board, tenders to be sent to the Chairman until 4 o'clock P.M. of Monday 30th November – carried

Proposed White, Seconded Jackson – that the amount of security to be taken from the Collector of the Board shall be £25 – carried
Proposed White, Seconded Ellerm – that the following Bye-laws contained in the 13th Schedule of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The Municipal Corporations Act 1867" be adopted by the Lower Hutt Local Board and that the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington be requested to give his approval of the same viz Part 1 clauses 27, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44, Part 2 clause 6, Part 7 clause 6, Part 8 clauses 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Part 9 clause 3 – carried

Proposed White, Seconded Ellerm – that the Chairman get the form of Notice to Rate payers printed – carried
Proposed Ellerm, Seconded Jackson – that the Board adjourn until Monday the 30th November at ½ past 7 o'clock P.M. - carried

1874 Nov 30 Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; H. Jackson, J. White, H. Ellerm
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The Chairman laid before the Board a letter from His Honor the Superintendent acknowledging receipt of the Bye-laws passed by the Board and stating that they would be published in the next issue of the Provincial Gazette with his approval, also a letter from Mr C. Welby Jackson tendering to do the work of Clerk and Collector to the Board for the sum of £20 per annum.

The Hon Treasurer laid before the Board his account Book showing a balance of the sum of £75 at credit of the Board. The Chairman informed the Board that the Odd Fellows Society are willing to let their Hall to the Board to be used as an office when required for the sum of £5 per annum including lights and firing.

Proposed Ellerm, Seconded White – that the Tender of Mr C. Welby Jackson to act as Clerk and Collector to the Board for the sum of £20 per annum be accepted and that the Chairman inform him of its decision and requiring him to furnish the Board with a bond from Mr Henry Jackson for £25 as security to the Board – carried

Proposed White, Seconded Jackson – that the Chairman engage the use of Odd Fellows Hall as an office for the sum of £5 per annum – carried

Proposed Ellerm, Seconded White – that the Chairman be authorised to expend the sum of one pound for cutting thistles along the road known as the Lower Waiwetu road – carried

Moved Jackson, Seconded White – that Messrs Hart & Buckley be employed as Solicitors to the Board – carried
Proposed White, Seconded Ellerm – that the Board adjourn until Wednesday Dec 2nd at ½ past o'clock P.M.

1874 Dec 02 Present – H. Jackson, J. White, H. Ellerm
Proposed Ellerm, Seconded White – that Mr Jackson take the Chair in the absence of the Chairman – carried
The minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Mr C. Welby Jackson was installed as Clerk and Collector to the Board. The District rate book received from the Assessor Mr Joseph Hall.

Proposed Ellerm, Seconded White – that the Chairman insert an advertisement in the Evening Post to give notice that the District Rate Book "will be open for inspection at the residence of the Clerk to the Board, Mr C. W. Jackson, in accordance with clause 51 of the "Local Boards Act 1873" from the 7th day of December 1874 to the 10th day of January 1875. Also that a Handbill be printed to be posted in the Hutt notifying the same – carried

Proposed White, Seconded Ellerm – that a copy of the District Rate Book be also deposited for inspection at the Store of Mr Mullins, Hutt – carried

Proposed White, Seconded Ellerm – that the District Rate Book be now handed over to the charge of the Clerk – carried
Proposed Ellerm, Seconded White – that the Chairman call the next meeting of the Board when necessary by notice by Post

1875 Jan 11 Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; H. Jackson, H. Ellerm, J. White
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The Chairman laid before the Board letters from Joseph White, Isaac Cooley and Samuel Row appealing against the valuations of their property.

Proposed Ellerm, Seconded White – that a Special Meeting of the Board be held at the Odd Fellows Hall, Lower Hutt on Wednesday the 27th of January 1875 at 10 o'clock A.M. to hear and determine objections against the Valuation of the District – carried

Proposed Ellerm, Seconded White – that the following accounts be paid by the Treasurer – Evening Post for Advertisement £2 5s 6d; Lyon & Blair for Books 14s – total £2 19s 6d – carried

Proposed Jackson, Seconded White – that the meeting of the Board be adjourned until Wednesday the 27th of January 1875 at 10 o'clock A.M.

1875 Jan 27 Special meeting held at the Odd Fellows Hall Lower Hutt – Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; N. Valentine, J. White, H. Ellerm
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Mr Joseph White attended and objected to the valuation of his property in terms of his letter dated December 9th, 1874 as being excessive. The Board reduced the valuation from £30 to £20 per annum.

Mr Isaac Cooley's letter of January 7th, 1875 considered, claims a reduction on the quantity of land in his possession from 21 to 18 acres. The Board reduced the quantity from 21 to 19 acres.

Mr Samuel Row's letter of January 11th, 1875 considered, claims a reduction on the valuation of his property. Board reduced the valuation from £75 to £55 per annum.

Valuation book amended in accordance with above decisions.

Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that a rate of one shilling in the £ on the annual value of the property in the Lower Hutt Local district be entered in the District Rate Book – carried

The Chairman laid before the Board a Circular received from the Central Board of Health with a copy of the Public Health Act 1872. Chairman directed to forward a copy of the Provincial Government Gazette containing a copy of the Bye Laws adopted by the Board and approved by His Honor the Superintendent to the Central Board of Health.

Proposed White, Seconded Valentine – that the Chairman inform the Provincial Government that the Board have appointed Mr Charles Welby Jackson Collector of Rates to the Board and request them to notify it in the Provincial Government Gazette – carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded Ellerm – that the following accounts be paid by the Treasurer – Joseph Hall for valuation of district £15 – for stamped cheque book 4s – for stamp for Collector's bond – total £15 14s – carried

Board adjourned until Friday January 29th at ½ past 7 o'clock P.M.

1875 Feb 01 Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; H. Jackson, H. Ellerm, N. Valentine, J. White
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Chairman laid before the Board a letter from the Provincial Secretary stating that the Balance of £75 due to the Board will be paid on the 12th February.

Proposed Valentine, Seconded Ellerm – that the sum of £150 paid to the Local Board by the Provincial Government out of the Grant of the Provincial Council be devoted to the purpose of making a foot path from the creek near the Hutt Railway Station to the Hutt Bridge – carried

Proposed White, Seconded Jackson – that a foot path be made from the Railway Station to the Hutt Bridge of following description – 10 feet wide, 1 foot above the edge of the road to be curbed with Totara timber 2 inches thick… falled 6 inches deep, 4 inches of river gravel and 2 inches of… gravel, ditch to be cut inside present fence on South side of Main road and sufficient 3 inch drain pipes to be put through path at intervals to drain the road – carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded Ellerm – that the Chairman write to the Provincial Government asking their permission to make the proposed foot path – carried

Proposed White, Seconded Valentine – that in the event of the Government acceding to the Board's request application should be made to them asking that the Provincial Engineer may lay out the path, take the necessary levels, prepare plans and specifications and estimate of cost of the same – carried

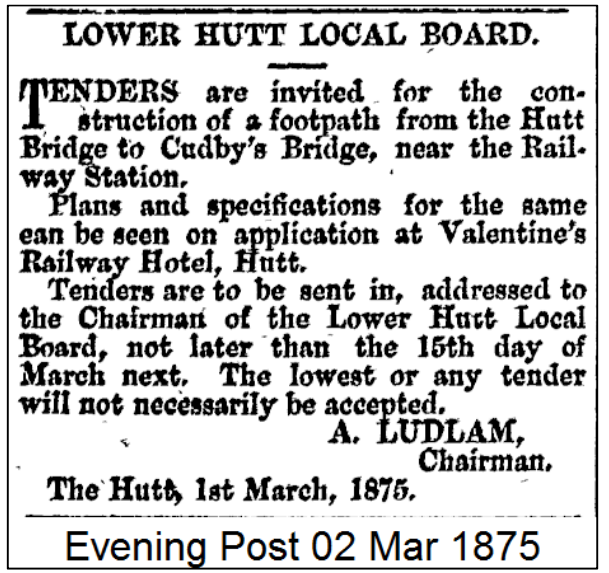
Proposed Ellerm, Seconded White – That the following specifications be adopted to the Board for repairs to the Local roads and that Tenders be called for the repair of the Roads with 14 days notice. Specification for Repairs: The holes and ruts in the Road to be immediately filled up with Gravel and the road to be kept in perfect repair at all times, sufficient metal to be put in the middle of the road in order to keep it highest, the metal not to exceed 22½ inches in diameter. The Contract to be for the period of one year. Penalty – should the Contractor fail to keep the road in repair in accordance with his Contract the Local Board may after giving him 24 hours notice proceed to have the road repaired in the terms of the Contract and hold the Contractor liable for any expenditure incurred in so doing. Payment to the Contractor to be made by two equal half yearly payments, each payment to be made on presentation to the Local Board of a certificate from the person appointed to inspect the repair of the Road and that the terms of the Contract have been fulfilled – carried

1875 Mar 01 Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; H. Jackson, H. Ellerm, J. White
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Chairman laid before the Board a plan, specifications and estimate of cost of the proposed foot path obtained from the Provincial Engineer and stated that he had received the balance of £75 on account of contribution from the Provincial Government which he had paid over to the Treasurer of the Board. Also two tenders for repairs of Local roads and a letter from Mr D. West. Tenders from Mr C. Maidment No.1 – for repairs to Nos 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 local roads £175 per annum; No.2 for repairs to No.1 Local road £95 per annum. The board considered these Tenders excessive and declined accepting them. Chairman requested to inform Mr Maidment of decision of Board.

Board ordered further notices to be posted calling for fresh tenders – term of contract to be extended to 18 months instead of one year and that payments be made quarterly instead of half-yearly.

Proposed Ellerm, Seconded White – that Mr D. West be allowed the amount of his rates in consideration of his keeping the road from White's line to his property in repair – carried



LOWER HUTT LOCAL BOARD.

TENDERS are invited for the construction of a footpath from the Hutt Bridge to Cudby's Bridge, near the Railway Station.

Plans and specifications for the same can be seen on application at Valentine's Railway Hotel, Hutt.

Tenders are to be sent in, addressed to the Chairman of the Lower Hutt Local Board, not later than the 15th day of March next. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

A. LUDLAM,
Chairman.

The Hutt, 1st March, 1875.

Evening Post 02 Mar 1875

The Collector to the Board (Mr C. Welby Jackson) handed to the Board a Bond from H. Jackson Esq for £25 as his security.

Proposed Jackson, Seconded Ellerm – that tenders be called for, for formation of the foot path from Hutt Bridge to Railway Station according to the plan and specifications furnished by the Provincial Engineer. Tenders to be sent in by 15th March next – carried

Board adjourned until further notice.

1875 Mar 16 Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; N. Valentine, H. Jackson, J. White.
Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed.

The following tenders for formation of a foot path from Cudby's creek near Railway Station to Hutt Bridge were opened – by W. R. Welch £5 7s 3d per chain or equal to £134; John Cudby £151 10s; Thomas Robson £115

Proposed Jackson, Seconded Valentine – that the Tender of Thomas Robson for the formation of the foot path be accepted on condition that he pays the deposit of 10 per cent as security on demand – carried

The following Tenders for repair of the Local Roads in the district were opened viz C. Maidment £178 for 18 months; W. R. Welch £128 10s for 12 months; S. Parkers £50 for 18 months for roads No 3, 4 & 5

Proposed White, Seconded Valentine – that the Chairman ascertain from C. Maidment whether his Tender includes all the local roads in the Lower Hutt Local Board district and if so that his Tender be accepted – carried

Proposed Jackson, Seconded Valentine – that the Chairman be authorised to have the necessary Contract for the repair of the Local Roads drawn up by the Solicitors to the Board – carried

Chairman authorised to employ labour for cleaning out drain on Waiwetu road about 37 chains at 2s 6d per chain

Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that the Treasurer be authorised to pay the following accounts – Evening Post for Posters of Rate notices -£5; J. Hughes for Seal & Book £1 11s 6d; C. W. Jackson for 1 quarters salary £5 – total £11 11s 6d – carried

Proposed White, Seconded Valentine – that Mr C. Welby Jackson be appointed as Overseer of works and repair of the Local roads at a salary of £15 per annum to commence on 1st April 1875 – carried

1875 Mar 30 Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; N. Valentine, J. White
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The Chairman stated that Thomas Robson had deposited with him £11 10s as security for carrying out his Contract for formation of foot path and that he had signed the Contract and Specifications for the same

Contract from C. Maidment to the Board drawn by Messrs Hart & Buckley of Wellington and executed by C. Maidment laid before the Board and handed over to the Clerk for custody.

The Collector to the Board stated that he had paid to H. Jackson Esq., Treasurer to the Board the sum of £76 8s 9d received by him on account of Rates.

Letter from Mr E. J. Riddiford to the Chairman read stating that he had paid the whole rate on his land for the year to Highway Board and asking that the year's rate claimed be remitted. Proposal from Emanuel Rosa for cleaning Drain on No.2 Local road at 3s per chain. In reference to Mr Riddiford's letter the Board are of opinion that the Wellington Highway Board should be applied to for a return of the rates paid by him. In reference to Emanuel Rosa's application the Board decided that the overseer should inspect the drain referred to and report to Board at its next meeting.

Proposed White, Seconded Valentine – that the Licence Fee under clause 14 of the Bye Laws of the Board for Slaughter Houses within the Lower Hutt Local Board district shall be ten shillings per annum – carried

Proposed White, Seconded Valentine – that the Chairman write to the Provincial Secretary asking that an Act may be introduced into the Provincial Council at its next Session for preventing damage to the Local roads by Trespass of Animals on them, and that the principles contained in clauses 75 and 90 of the Highways Act 1874 and clause 85 of the Impounding Act 1874 be made applicable to roads under the control of Local Boards – carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that leave of absence be granted to Mr H. Ellerm for three months – carried

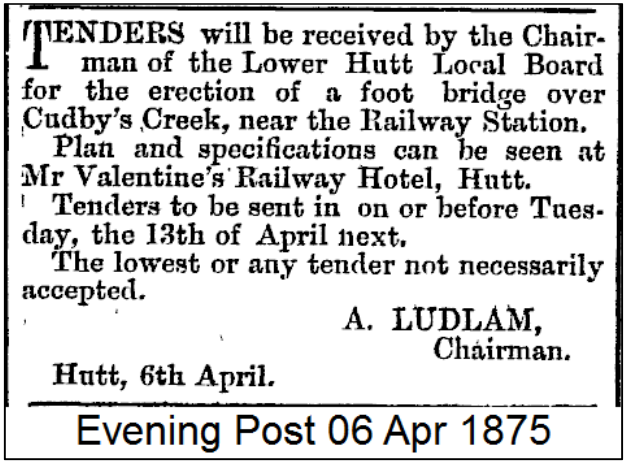
Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that the Treasurer be authorised to pay to W. Philps the amount of his Contract for cleaning out Drain on Waiwetu road when fulfilled at the rate of 2s 6d per chain – carried

Board adjourned until further notice

1875 Apr 05 Present A. Ludlam, Chairman; J. White, H. Jackson, N. Valentine
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The Chairman laid before the Board a plan and specifications, received from the Provincial Engineer, of a foot bridge over Cudby's creek in continuation of the present footpath, and stated that he understood from the Provincial Secretary, Mr Bunny, that if the Board will undertake the erection of the bridge, the Provincial Government will find the necessary funds.

Account from Lyon & Blair 19s 6d for Stationery laid before the Board.

Proposed White, Seconded Valentine – that the Chairman advertise for tenders for the erection of a footbridge over Cudby's creek, near the Railway Station according to the plan and specifications furnished by the Provincial Engineer, to be sent in on or before April 13th next, and that previous to the Board accepting any tender for the work the Chairman invite the approval of the Government and obtain the necessary funds for carrying it out – carried


TENDERS will be received by the Chairman of the Lower Hutt Local Board for the erection of a foot bridge over Cudby's Creek, near the Railway Station.
Plan and specifications can be seen at Mr Valentine's Railway Hotel, Hutt.
Tenders to be sent in on or before Tuesday, the 13th of April next.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
A. LUDLAM,
Chairman.
Hutt, 6th April.
Evening Post 06 Apr 1875

The Overseer reported on the state of No.2 local road.

Moved Valentine, Seconded White – that a hand rail be put to the bridge over 2nd river in No.2 local road – carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that the following accounts be paid by the Treasurer – Messrs Lyon & Blair for Stationary 19s 6d; Stamp for Maidmant's Contract 10s – total £1 9s 6d – carried

Board adjourned to Wednesday 14th April 1875

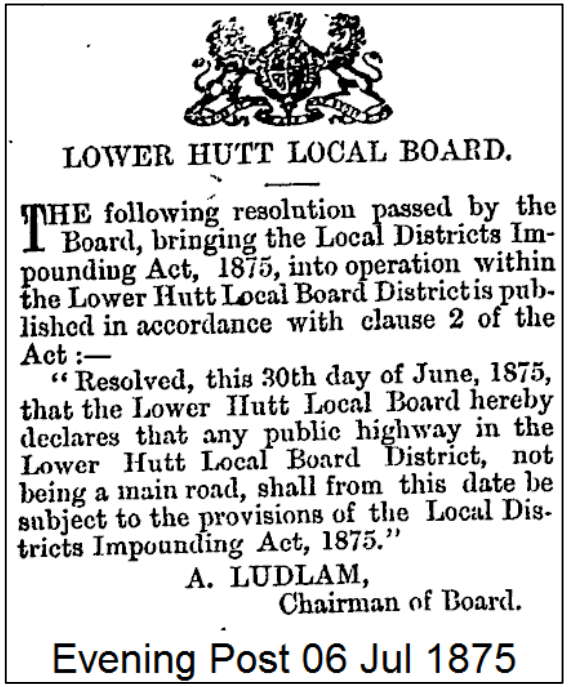
1875 Apr 14	Present – Messrs Valentine, White and Jackson Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that Mr H. Jackson take the Chair in the absence of the Chairman – carried Proposed White, Seconded Valentine – that leave of absence for six weeks be granted to Mr A. Ludlam, Chairman of the Board – carried Mr Jackson, Treasurer, laid before the Board the Accounts of the Board audited by Mr William Dorset (appointed by the Provincial Government Auditor) up to the 26th March 1875 and showing a balance to the credit of the Board at the Bank of New Zealand of £196 3s 9d. Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that a copy of the Balance that as audited be posted for Public information at the following places – T. Mill's store, R. Cleland's store; T. Burt's store; N. Valentine's Railway Hotel – carried Proposed White, Seconded Valentine – that the sum of £7 be authorised to be expended in making a cap for the fence along the footpath from Cudby's Creek to Valentine's corner, and that the offer of Thomas Robson to perform this work for the above mentioned sum be accepted – carried Mr Jackson informed the Board that the letters containing the tenders for the erection of a footbridge over Cudby's Creek, had not, through inadventure, been called for at Mr Ludlam's residence. Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that the Board adjourn until half past 7 o'clock Thursday April 15th 1875 – carried
1875 Apr 15	Mr Jackson, in the absence of the Chairman, informed the Members of the Board, that the Board would not meet today, there being no business to transact.
1875 Jun 10	Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; N. Valentine, J. White, H. Ellerm Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that the Treasurer be authorised to pay the following accounts viz Mr W. Jackson for one quarter's salary to 31st May £5; Evening Post advertising footpath 15s; J. Hall as per contract 12s; C. W. Jackson for Stamps, paper &c 10s 7d – total £7 17s 7d – carried Board adjourned until further notice

1875 Jun 30 Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; H. Jackson, N. Valentine, J. White, H. Ellerm
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Chairman laid before the Board letters from W. C. Devereux requesting that the premises at the Hutt Bridge lately occupied by Mr Hodgson, butcher may be transferred to Messrs Wakeham and Collings, also that the premises lately occupied by him as a Baker's shop be transferred to Mr Robertson. Letter from E. Elliot requesting the Board to apportion the rate of House and Land on Section 35 between him and Captain Hewitt. Letter from A. Ludlam requesting the Board to apportion the rate between Mr E. J. Riddiford and himself. Report from Mr C. W. Jackson on the state of repair of the Local roads. Application from Messrs Wakeham & Collings for the registration of a Slaughter House.

Moved Valentine, Seconded Ellerm – that the Treasurer be authorised to pay to Thomas Robson the sum of £95 being the Balance due on his Contract for formation of foot path and £7 for a portion of the extra work to same, also £11 10s being the amount deposited by him with the Board in fulfilment of his Contract, in all £113 10s; Thomas Mills for Timber for Bridge 14s 5d; J. Ransom for work for Bridge 6s – carried

Proposed White, Seconded Jackson – that the License Fee for a new Slaughter House shall be £1 per annum – carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that the application of Messrs Wakeham & Collings for a new Slaughter House be granted – carried



LOWER HUTT LOCAL BOARD.

THE following resolution passed by the Board, bringing the Local Districts Impounding Act, 1875, into operation within the Lower Hutt Local Board District is published in accordance with clause 2 of the Act :—

"Resolved, this 30th day of June, 1875, that the Lower Hutt Local Board hereby declares that any public highway in the Lower Hutt Local Board District, not being a main road, shall from this date be subject to the provisions of the Local Districts Impounding Act, 1875."

A. LUDLAM,
Chairman of Board.

Evening Post 06 Jul 1875

Proposed Jackson, Seconded Ellerm – that the Clerical error in the rate book of entering the name of John Compton instead of Eliza Compton as occupier of portion of Section No be corrected by the Clerk entering the names of Eliza Compton instead of John Compton – carried

Moved Jackson, Seconded White – that the Clerk write to Mr E. J. Riddiford, Capt Hewitt, Mr Robertson and Messrs Collings & Wakeham stating that the Board will hold a meeting on Thursday July 8th at ½ past 7 o'clock P.M. to consider the applications for transfer of holdings and apportionment of rates – carried

Proposed Ellerm, Seconded White – that whereas the 2nd clause of the Local Districts Impounding Act 1875 of the Province of Wellington enacts that it shall be lawful for the Board of any District proclaimed under the Local Boards Act 1873 to declare by Resolution that any public Highway in the District not being a main road shall be liable to the provisions of this Act. Resolved this 30th day of June 1875 that the Lower Hutt Local Board hereby declares that any public Highway in the Lower Hutt Local Board District not being a main road shall from this date be subject to the provisions of the Local Districts Impounding Act 1875 – carried

Board adjourned to Thursday 8th July at ½ past 7 o'clock P.M.

1875 Jul 08 Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; N. Valentine, J. White
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Chairman laid before the Board an application from W. Haynes that the land part of Section 32 lately occupied by him be transferred in the rate book to William Philps.

Moved Valentine, Seconded White – that the Board agree to the following in regard to the applications made for transfer of property in the rate book. Application from E. Elliot to apportion the rate of House and Land on Section 35 Hutt district between him and Capt Hewit who has taken the House and quarter of an acre of land for the remainder of the Lease. Board decide that the annual value of the portion transferred shall be £10 per annum. Application from A. Ludlam to apportion the rate of Houses and Land on Sections 18 and 22 Hutt District between him and E. J. Riddiford who has purchased the whole of Section 22 and 66 acres of Section 18 with one cottage. Board decide that the portion transferred to Mr Riddiford shall be rated on an annual value of £280 per annum and the portion remaining in possession of Mr Ludlam on an annual value of £120 per annum. Application from C. W. Devereux for a transfer of the premises used as a Butcher's shop near the Hutt Bridge to Messrs Collings and Wakeham. Board agreed to transfer. Application from W. Haynes for a transfer of land portion of Section 32 to William Philps. Board agreed to the transfer – carried

Moved Valentine, Seconded White – that the Treasurer be authorised to pay to Charles Maidment the sum of £22 being ¾ of the amount due on his Contract for repair of the Local roads being for 3 months to 21st June 1875 – carried

Messrs Valentine and Jackson laid before the Board a statement of what they consider is fairly due to Thomas Robson the Contractor for the footpath for extra work done besides the extra rail on top of the wire fence. The sum they estimate at 15s.

Moved White, Seconded Valentine – that the Treasurer be authorised to pay to Thomas Robson the sum of £9 15s in full of all demands on the Board for extra work on footpath – carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that one quarters salary £3 15s be paid to Mr C. W. Jackson as Inspector of Roads to 1st July 1875 – carried

Board adjourned until further notice

1875 Oct 08 Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; N. Valentine, H. Ellerm, J. White
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The Chairman laid before the Board the following letters.
Captain Mowlem asking that the road drain in front of his property may be cleaned out.
Mr O'Shea requesting that the property now in his name in the rate book may be transferred to the Revd Father Petit Jean.
Mr C. W. Jackson resigning the offices of Collector and Inspector of Roads
Report from the Inspector of Roads on the present state of the Local Roads
Letter from Mr C. W. Jackson to C. Maidment respecting non-fulfilment of his Contract for repairs of the Local roads

With regard to Captain Mowlem's application the Clerk be instructed to inspect the drain and report to the Board at its next meeting

Moved Valentine, Seconded Ellerm – that the resignation by Mr C. W. Jackson of the offices of Collector and Inspector of Roads be accepted, to date from the 1st November next – carried

Moved White, Seconded Valentine – that the Clerk post notices calling for Tenders for the office of Clerk, Collector and Inspector to the Board to be sent in to the Chairman by the 21st October next – carried

Moved Valentine, Seconded White – that the property in the Hutt now rated in the name of Mr O'Shea be transferred in the ratebook to the Revd Father Petit Jean – carried

Moved White, Seconded Ellerm – that the following accounts be paid – C. W. Jackson one quarter's Salary as Clerk and Collector to 31st August 1875 £5; C. W. Jackson one quarter's salary as Inspector of Roads to 1st October 1875 £3 15s; Hart & Buckley law expenses £2 2s; Evening Post advertising 15s – total £11 12s – carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that Constable George Stewart stationed at the Hutt be appointed Keeper of the Public Pound in the Lower Hutt Local Board District in place of the late Poundkeeper Mr Martin Connor – carried

Moved Valentine, Seconded Ellerm – that the Clerk of the Board shall inspect the Slaughter Houses belonging to Mr Devereux and Messrs Wakeham and Collings – carried

Moved Ellerm, Seconded Valentine – that the Clerk write to Mr C. Young and Mr S. Parker to cut down that portion of their … fences which overhang the road.

Board adjourned to Friday October 22nd at 7 o'clock P.M.

1875 Oct 22	Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; H. Ellerm, J. White Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed. The Chairman laid before the Board the following Tenders for the Office of Clerk, Collector and Inspector or roads to the Board – Edward Chew £25 per annum; J. Burn £35 per annum; James McKenzie - £24 10s per annum Moved White, Seconded Ellerm – that the Tender of Mr James McKenzie for the Office of Clerk, Collector and Inspector of Roads be accepted, the other two declined – carried Mr W. Jackson laid before the Board a report on the road drain referred to in Captain Mowlem's letter. Proposed Ellerm, Seconded White – that the following Accounts be paid by the Treasurer – C. W. Jackson two months salary as Collector to 30th October 1875 £3 6s 8d; C. W. Jackson one month's salary as Inspector of Roads to 30th October 1875 £1 5s; for postage & receipt stamps 3s 10d – total £4 15s 6d Board adjourned until further notice
1875 Dec 28	Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; H. Jackson, H. Ellerm, J. White, N. Valentine Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed. Chairman laid before the Board copies of returns No.1 & 2 of the receipts and disbursements of the Board forwarded to the Provincial Auditor for the information of the General Government, also an application from Mr W. A. Fitzherbert to sign a Voucher for expenditure of £16 2s out of Local Board Grant for planting Trees on sides of footpath. Proposed Ellerm, Seconded Valentine – that the Board having considered the application of Mr W. A. Fitzherbert respecting the expenditure of £16 2s for planting trees on sides of footpath decline to sanction such expenditure as they were in no way consulted on the subject – carried
1876 Jan 11	Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; H. Jackson, H. Ellerm, J. White Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed. The following tenders for repair of footpath opened viz R. Cleland £18 10s; J. H. Percy £12; J. Burne £11 10s Proposed White, Seconded Jackson – that the above Tenders for repair of footpath be declined as being high in price – carried Board adjourned until Thursday January 27th at ½ past 7 o'clock P.M.

1876 Jan 27 Present – A. Ludlam, Chairman; H. Jackson, N. Valentine, J. White.
Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed. The Chairman laid before the Board the resignation of Mr H. B. Ellerm as Commissioner; also the following accounts – Rent of office in Odd Fellows Hall £5; Ransom for repair of bridge 5s 6d – total £5 5s 6d

Proposed White, Seconded Valentine – that the Treasurer be authorised to pay the above accounts – carried

Moved by Jackson, Seconded White – that a rate of one shilling in the pound on the annual value of the property in the Lower Hutt Local Board District be entered in the District Rate Book for the year 1876/77 – carried

Moved Valentine, Seconded Jackson – that the Clerk post notices informing the Rate payers that a fresh rate of one shilling in the pound for the year 1876/77 has been made and that the rate book can be seen on application to him; also that a copy of the Rate book can be seen at Mr Burt's store, Lower Hutt – carried

Moved Valentine, Seconded White – that the Treasurer be authorised to pay to the Clerk, Collector & Inspector 3 months salary accounting to £6 2s 6d from 1st November 1875 to 31st January 1876 – carried

Moved Valentine, Seconded White – that the allowance of £2 16s per annum to Mr D. West for repairs of the road to his premises be extended for a period of three years dating from 27th January 1875 – carried

The Chairman Mr Ludlam handed in his resignation as a Commissioner of the Board.
Moved Valentine, Seconded White – that Mr H. Jackson be elected as Chairman of the Board – carried

Moved Valentine, Seconded White – that a vote of thanks be passed to Mr A. Ludlam for the able manner with which he had conducted the proceedings of the Board as Chairman from the organisation of the Board to date – carried

Moved Valentine, Seconded White – that the sum of £1 be expended for cutting the grass on the footpaths – carried
Board adjourned until Wednesday February 16th 1876

NOTICE.

I, HENRY JACKSON, Chairman of the "Lower Hutt Local Board," by virtue of the powers conferred on me by Clause 16 of "The Local Boards Act, 1873," do hereby appoint that a meeting of persons qualified to vote for the "Lower Hutt Local Board District," under the said Act, shall be held at the Mechanic's Institute, Lower Hutt, on Thursday, the 10th day of February, 1876, at 12 o clock noon, for the purpose of electing two persons to fill vacancies in the Board of Commissioners for the said District.

And further, I do hereby appoint James M'Kenzie to be the Returning Officer at such meeting for the election of the two Commissioners as aforesaid.

Given under my hand, this 28th day of January, 1876.

HENRY JACKSON,
Chairman Lower Hutt Local Board.

Evening Post 02 Feb 1876

1876 Feb 16 Present – H. Jackson, Chairman; J. D. R. Hewitt, W. Fitzherbert, J. White
The Chairman laid before the Board a certificate from Mr James McKenzie, Returning officer, stating that Messrs W. A. Fitzherbert & J. D. R. Hewitt were duly elected Commissioners of the Board on the 11th February 1876. Also explained to the Board certain matters relating to C. Maidment's contract for the repair of roads. The Board resolved that no further payments be made to C. Maidment on account of repairs of roads until he produces a certificate from the Inspector to the effect that the conditions of his Contract have been complied with.

Moved White, Seconded Captain Hewitt – that Mr W. A. Fitzherbert be appointed Treasurer of the Board on the resignation of Mr H. Jackson in the month of March next – carried

Proposed White, Seconded Hewitt – that a sum of £1 be paid to Mr James McKenzie for services rendered as Returning Officer at the late election of Commissioners for the Board – carried

Proposed W. A. Fitzherbert, Seconded White – that the Collector be instructed to collect the rates now due to the Board for the year 1876/77 as early as possible after the 17th March 1876 – carried

Proposed Fitzherbert, Seconded Hewitt – that the Inspector of Roads report to the Chairman all cases when owners of property have allowed the hedges to overgrow and obstruct the road, with a view to notice being served upon such owners of property to remove the said obstructions in accordance with clause 25 of the Local Board Act – carried

Moved White, Seconded Hewitt – that Mr James McKenzie be authorised to inspect and report upon the Slaughter houses licensed under the Board – carried

Moved Hewitt, Seconded White – that Mr Devereux be informed that the smells arising from the deposits of offal & from other filthy matter in the vicinity of his Slaughter house have been made a subject of complaint by his neighbours and that unless the nuisances here complained of are remedied before the 1st of March next proceedings will be taken to cancel the licence to keep a slaughter house which he … from the Board – carried

Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed
Board adjourned until March 1st 1876

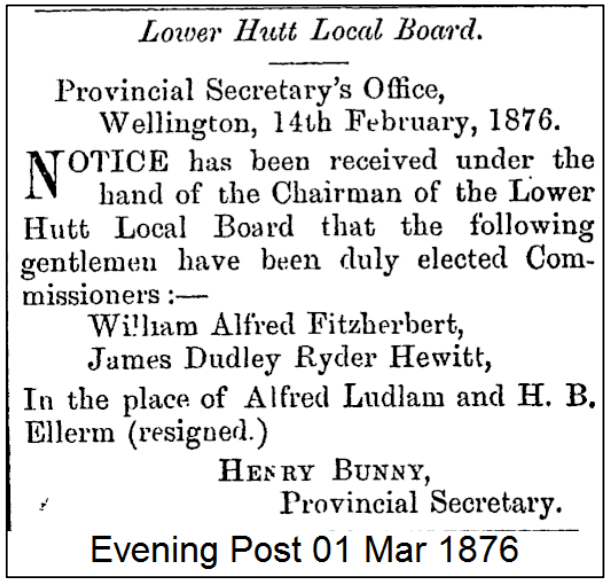
1876 Mar 01 Present – H. Jackson, Chairman; Messrs Hewitt, White, Fitzherbert, Valentine
Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed. The Inspector of Roads reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Chairman, notice was given to Messrs Fry & Young to cut the furze growing on the road line adjoining their properties and that this order has been complied with.

The Contractor for the repairs of roads laid before the Board a certificate from the Inspector stating that the terms of the contract have been fulfilled up to the date of the quarter ending 21 December 1875.

Moved Hewitt, Seconded White – that the sum of £44 10s being 75 per cent of two quarters payments for repairs of roads up to the 21st December 1875 be paid by the Treasurer to the contractor Charles Maidment – carried

Report of the Inspector of slaughter houses read – stating that the nuisances complained of at Mr Devereux's slaughter house were in course of being remedied – Mr Devereux personally attended to make explanations to the Board and promised his careful attention to the rectification of the nuisances

Letter from J. Cudby read – tendering to repair the footpath for £10 10s
Moved White, Seconded Hewitt – that the tender of J. Cudby to repair the footpath be accepted – carried



Lower Hutt Local Board.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 14th February, 1876.

NOTICE has been received under the hand of the Chairman of the Lower Hutt Local Board that the following gentlemen have been duly elected Commissioners :—

William Alfred Fitzherbert,
James Dudley Ryder Hewitt,

In the place of Alfred Ludlam and H. B. Ellerm (resigned.)

HENRY BUNNY,
Provincial Secretary.

Evening Post 01 Mar 1876

Letter from the Provincial Secretary read, enclosing a cheque for £83 18s being a portion of the sum allocated to Local Boards by the Provincial Council for the financial year 1875/76

Moved Valentine, Seconded White – that the sum of £83 18s Provincial Government Grant be expended on the construction of a footpath between the Hutt Bridge and the Black bridge in continuation of the present formed footpath – carried

Moved Fitzherbert, Seconded Valentine – that the Provincial Government be requested to lay off the proper boundaries of the Main road between the Hutt Bridge and the Black bridge and also to furnish the Board with the services of an Engineer to place the proposed footpath between the Hutt Bridge and the Black bridge and to provide estimates of cost for the same – carried

Board adjourned until 04 April 1876

1876 Apr 04 Present – H. Jackson, Chairman; Messrs White, Hewitt & Fitzherbert
Letter from Provincial Secretary read, giving the services of a Surveyor to lay off the Boundaries of the Main road line through the District, also those of an Engineer to plan the proposed footpath along the main line of road

Letter from J. Bridges read, dated 04 April 1876 requesting that the rates on his house and land in Section No.32 Hutt be apportioned between Messrs Brann, Ransom and himself. The Board desired that Mr Bridges be informed that the amount of rates on his property for the year 1876/77 was due on the 27th January last & became payable to the Board on the day following; and that since his application for an apportionment or rates was not made to the Board before today, the Board still holds him liable for the payment of the rates for the first half year of 1876/77.

Mr Jackson, Treasurer, laid before the Board the accounts of the Board, and audited by Mr W. Dorset up to the 31st March 1876 and showing a balance to the credit of the Board in the hands of the Treasurer of £158 13s

Proposed White, Seconded Hewitt – that a copy of the Balance sheet as audited be posted for Public information at the following places – T. Mill's store, R. Cleland's store, T. Burt's store, N. Valentine's Railway Hotel – carried

Mr Jackson informed the Board that in accordance with the resolution passed on February 16th 1876 the accounts and moneys of the Board had been handed over to Mr William Fitzherbert as Treasurer.

Proposed Fitzherbert, Seconded Hewitt – that "In pursuance of Clause 73 of the Local Boards Act 1873, the Board of Commissioners for the Lower Hutt Local Board District make the following additional By Laws; that is to say any person guilty of the following offences ommissions or neglect within the boundaries of the Lower Hutt Local Board District shall on conviction of any such offence neglect or omission be liable to pay any penalty not exceeding £5.
[1] Placing any placard or other document writing or painting on or otherwise defacing any building or house, or any wall, fence, lamp post or gate without the consent of the occupier or owner thereof
[2] Furiously or negligently riding or driving through any public place road or thoroughfare
[3] Neglecting to clean any private yard way passage avenue watercloset privy or drain by which neglect a nuisance by offensive smell or otherwise is caused
[4] Allowing any sludge or other offensive matter to flow over any footpath or to flow into any road
[5] Keeping any pigs within twenty two yards of any House public road or thoroughfare or allowing any pigstys to become a nuisance
[6] Allowing the contents of any privy or cesspit to soak therefrom so as to be offensive
[7] Refusing any Health officer, Sanitary inspector, Inspector of nuisances or other Commissioners permission within reasonable hours to inspect any premises

[8] Neglecting to abate any nuisance whatever within twenty four hours after receiving notice so to do, from any health officer, Sanitary inspector, Inspector of Nuisances or other duly appointed officer unless in such written notice longer time be allowed.
[9] Throwing or discharging any stone or other missile in any public place or thoroughfare
[10] Any person hawking selling or offering for sale in any road or public place in the Lower Hutt Local Board District without first having paid to the Inspector or other person duly appointed by the Board of Commissioners the undermentioned dues during which period such articles may be hawked exposed or offered for sale, or other dues as may be from time to time fixed and appointed by the said Board – 1st dues from any person selling hawking or offering for sale any articles in any road or public place in the Lower Hutt local Board District with cart, per month 5s, per quarter 10s – 2nd And the onus of proof that any articles being delivered about or on the roads of the before mentioned district, have been previously ordered and not being hawked shall in such case rest with the vendor or party delivering the articles or goods – Provided that the hawking or selling of fish or milk be exempt from this Bye-law
[11] Any person being the owner or tenant of any building abutting on any road where the footpath has been formed who by omitting or neglecting to secure and maintain the foundation of such building, causes the formed footpath to fall in or be otherwise damaged.
[12] Any person destroying damaging polluting or obstructing any aqueduct dam sluicepipe pump or watercourse
[13] Any person who shall allow any furz to grow wild after receiving notice from the board to remove the same

- carried

Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed. Board adjourned to 25th May 1876

1876 May 25 Present – H. Jackson, Chairman; J. White, A. W. Fitzherbert, Captain Hewitt
Minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed. The following letters were read:

From the Provincial Auditor dated 13 May 1876; stating that the General Government Grant in Aid for Municipalities and Road Boards for the year 1876/76 will be computed in the case of the Lower Hutt Local Board upon the amount collected for General rates during the year ending 31 March 1876. From the Chairman in answer to the above letter dated 20 May 1876

From the Provincial Secretary dated 03 May 1876 enclosing a cheque for £100 being the second moiety of the payment to Local Boards under the Vote of the Provincial Council during the session 1875/76.

From the Chairman to the Registration Officer Hutt Electoral District dated 04 April 1876, enclosing a list of the Ratepayers of the District.

From His Honor the Superintendent dated 18 April 1876 suggesting certain amendments in the Bye Laws passed by the Board on the 4th April 1876. Resolved that the amendments suggested in clause 3 by His Honor the Superintendent by letter dated the 4th April 1876 be accepted and that the following words be added to clause 2 “or driving a vehicle after dark without lights”.

From the Revd J. B. Petit Jean dated 18 April 1876 declining to pay the rates due to the Board on his property in Section No.28. Resolved that a copy of Clause 48 of the Local Board Act defining “rateable property” be forwarded to the Revd J. B. Petit Jean and that he be informed, in the opinion of this Board, the property over which he claims exemption from rates does not enter the category of exemptions put forth in the said clause No.48.

Resolved that Captain Hewitt and Messrs White & Fitzherbert be appointed a Committee to determine the best side of the Main road to carry the proposed footpath along.

Application read from Mr J. White to apportion the rate of House & Land on Section No.35 Hutt District between him & Mr Shedrach Parker who has taken 2½ acres. Resolved that the annual value of the portion transferred shall be £5 dating from the 27th July 1876.

Application from Mrs Weston to apportion the rate on Houses & Land in Section No.35 Hutt District between herself and Mr Orr who has bought about one acre. Resolved that the annual value of the portion transferred be £13 dating from the 27th July 1876.

Application to transfer the property in the name of T. Stratton in Section No.37 Hutt District to W. Philps. Agreed to as from 27 July 1876

The following account was ordered to be paid – James McKenzie, Collector and Inspector of Roads – one quarter's salary ending
Board adjourned to the 19th June 1876

1876 Jun 19 Present – H. Jackson, Chairman; Messrs White, Valentine, Fitzherbert, Hewitt
The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed.
The undermentioned account ordered to be paid: Joseph Hall for repairs of bridge 10s 3d
G. Stewart, Constable paid to the Board the sum of £1 17s being the amount of Poundage fees collected to date
Letter read from the Committee to report on the footpath & state of the District roads

Proposed Hewitt; Seconded Fitzherbert – that notice be immediately given to the Contractor to put the roads Numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 in the contract into thorough repair in terms of the said contract, the works to be commenced and completed on the undermentioned dates
No.1 Road of Contract – works to be commenced on the ___ and completed on the ___
No.3 Road of Contract – works to be commenced on the ___ and completed on the ___
No.2 Road of Contract – works to be commenced on the ___ and completed on the ___
No.5 Road of Contract – works to be commenced on the ___ and completed on the ___
And further should the Contractor fail to have the requisite repairs executed on the dates above specified to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Roads, that the Board will proceed to execute them at the Contractors expense - carried

It was also resolved to adopt the suggestions of the Committee with reference to the footpath

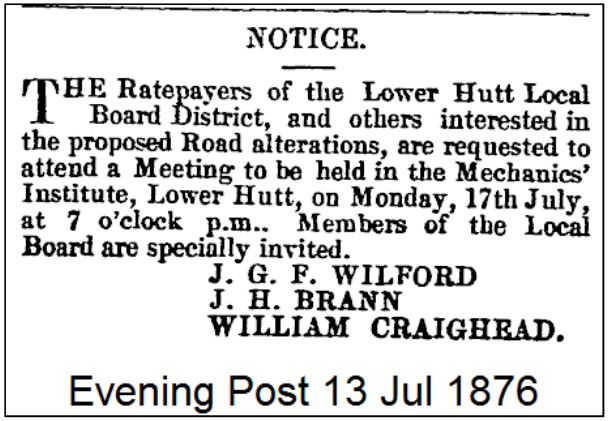
Resolved that Mr Devereux, butcher, be called upon to pay the sum of 10s for Slaughterhouse fee for the year ending; and that Mr Roberts, butcher, be called upon to pay the sum of £1 for Slaughterhouse fee for the year ending

A complaint being preferred by the Collector that Messrs A. P. Stuart & Peter Laing have delayed paying their rates due to the Board notwithstanding repeated applications having been made to them; The Board decided that these gentlemen be written to by the Chairman to request a prompt payment of their rates.

Captain Hewitt have the following "notice of motion" for the next meeting of the Board "That it is desirable for the Board to take into consideration the best means for having the Creeks and Backwaters in the District cleaned out and made efficient as drains"
Board adjourned till 13 July 1876

1876 Jul 13 Present – H. Jackson, Chairman; Captain Hewitt, N. Valentine, J. White, W. A. Fitzherbert
Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed.

The Inspector of Roads reported that the repairs on No.1 Contract have not been satisfactorily performed by the contractor; viz some of the metal put on being too large. Resolved that the Inspector be authorised to employ labor to break the new metal on No.1 road of Contract and that the cost of the same be debited to the Contractor.


NOTICE.

THE Ratepayers of the Lower Hutt Local Board District, and others interested in the proposed Road alterations, are requested to attend a Meeting to be held in the Mechanics' Institute, Lower Hutt, on Monday, 17th July, at 7 o'clock p.m.. Members of the Local Board are specially invited.

J. G. F. WILFORD
J. H. BRANN
WILLIAM CRAIGHEAD.

Evening Post 13 Jul 1876

Letter read from Dr Wilford dated 11 July 1876. Proposed Hewitt, Seconded Valentine – "With reference to Dr Wilford's letter to the Chairman dated 11th July 1876, it is resolved to inform Dr Wilford in answer, that the Board is not aware of any dispute existing between the Ratepayers and the Board which requires an amicable settlement. The Board having decided by a resolution passed on the 1st March 1876 to form a footpath along the Main road in the Hutt, and as it does not exercise any control on the said Main road, requested the Provincial Government to shew what part or portion of the Main road will be handed over to the Board for this purpose. As yet the Provincial Government have not decided upon the ground to be so handed over; but when this is done, the Board will proceed to construct the footpath provided the means at the disposal of the Board is adequate to the undertaking" – carried unanimously

Letter handed in by Captain Hewitt from G. Tonks offering to supply glazed draining pipes to the Board at certain rates.
Captain Hewitt postponed his motion on drainage of Creeks &c until the next meeting of the Board

Letter from J. Bridges applying for a reapportionment of the rate on Houses & Land on Section No.35 Hutt District considered – Resolved that the annual value of the portion transferred to Brann be £23; and of that retained by J. Bridges be £7 10s

Board adjourned to the 22nd day of August 1876

1876 Aug 22 Present – H. Jackson, Chairman; Captain Hewitt, N. Valentine, W. A. Fitzherbert
The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed.

The Inspector of roads reported on the state of the District roads as follows:
No.1 Road – From Whitewood's corner to Ludlam's bridge in fair repair, a few ruts requiring to be filled in. From Ludlam's bridge to the Racecourse road junction in imperfect repair, ruts and holes requiring to be filled in, with more metal on the road generally. From the Racecourse junction to the end of the road in perfect repair; No.3 Road – in good repair; No.2 Road – in fair repair, requires some raking in; No.5 Road – in course of repair but will shortly be completed; No.4 Road – in fair repair, requires raking in Mr Maidment, the Contractor, attended to give some explanations on the subject of repairs and promised to have all necessary works completed in the course of a fortnight.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Lower Hutt Local Board Office,
23rd August, 1876.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Friday, the 8th day of September, 1876, for the construction of a footpath at Lower Hutt.

Plans and specifications may be seen at Valentine's Railway Hotel, Lower Hutt.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

HENRY JACKSON,
Chairman Lower Hutt Local Board.

Evening Post 23 Aug 1876

Letter from His Honor the Deputy Superintendent dated___ read. Mr W. A. Fitzherbert explained that subsequent to the date of the above mentioned letter he had a personal interview with the Deputy Superintendent who expressed himself willing to adopt the South side of the Main road for the formation of the proposed footpath. Mr W. A. Fitzherbert also laid before the Board a plan of the proposed footpath between the Hutt Bridge and No.2 road, on the south side of the Main road about 30 chains in length, together with specifications & estimates of cost - £160.

Proposed Hewitt, Seconded Valentine – that the Footpath be formed in accordance with the plan furnished by Mr W. A. Fitzherbert & that the Chairman be authorised to call for Tenders to be sent in on or before the 8th of September next for the execution of the work – carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded Fitzherbert – that Butchers selling meat within the District who do not pay a slaughterhouse fee to the Board be considered as Hawkers and liable to be proceeded against under Clause IX of the Byelaws – carried

Captain Hewitt requested leave to withdraw his motion of June 19th re drainage of Creeks & Backwaters, and explained in doing so, that the fall of the land on either side of the footpath was not such as would allow of an efficient drainage system along the main road and that otherwise these works would have to be conducted through private property upon which the Board is not empowered by the Act to enter – motion withdrawn

The Treasurer was authorised to pay the Clerk & Collector one quarter's salary ending.
Board adjourned to the 8th day of September 1876.

1876 Sep 08 Present – H. Jackson, Chairman; N. Valentine, J. White, Captain Hewitt, W. A. Fitzherbert
The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. The Inspector of Roads reported that Mr Maidment, Contractor, had done nothing in the way of repairs since his report of the 22nd August.

The following tenders for the formation of the proposed footpath were opened and read – from Elijah Short £124 10s; W. R. Welch £128; C. Maidment £167 and £196 (in the same tender)

Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that the tender of E. Short for £124 10s be accepted and the others declined – carried
The following bill was authorised to be paid by the Treasurer – J. Cudby for repairs to Cudby's bridge £5 9s

Proposed Fitzherbert, Seconded Valentine – that the Chairman write to His Honor the Deputy Superintendent to request that the old Police Station house in the Hutt may be handed over to the Board to use as offices – carried

The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the Slaughterhouse kept by Mr Devereux, from want of proper drainage, was in a filthy condition and required action taken by the Board to compel Mr Devereux to remedy the nuisance. Resolved that Mr Devereux be written to to have the nuisance complained of remedied within 24 hours and that in default he will be proceeded against for an infringement of the Byelaws.

Proposed Valentine, Seconded Fitzherbert – that a sum of £3 be expended for repairing No.6 Road, viz Major Clifford's road - carried
Proposed Hewitt, Seconded White – that Mr James McKenzie be appointed returning officer at the election to be held on Thursday the 21st instant for returning five persons to constitute a new Board of Commissioners for the District – carried

Board adjourned to the 20th September 1876.

1876 Sep 20 Present – H. Jackson, Chairman; N. Valentine, J. White, Captain Hewitt, W. A. Fitzherbert
The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed

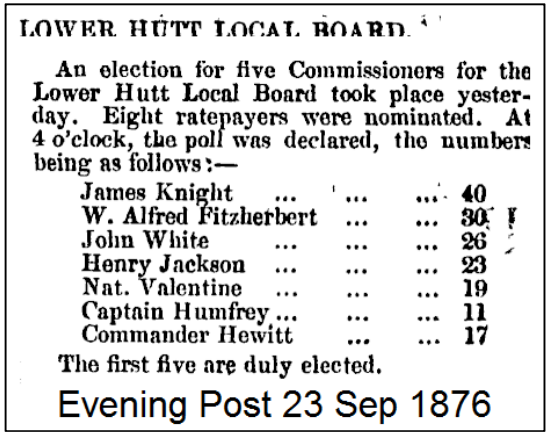
The Inspector of Roads reported the District roads as being now in good repairs.

Resolved that the balance due on Mr Maidment's Contract for the repairs of roads, to the 21st September 1876 viz £111 10s be paid by the Treasurer

Constable Stewart paid to the Board the sum of £3 12s being poundage fees to date.
The Chairman informed the Board that the deeds of Contract for the formation of footpath have been duly signed by Elijah Short.

Resolved that the Chairman write to His Honor the Deputy Superintendent to thank him for allowing the Board the use of the old Police Station for an office.

The Treasurer was authorised to pay the sums of £3 19s 6d to the Evening Post for advertisements.
The Treasurer laid before the Board a statement of the accounts and liabilities of the Board to date – shewing a credit of £192 12s 3d



LOWER HUTT LOCAL BOARD.

An election for five Commissioners for the Lower Hutt Local Board took place yesterday. Eight ratepayers were nominated. At 4 o'clock, the poll was declared, the numbers being as follows:—

James Knight	40
W. Alfred Fitzherbert	30
John White	26
Henry Jackson	23
Nat. Valentine	19
Captain Humfrey	11
Commander Hewitt	17

The first five are duly elected.

Evening Post 23 Sep 1876

1876 Oct 09 At a meeting of the new elected Board of Commissioners for the Lower Hutt Local Board District, held at the Office of the Board, Lower Hutt at 7.30 p.m. Present – James Knight, W. A. Fitzherbert, John White, H. Jackson, N. Valentine

Proposed White; Seconded Fitzherbert – that Mr H. Jackson be elected "Chairman of the Board" – carried

Proposed White; Seconded Valentine – that tenders be called by advertisement in the Evening Post until the 15th November 1876 for the repairs of the Local roads numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 for the period commencing 20 November 1876 and ending 20 November 1878. Each road to be tendered for separately – carried

Proposed White; Seconded Fitzherbert – that the remaining unmetalled portion of No.4 road be metalled and the same charged to the Provincial Government grant in aid – carried

Proposed White; Seconded Knight – that Mr W. A. Fitzherbert be reappointed Treasurer to the Board – carried

The following resolutions were also carried:
That Mr James McKenzie be paid the sum of £2 2s for his services as Returning Officer of the late election of Commissioners

That the Chairman be authorised to purchase the requisite stationery for the use of the Board, also a tin dispatch box for the custody of records.

That the Collector be instructed to collect the arrears of rates due to the Board for the year 1876/77.
Board adjourned to the 13th November 1876.

LOWER HUTT LOCAL BOARD.

REPAIRS OF ROADS.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to noon of WEDNESDAY, 15th NOVEMBER, 1876, for the repairs of the roads numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, in the Lower Hutt Local Board District, for the period commencing 21st November, 1876, and ending 21st September, 1878.

The several roads to be tendered for separately.

Specifications can be seen at Valentine's Railway Hotel, Lower Hutt, and any further information will be afforded on application to Mr. James M'Kenzie, Clerk to the Board.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily to be accepted.

HENRY JACKSON,
Chairman Lower Hutt Local Board.
25th October.

Evening Post 25 Oct 1876

1876 Nov 13 Present – H. Jackson, Chairman; J. White, N. Valentine
The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed

The Chairman laid before the Board the Circular letter from the Under Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office dated 06 November 1876 enclosing instructions for the future guidance of the Board consequent on the abolition of the Provinces, and the undermentioned Acts passed in the Sessions of Parliamentary recently concluded viz The Rating Act, The Regulation of Social Elections Act, The Public Works Act, The Financial Arrangements Act

The following resolutions were passed:
That the Chairman endeavour to obtain copies of the above mentioned Acts for the several members of the Board

That tenders be called for in the Evening Post for a Valuer to undertake the assessment of the District under the provisions of the Rating Act 31 October 1876

That the grass on all sides of the footpath between Cudby's bridge and Valentines Hotel be cut down and the pathway cleared
That the sum of £4 6s be paid to the Evening Post for advertisements
That the unexpired period for Mr R. G. Robert's slaughterhouse license be transferred to Mr Cox
That the Collector and Clerk to the Board be paid one quarter's salary ending the 31st October 1876
The board adjourned to 30 November 1876

1876 Nov 30 Present – H. Jackson, Chairman; J. Knight, J. White
The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed

The following tenders for the maintenance of the Local Roads in the District were opened
W. R. Welch £165 for the whole; C. Maidment £278 for the whole or separately No.1 Road £130, No.2 Road £50, No.3 Road £40, No.4 Road £10, No.5 Road £36, No.6 Road £4, No.7 Road £6 – total £276; V. C. Ransom for No.3 Road £100; A. Edwards for No.1 Road £129; G. Cooley for No.3 Road £100

Proposed White, Seconded Knight – that the tender of W. R. Welch for the maintenance of all the roads in the district during the period commencing 20th November 1876 and ending 20 September 1878 for the sum of £165 be accepted conditionally on the Contractor signing the usual legal documents – carried

Proposed White, Seconded Knight – that Mr J. Hale be appointed Valuer for the Local Board District under the conditions of the "Rating Act" 1876. Remuneration of £10 – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded White – that tenders be called for keeping the footpath in repairs for one year – carried
Board adjourned till January 8th, 1877

1877 Jan 08 Present – H. Jackson, Chairman; J. Knight, W. A. Fitzherbert, J. White, N. Valentine
The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed

The following bills were ordered to be paid: Lyon & Blair for stationery etc £4 13s 6d; Evening Post £5 (including £4 6s ordered to be paid 13 November 1876); G. Scadden for cutting grass on footpath £2; J. Cudby for metalling No.7 Road £3 – total £14 13s 6d

Proposed Fitzherbert, Seconded Valentine – that the Chairman write to the Telegraph manager to request that the Telegraph post in front of the Post Office be removed from the footpath, the same being dangerous to passengers – carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded W. A. Fitzherbert – that sites desirable, so soon as sufficient funds are available, to proceed with the formation of a Footpath on the North side of the Main Road from the Hutt Bridge to correspond with the present formed footpath; also that provision be made to carry off the water from the Main road along the footpath – carried

A letter from the Chairman of the Central Board of Health with accompanying papers were laid before the Board.
Board adjourned till Monday 15 January 1877

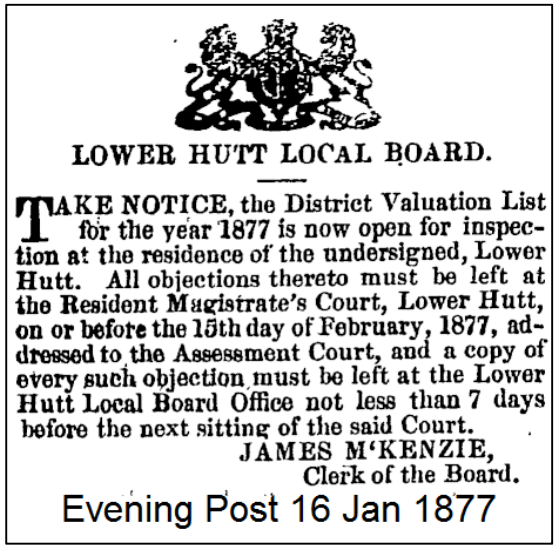
1877 Jan 15 Present – H. Jackson, Chairman; J. Knight, W. A. Fitzherbert, J. White, N. Valentine
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The District valuation list for the year 1877 was received from Mr Joseph Hall, Valuer for the District under the provisions of the Rating Act 1876.

Proposed Fitzherbert, Seconded White – that the Valuation list now received be deposited for Public information at the Residence of Mr James McKenzie, Clerk of the Board, Lower Hutt, and that the necessary notices be given in accordance with clause 12 of the Rating Act 1876 – carried

The following account was ordered to be paid – the Highways District Board £4 1s 3d being one half the cost of repairs of the office.

Messrs Fitzherbert & Valentine reported having examined the newly formed footpath, with the view of taking over the same from the Contractors. They find that several holes in the footpath require filling up with gravel, and generally that the gravel requires to be sloped off towards the road. A list of extras was also submitted of work performed by the Contractor amounting to £20 17s and also a sum of £7 chargeable to the owners of property adjacent to the footpath for the formation of crossing culverts. A further sum of £20 was also suggested as expedient to be spent in further securing the south side of the footpath.



LOWER HUTT LOCAL BOARD.

TAKE NOTICE, the District Valuation List for the year 1877 is now open for inspection at the residence of the undersigned, Lower Hutt. All objections thereto must be left at the Resident Magistrate's Court, Lower Hutt, on or before the 15th day of February, 1877, addressed to the Assessment Court, and a copy of every such objection must be left at the Lower Hutt Local Board Office not less than 7 days before the next sitting of the said Court.

JAMES M'KENZIE,
Clerk of the Board.

Evening Post 16 Jan 1877

Resolved that the Contractors be required to fill up the top dressing of the footpath according to the specifications. That the sum of £28 7s be authorised to be paid for the extras, on the contractor fulfilling the above mentioned conditions; of which the sum of £7 10s be charged to the owners of property for the culvert crossings opposite their houses. And that a sum not exceeding £20 be expended in further securing the South side of the footpath.

Mr James McKenzie, Clerk of the Board, applied for a slight increase to his present salary of £24 10s in consideration of extra duties having been imposed upon him as Inspector of nuisances. The Chairman informed Mr McKenzie that the Board would take this matter into consideration and inform him further at the next meeting.

The Chairman informed the Board that consequent on having received intimations from the Surveyor General directing all officers in the Survey Department to resign any offices which they now hold under road boards &c he is compelled to tender his resignation as Chairman of this Board.

Moved Knight, Seconded White – Mr N. Valentine took the Chair to preside during the election of the new Chairman

Proposed White, Seconded Knight – that Mr W. A. Fitzherbert be elected Chairman of the Board vice H. Jackson resigned – carried unanimously.

Mr W. A. Fitzherbert having taken the chair
Proposed Valentine, Seconded Knight – that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr Henry Jackson, the late Chairman for the very efficient manner in which he has carried on the business of the Board.

Board adjourned until Saturday 20 January 1877

1877 Jan 20 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; J. White, N. Valentine
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letter read from Clerk of Hutt County Council requesting an estimate of the footpath expenditures for the current year, also a copy of the Valuation list to be forwarded as soon as convenient.

Proposed White, Seconded Valentine – that this matter do stand over until the next meeting of the board – carried

Proposed White, Seconded Valentine – that the salary of Mr J. McKenzie be raised from £24 10s per annum to £30 per annum – carried

Board adjourned until Saturday 27th January 1877 at 7.30 p.m.

1877 Jan 27 Present – Mr W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; N. Valentine, J. White
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that the Chairman supply the information required by the County Council – carried
Board adjourned until further notice

1877 Mar 12 Present – Mr W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman, N. Valentine, J. White, J. Knight, Dr Wilford
The minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

The Board proceeded to read and consider the various objections to the Valuation list.
No.1 G. Scadden – Board oppose objection
No.2 Capt Hewitt – Board oppose objection
No.3 Joseph Fry – Board allow reduction
No.4 John White – Board agree to reduce Mr White's valuation from £68 to £50 as they consider he is over rated
No.5 R. F. Petterd's objections; the Board has no objection to have the name of R. F. Petterd substituted for John Martin and will also allow a reduction of £13. The valuation the same to be charged to James J. Frazer for Cottage and Land
No.6 Andrew Andersen – Board oppose any reduction
No.7 G. McIlvride – Board agree to a reduction of £9
No.8 J. T. Weston – Board oppose reduction and are of opinion the valuation is far too low, and recommend that it be raised to £10
No.9 Henry Robertson – the name of John White should be substituted for Robertson as Robertson's lease has expired some time ago. Board recommend that the valuation be reduced to £18
No.10 Henry Robertson – the name of W. C. Devereux should be substituted. Henry Robertson's lease having expired. Board recommend a reduction to £20 as annual value.

The following have been omitted from the Valuation list; and which the Board recommend should be added viz George Scrimshaw for House and land rented from Hon W. Fitzherbert annual value £20; James Scrimshaw for House and land rented from W. Abbott annual value £16; Thomas Bennett for House and land rented from J. Fry annual value £8

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that no action be taken with respect of forming the footpath on the north side of the road until after the meeting of the Hutt County Council – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded White – that the Collector be instructed to write to the various defaulters requesting payment of rates and if not paid within seven days they will be summoned to appear at the Resident Magistrate Court.

Board adjourned at 10 p.m.

1877 no date Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; N. Valentine, J. White, J. Knight, Dr Wilford
The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed
Treasurer reported that the two cheques paid into Bank drawn by the Revd Father Petit Jean and paid by him on account of rates had been returned, the Revd Father having died before his cheque was presented. Resolved that the Chairman write to the Roman Catholic Bishop respecting same.

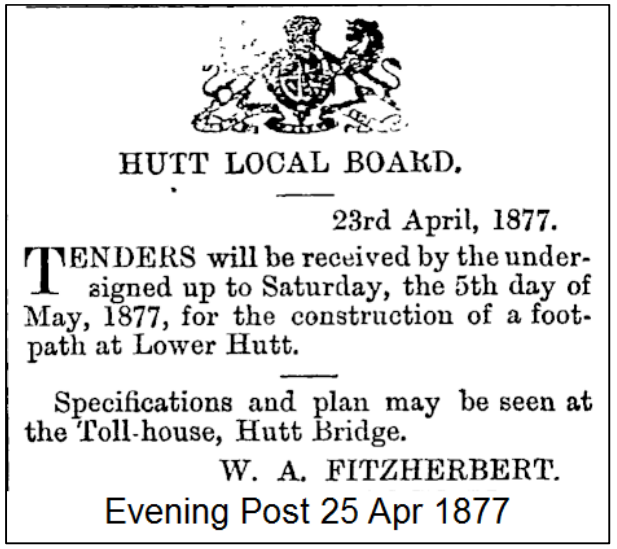
Proposed White, Seconded Knight – that Messrs Hart & Buckleys account be paid - carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that E. Hort's account be paid - carried

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight - that Messrs Sinclair account for timber be paid – carried

Proposed White, Seconded Knight – the… account for stamps oil &c be paid – carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded White – that Mr Hall's account for Valuation be paid – carried



HUTT LOCAL BOARD.

23rd April, 1877.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to Saturday, the 5th day of May, 1877, for the construction of a footpath at Lower Hutt.

Specifications and plan may be seen at the Toll-house, Hutt Bridge.

W. A. FITZHERBERT.

Evening Post 25 Apr 1877

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that Mr Fitzherbert be authorised to have the necessary repairs done in connection with the Bridge near Kavanaghs

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Valentine – that tenders be called for forming about 20 chains of footpath on the north side of Main Road … for Mr W. C. Devereux's shop – carried

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that Mr Pott's rate be remitted – carried

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that Mr Valentine be authorised to expend the sum of £2 in having the footpath cleared and the grass mown – carried

1877 May 10 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, J. White, J. Knight
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The tenders for forming a footpath on north side of Main road were opened – Informal F. Bassett £134 7s 6d; Accepted W. R. Welch £150 15s

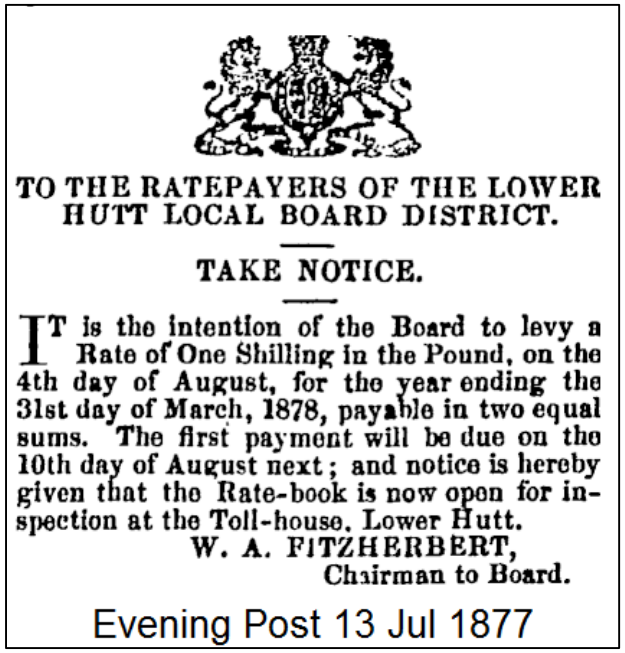
Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that the Chairman be authorised to have the necessary repairs done to the Bridge near Kavanaghs – carried

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that the Lower Hutt Local Board agree to levy a rate of 1s in the £ for the year ending 31 March 1878 – carried

Proposed White, Seconded Knight – that the Chairman write to Mr John Martin informing him that the Lower Hutt Local Board have entered into a contract for the construction of a footpath on the north side of the Hutt Road and request him to have his buildings which are encroaching upon the Main Road removed within 8 weeks from this date – carried

Resolved that the Chairman acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Colonial Secretary respecting the alterations

Proposed White, Seconded Knight – that the salary of the Collector be paid for the quarter ending the 30th April 1877 – carried



TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE LOWER HUTT LOCAL BOARD DISTRICT.

TAKE NOTICE.

IT is the intention of the Board to levy a Rate of One Shilling in the Pound, on the 4th day of August, for the year ending the 31st day of March, 1878, payable in two equal sums. The first payment will be due on the 10th day of August next; and notice is hereby given that the Rate-book is now open for inspection at the Toll-house, Lower Hutt.

W. A. FITZHERBERT,
Chairman to Board.

Evening Post 13 Jul 1877

Evening Post 02 Aug 1877 Wellington District Highway Board
… Mr Speedy called the attention of the Board to the fact that the Hutt Local Board had carried away the shingle from White's Line, and asked the Engineer if he had given his permission. The Engineer replied that he merely told the Local Board's Surveyor that he could take any shingle away provided nobody objected. He did not anticipate his taking this; but there was quite sufficient left to repair the road for another twelve months…

1877 Aug 06 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; J. Knight, N. Valentine
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Chairman read the correspondence between himself and Mr J. Martin respecting the removal of his building which is upon the Main Road. It was asked that the Chairman place the correspondence before the Chairman of the Hutt County Council for his opinion.

With respect to the letter from W. Hickson Esq., requesting the Board to assist in widening and otherwise improving the road towards the racecourse; it was resolved that at present the Board is not in a position to undertake the work; also that the major portion of the road in question is out of the Local Board District.

The following accounts were passed for payment – Contract W. R. Welch £151 15s; Carting metal R. Apps £6 18s; Labor W. Swafford 7s 6d; Advertisement notices Evening Post £3 5s; Timber Messrs Sinclair £19 19s; Advertising Evening Argus 11s; Rent Odd Fellows lodge £5; Labour in constructing new bridge near Kavanaghs £21 7s 5d; Collector's Salary 7s 10d

It was resolved that Mr Valentine be authorised to have the turnstyles put into thorough repair

1877 Aug 09 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; J. Knight, Dr Wilford
The Chairman explained that he had laid the correspondence between himself and Mr J. Martin before the Chairman of County Council and he is of opinion that the Board had better again write requesting Mr Martin to remove the Buildings before taking any further steps.

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that the necessary steps be taken for the election of a member to fill the vacancy caused by the seat of Mr White becoming vacant and that Mr McKenzie be returning officer

NOTICE.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE LOWER HUTT LOCAL BOARD DISTRICT.

AN Election will be held at the Mechanics' Institute, Lower Hutt, on FRIDAY, the 24th day of AUGUST, 1877, at Noon, in accordance with the Local Boards Act, 1873, for the return of one duly qualified Person to serve as Commissioner for the Lower Hutt Local Board District, vice John White, disqualified.

In the event of a Poll being demanded, it will be taken on Saturday, the 25th, commencing at 9 a.m. and closing at 4 p.m.

JAS. M'KENZIE,
Returning Officer.

Lower Hutt, 10th August, 1877.

Evening Post 11 Aug 1877

1877 Nov 23	Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; J. Knight, Dr Wilford, S. Smith Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid – T. Fleet 10s; A. Collett £2 2s; W. Wallis £7 5s; R. Cleland £1 2s; W. R. Welch £12 1s 3d; Proprietors Evening Post £2 3s 9d Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that the sum of £70 be paid to Mr Welch on account of his Contract for repairs Proposed Smith, Seconded Knight – that Dr Wilford and Mr Knight wait upon Messrs … and Frethey with a view to having their fences removed so as to widen the road to the Racecourse Resolved that the Chairman acknowledge receipt of Mr Hickson's letter and state that the Board will endeavour to carry out the request contained in his letters Resolved that the Chairman consult a Lawyer respecting the encroachment by Mr J. Martin upon the Main Road Resolved that the Collectors salary be paid – also £2 2s (for acting as returning officer at the last elections

1877 Nov 29 Valentine

Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, J. Knight, S. Smith, N. Valentine

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

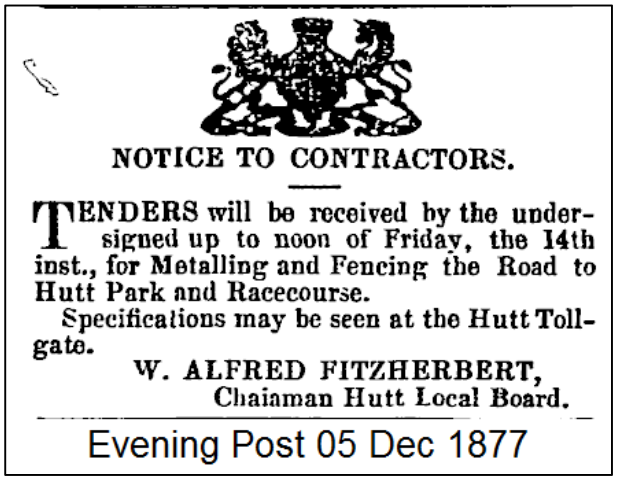
Resolved that the offer of Mr West with respect to the removal of his fence be accepted viz "that Mr West find the material for a new fence and the Board… the same on the proper line."

Resolved that the Chairman do write to the Secretarys of the… Agricultural Society, Jockey Club, Chairman of Highway Board and Chairman of Hutt Park Trustees requesting the various bodies to contribute towards the improvements of the road to Race Course

Resolved that the Chairman call for tenders for executing the necessary work &c on Road to Hutt Park and Race Course

Resolved that the Bank account be removed from the Wellington Branch of the Bank of New Zealand to the Hutt Branch.

Resolved that the sum of £10 be spent in repairing the road leading to Alicetown
Resolved that Legal Proceedings be at once taken against Mr J. Martin in re buildings upon Main Road



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Friday, the 14th inst., for Metalling and Fencing the Road to Hutt Park and Racecourse.

Specifications may be seen at the Hutt Tollgate.

W. ALFRED FITZHERBERT,
Chairman Hutt Local Board.

Evening Post 05 Dec 1877

1877 Dec 15

Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, J. Knight, S. Smith, N. Valentine
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The tender of F. Bassett was accepted for the formation, metalling and fencing road leading to Race Course - £42 12s

Resolved that the Board meet on Thursday evening the 20th instant for the purpose of revising the valuation for the Lower Hutt Local Board District

1877 Dec 20 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, J. Knight, S. Smith, N. Valentine
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The board went through the valuation list and made sundry alterations to list
Resolved that Mr J. McKenzie be instructed to prepare a revised list and insert the necessary notices in newspapers – and also to extend assessment court in the capacity of Valuations.

1878 Jan 26 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, N. Valentine, S. Smith, J. Knight

Proposed Valentine, Seconded Knight – that the following accounts be paid – F. Bassett £93 1s; R. Apps £8; T. Mills £3; Cleland £1 2s

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Smith – that the Chairman be instructed to have the footpaths cleaned and metalled – carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded Knight – that the County Engineer be requested to take the necessary levels and prepare plans for extending the footpath up to No.1 Road near Cooley's property.

Proposed Valentine, Seconded Knight – that the Clerk be instructed to make a copy of the rate book for Hutt County Council – carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded Smith – that Mr McKenzie's salary up to date be paid – carried

LOWER HUTT LOCAL BOARD DISTRICT.

TAKE NOTICE.

THE Valuation List for the above District for the year 1878 is now open for inspection at the Toll-gate house, Lower Hutt. All objections thereto must be left at the Court House, Hutt, on or before the 15th day of February, addressed to the Assessment Court, and a copy of every such objection must be left at the Local Board Office, Lower Hutt, not less than seven days before the sitting of the said Court.

JAMES M'KENZIE,
Clerk L.H.L.B.
Lower Hutt, 15th January, 1878.

Evening Post 17 Jan 1878

1878 May 07 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, N. Valentine, S. Smith, J. Knight
Proposed Wilford, Seconded Valentine – that the following accounts be paid – Douglass £1 1s labour; Bissett £1 1s labour; Mills £1 8s labour; Apps 12s labour; Proprietors Evening Post £7 3s 9d; McKenzie one quarter's salary £7 10s; the copy of Valuation list £1 1s – carried

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Smith – that the petition presented to this Board by Mr Knight be referred to the Chairman and councillors at their next meeting for the purpose of getting the opinion of that body relative to taking over the road leading from the main road to Stuartville – carried

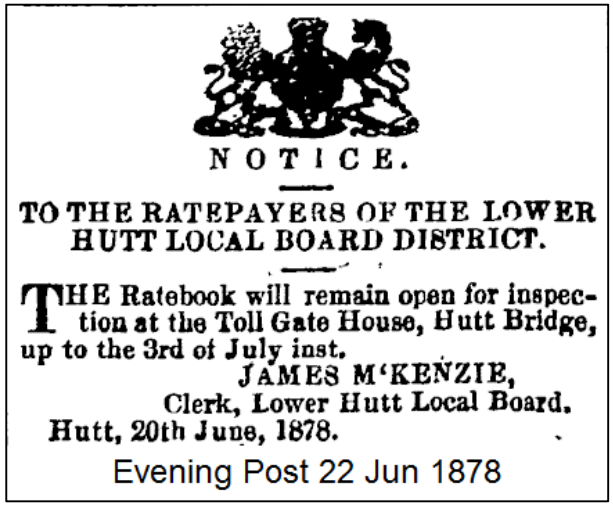
Proposed Wilford, Seconded Valentine – that a rate of 1s in the £ be struck for the years 1878 to 30 March 1879 – carried
Mr McKenzie was instructed by the Board to summon all defaulters forthwith

1878 May 29 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, N. Valentine, S. Smith, J. Knight
Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

Proposed Valentine, Seconded Knight – that the sum of £30 be paid to W. R. Welch on account of his contract repairs of roads – carried

The following tenders were received for constructing 39 chains of footpath – Valentine & Estavenaux £870; Justinian Powell £322; James McColl £258; Patrick Scalley £307 18s; Powell & Bassett £246 17s 6d; Collie & Scott £193 6s; W. R. Welch £327 9s; J. & T. Simson £389 10s – Messrs Collie & Scott being the lowest account was proposed by Dr Wilford, seconded by N. Valentine that their tender be accepted.

1878 Jun 05 A meeting of the Lower Hutt Local Board was held today at the Lower Hutt. Present: Messrs T. Mason (chairman), Dick, Taylor, Bayliss, and Speedy. Accounts amounting to £364 2s 11d were passed for payment. A rate of 1s in the £1 was struck for the ensuing year. The tender of Mr H. Campbell, for covering the duck pond bridge, was accepted, for the sum of £25. The Board, finding it necessary to reduce the expenditure, resolved to dismiss a number of hands, together with the present overseer, each warden undertaking to take charge of the roads in his particular ward. (*Evening Post 05 Jun 1878)*



NOTICE.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE LOWER HUTT LOCAL BOARD DISTRICT.

THE Ratebook will remain open for inspection at the Toll Gate House, Hutt Bridge, up to the 3rd of July inst.

JAMES M'KENZIE,
Clerk, Lower Hutt Local Board.
Hutt, 20th June, 1878.

Evening Post 22 Jun 1878

1878 Jul 13 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, S. Smith, J. Knight
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. A letter was read from E. J. Riddiford Esq., requesting the Board to cut a drain along the road at Waiwetu and also requesting that the drain near his property at Waiwetu viz between the hedge and road be cleaned out and deepened. Messrs Smith, Knight and the Chairman were appointed to inspect and report at next meeting – carried

Proposed Smith, Seconded Wilford – that the road drain be cleaned out and deepened along the main Hutt road, from Mr Johnston's at Park Vale up to Parker's… the Chairman to ascertain whether the County Council will undertake or contribute towards the cost of the work – carried

Proposed Smith, Seconded Knight – that a progress payment be made to Messrs Collie & Scott in the sum of £60 on account of their contract for forming footpath – carried

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that the necessary repairs be made to the Bridge leading down to McLaggan's – carried

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1878 Aug 16 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, J. Knight, S. Smith, N. Valentine
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed

Proposed Knight, Seconded Smith – that a drain be dug along the main Waiwetu road parallel to the present drain and 4 feet away from Mr Riddiford's hedge, the drain to start at the third river and extend 2 chain round the corner of Mr Riddiford's field; provided Mr Riddiford contributes one half the cost; the material taken from drains to be used for filling up the present drain – carried

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Smith – that a sum not exceeding £40 be expended in clearing out the road drain starting at the culvert at Mrs Johnson's and extending up to Parker's corner and that the necessary pipes for culverts be procured – carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded Wilford – that a pipe drain be put across the main Hutt Road from Devereux fence to corner of Parker's road - carried

Proposed Valentine, Seconded Wilford – that a pipe drain be put from kerbing near Brown's new shop to river – carried
Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that the sum of £75 be paid to Messrs Collis Scott & Co on account of contract – carried

The following accounts were passed for payment – Evening Argus £1 12s; J. Cudby, carting £8 11s; Evening Post £2 10s; Lyon & Blair subject to reduction £8 12s 6d; Travers & Olivier 14s 2d; Collis Scott & Co £75

1878 Sep 17	Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, J. Knight, S. Smith Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Letter from Captain Mowlem requesting the Board to clear out drain in front of his houses in Waiwetu road – ordered to stand over. Letter read from Messrs Collis Scott & Co requesting the Board to take over the footpath – ordered to be left to Engineer to arrange. Letter from Mrs L. Johnson read. Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that the Chairman write to Mrs Johnston stating that the Board are willing to close up the present drain leading into her property so soon as a drain can be cut along roadside to carry off the water, which they intend doing as soon as possible. Accounts passed – Waddell McLeod £30 14s; J. Cudby, cartage £6 12s Proposed Smith, Seconded Knight – that the pipe drain be continued on from As… along road and through Church property into the natural water course
1878 Nov 11	Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, J. Knight, S. Smith Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed Proposed Wilford, Seconded Smith – that the following accounts be paid – Waddle McLeod & Co £48 8s 6d; J. Cudby £1 16s Proposed Smith, Seconded Wilford – that the tender of Richard Apps be accepted viz £12 for repairing footpath from corner of Waiwetu Road to Parker's Road Proposed Wilford, Seconded Smith – that J. McKenzie be appointed valuator and that the Board met on Monday the 18th instant to revise the valuation list Proposed Wilford, Seconded Smith – that J. McKenzie's salary for the quarter ending 31st October be paid

1878 no date Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, N. Valentine, J. Knight, S. Smith
The Board met pursuant to notice to revise the valuation list. The whole of the roll having been carefully looked into sundry alterations were made and the clerk was instructed to prepare a clean copy

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Valentine – that Mr McKenzie be appointed valuator – carried
The tender of R. Apps was accepted for repairs of the footpath for the sum of £12

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that the regular monthly meeting of the Board be held at the office of the Board on the first Monday in the month at 8 p.m. - carried

1878 Dec 02 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; James Knight, S. Smith
Letter read from J. Sperry, land tax commissioner, requesting the Board to furnish copy of the valuation list. Resolved that Mr McKenzie furnish a copy of Roll

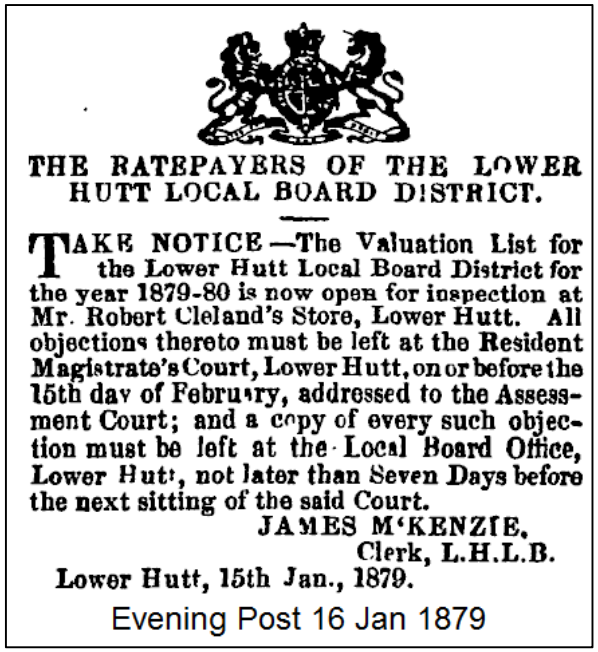
Proposed Smith, Seconded Knight – that the sum of £12 be paid to R. Apps being the amount of his contract for repairs to the footpath

1879 Jan 06 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, S. Smith
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Mr Devereux “Butcher” attended to complain that as no other butchers in the Hutt County pay a slaughtering license he should be exempt. Proposed Wilford, Seconded Smith – that for the future the Board will not insist upon the payment of the slaughterhouse license – carried

Mr Speedy waited upon the Board for the purpose of asking assistance towards opening up a road leading from the Hutt River band to join on to the Hutt Western line. Resolved that the board is willing to assist provided the road in question is of the proper width laid down by law.

The Collector was requested to lose no time in collecting in all the outstanding rates



THE RATEPAYERS OF THE LOWER HUTT LOCAL BOARD DISTRICT.

TAKE NOTICE—The Valuation List for the Lower Hutt Local Board District for the year 1879-80 is now open for inspection at Mr. Robert Cleland's Store, Lower Hutt. All objections thereto must be left at the Resident Magistrate's Court, Lower Hutt, on or before the 15th day of February, addressed to the Assessment Court; and a copy of every such objection must be left at the Local Board Office, Lower Hutt, not later than Seven Days before the next sitting of the said Court.

JAMES M'KENZIE,
Clerk, L.H.L.B.

Lower Hutt, 15th Jan., 1879.

Evening Post 16 Jan 1879

1879 Feb 03 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; J. Knight, S. Smith
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Mr McKenzie, "Collector", stated that he had collected the sum of £40 10s which amount was burnt in the fire which destroyed his house on the night of Saturday the 1st instant. It was resolved to call a special meeting of the Board for Tuesday evening the 11th instant at 7.30 p.m.

Evening Post 03 Feb 1879 Fatal Fire at the Taita – Child burned to death

Between 10 and 11 o'clock on Saturday night, a seven-roomed house and shop at the Taita, occupied by Mr James McKenzie, shoemaker, was destroyed by fire. Mr McKenzie was melting some wax in the shop, all the children (seven in number) being in bed, when the kerosene lamp, by the light of which he was working, suddenly exploded. The burning oil spread rapidly, and though Mr McKenzie took off his coat and tried to beat out the flames he soon saw that his efforts were utterly useless. He then run up-stairs and called the children. Two of the boys jumped from the bedroom window, and the third from a sky-light, all alighting without injury. Mr McKenzie seized the baby, aged about 12 months, and the second child, and rushed downstairs, followed by the third little girl. All escaped without injury, when Mr McKenzie suddenly recollected that his daughter Alice, aged four years, was still in the burning house. She was sleeping by herself in a small room, and in the confusion of the moment had been forgotten. Mr McKenzie again rushed into the house, but was obliged by the flames and smoke to return, and Mr Tom Avery also made a brave attempt to rescue the child. Seeing that it was impossible to get upstairs, Mr McKenzie borrowed a ladder from Mr Cleland, storekeeper, and tried to effect an entrance through an upper window, but his neighbours, seeing that he would meet with certain death if he entered the room (for the whole house was by this time a mass of flame), persuaded him to desist from the attempt, and the poor child was left to her fate. The flame spread so rapidly that none of the furniture except a chair and a mattress could be saved, and from the first it was a hopeless task to endeavour to save the premises, though there was a plentiful supply of water and the willing neighbours mustered in strong force. In less than half an hour the house was burned to the ground. The efforts of the brothers Avery should be specially mentioned, for they were foremost in the attempt to save life and property. There was a strong breeze blowing diagonally across the road, and this took showers of sparks in the direction of Mr Cleland's store, which was three times set on fire, but men on the roof, with buckets of water, prevented serious injury being done. The gorse hedge also caught fire, and threatened to set alight to the adjoining cottage, but this was fortunately prevented. It was fortunate that the wind did not blow in the opposite direction, for the outbuildings attached to Mr Williams hotel almost adjoined to the burning house, and nothing could have prevented the fire spreading to the hotel. The house was the property of Mr Hughey, of Foxton, and was insured in the North British office for £200 – its full value. Mr McKenzie was not insured, and his loss will be about £150. This is the third house on the same site which has been burned down, Mr Hughey being in occupation on the two previous occasions.

Evening Post 04 Feb 1879
A curious point, which our law courts may be called upon to decide, has arisen in connection with the fire at the Taita on Saturday. Mr McKenzie, the occupier of the house which was destroyed, is clerk, collector, and inspector of nuisances to the Lower Hutt Local Board. The whole of the books of the Board were destroyed in the fire, as well as a sum of £40 in notes which belonged to the Board; and the question arises whether Mr McKenzie's surety will be responsible for the loss of the money, or whether his bond merely covered dishonesty. About two hours before the fire Mr Moss, the surety, had written a letter asking the Board to relieve him of his responsibility, and this would have gone by the first mail on Monday morning, but after the fire he destroyed it.

1879 Feb 11 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, J. Knight, S. Smith, N. Valentine
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

The present meeting was called to decide what steps were to be taken with respect to the money lost in the late fire at McKenzie's house. As Mr McKenzie, the late collector, could not give a satisfactory account of the rates collected it was resolved to employ Mr H. Mills to collect all outstanding rates and also call upon all the ratepayers and ascertain from them the date upon which they paid their rates so as to enable the Board to find out who had paid and who had not.

1879 Mar 03 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; S. Smith, J. Knight
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The Chairman read a letter from Mr J. McKenzie stating that he had paid into the Bank to credit of the Board the sum of £41 6s that being the amount supposed to have been burnt in the fire at McKenzies.

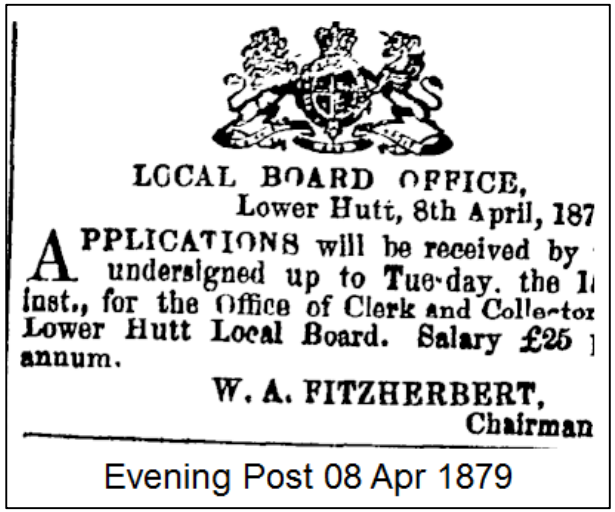
The following accounts were passed for payment – Blundell Bros £4 16s 5d; McKenzie £9 12s 6d
Board adjourned until Monday the 7th April.

Evening Post 04 Mar 1879
It will be remembered that some few weeks ago Mr James McKenzie was unfortunately burned out at the Lower Hutt. He was at the time collector of rates for the Lower Hutt Local Board, and had collected £41 6s., the whole of which was in notes, and of course was consumed by the fire. Since then the public has come forward and subscribed a considerable amount, which has enabled McKenzie to start again in business as a storekeeper, and also to pay the Board the sum of £41 6s, which was burnt. Mr McKenzie deserves warm commendation for his honourable conduct in thus coming forward and repaying the Board, as it was through no fault of his that his money was lost, and the sum subscribed was intended entirely for his personal use.

1879 Apr 15 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; James Knight, S. Smith, Dr Wilford
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The following applications were received for the office of Clerk and Collector in answer to the advertisement calling for same – Mr George Gilbert, Mr C. E. Belcher, Mr L. Hall. Proposed Knight, Seconded Smith – that the application of Mr Hall be accepted and that he be appointed Clerk and Collector from this date at a salary of £25 per annum.

The following tenders were received for forming footpath and metalling about 5 chains of road leading to Laing's – Richard Apps tender for footpath - £4 10s per chain and for metalling road £1 per chain – tender accepted



LOCAL BOARD OFFICE,
Lower Hutt, 8th April, 187

APPLICATIONS will be received by undersigned up to Tuesday, the 1 inst., for the Office of Clerk and Collector Lower Hutt Local Board. Salary £25 annum.

W. A. FITZHERBERT,
Chairman

Evening Post 08 Apr 1879

1879 May 08 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; N. Valentine, S. Smith, J. Knight, Dr Wilford
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Proposed Valentine, Seconded Knight – that the account sent in by Mr Ashton for making the valuation and rate book be paid

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Valentine – that 5 per cent be paid to Mr J. Hall as collector for the Hutt River Board rate.

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Smith – that the Chairman be authorised to arrange with R. Apps to construct the footpath from Mullins old shop to end of Cleland's garden; also to carry on present footpath from Frasers to Church gate provided arrangements can be made with Fraser with regards his fence.

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Smith – that tenders be called for the repairs of all roads within the Local Board District for 12 months

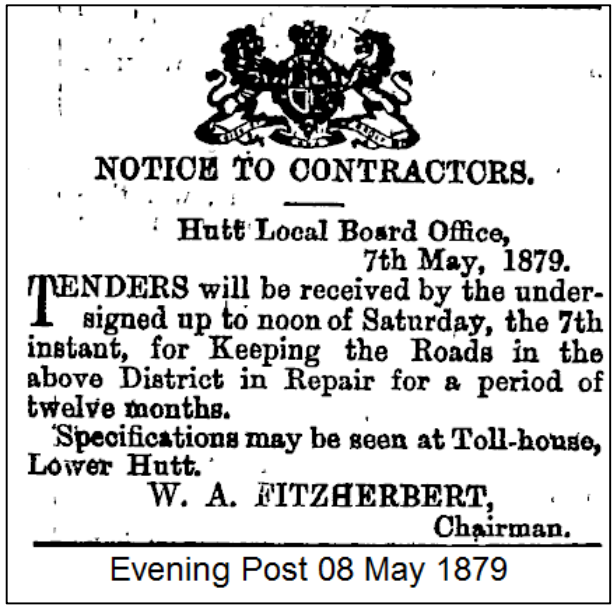
Proposed Smith, Seconded Valentine – that a sum not exceeding £10 be expended upon the road to Stuartville and that the sum of £10 be granted to open up road from Hutt River to Hutt Western road – carried

1879 May 19 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, N. Valentine, J. Knight
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Proposed Dr Wilford that a 6 inch pipe drain be put in from the main road to river at Devereux corner – carried

The following tenders were received for repairs of Local Board roads – R. Apps £195; T. Coffey £294; … Scalley, £323; W. R. Welch £225 – Proposed Wilford, Seconded Valentine – that the tender of R. Apps be accepted on his satisfying the Chairman that he intends… on the work without delay-

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that R. Apps account be paid



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Hutt Local Board Office,
7th May, 1879.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Saturday, the 7th instant, for Keeping the Roads in the above District in Repair for a period of twelve months.

Specifications may be seen at Toll-house, Lower Hutt.

W. A. FITZHERBERT,
Chairman.

Evening Post 08 May 1879

Evening Post 21 May 1879
At a meeting of the commissioners of the Lower Hutt Local Board, held on Monday last, the following tenders were sent in to the Board for maintaining the roads in the above district for a period of 12 months:- R. Apps, £195; T. Coffy, £294; P. Scolly, £323; William R. Welch, £225. The tender of Mr R. Apprs was accepted. The resolution of the Board appointing Mr Joseph Hall clerk and collector to the Board, and appointing him collector of the rates for that portion of the Hutt River Conservatory Board, situated in the Lower Hutt Local Board District, was confirmed.

1879 Jun 02 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; N. Valentine, S. Smith, J. Knight, Dr Wilford
Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Smith – that the account sent in by V. Ransom, C. Haynes be paid viz £10 4s for metalling road to Stuartville

Proposed _, Seconded _ that the offer of Withers be accepted for removing the material taken out of drains on the Waiwetu Road for the sum of £4 be accepted

1879 Jul 07 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, Samuel Smith, James Knight
In answer to a letter received from W. Jones "Clerk to Hutt County" requesting that the Local Board will take over the Charitable Aid in their District. Proposed Knight, Seconded Wilford – that the letter to stand over until next meeting of Board.

The following account was passed for payment – Proprietors Evening Post £2 1s; Wadell McLeod and Weir £5 0s 6d.
Letter read from Mr McAlister respecting the damage being done to the plantations along river bank by cattle and horses. Chairman was requested to instruct the Constable to take action in the matter.

Mr E. J. Riddiford attended on behalf of the landowners fronting Waiwetu Road. It was proposed by Dr Wilford, seconded by Smith that the board will be willing to construct a footpath from end of present footpath near Clelands to boundary line between Sinclairs and Mr Riddiford's property; provided the landowners supply the necessary drain pipes for drain near the path.

In reply to an application from Mr Riddiford requesting the Board to cut a drain at the Waiwetu along Mr Riddiford's frontage and also to fill up present drain it was proposed by Dr Wilford, seconded Knight that the Board is quite willing to undertake the work to the extent of about 15 chains provided Mr Riddiford contribute one half the cost.

Proposed Dr Wilford, seconded Knight – that the sum of £40 be paid to R. Apps on account of his contract for repairs of roads.

1879 Aug 04 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, S. Smith, James Knight
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Smith – that the Board acknowledge the letter from the Chairman of County Council respecting the Charitable Aid within the Hutt Local Board and in reply the Chairman write and inform the Council that they are willing to take over the Charitable Aid to… the Hutt Local Board District – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded Wilford – that the sum of 5s per week be paid to Mrs Tannahill from this date for the maintenance of her blind son; and that the sum of 7s 6d per week hitherto paid by the County to D. Galvin be continued by this Board – carried

Letter read from Mr Grainey requesting the Board to form the road to his property – it was resolved that Dr Wilford and Mr Smith visit the road in question and report at the next meeting.

Proposed Knight, Seconded Smith – that the following account be paid – one quarter's salary to J. Hall up to 15 July £6 5s and Sundries Hall 13s 2d; Js Hall collecting river rate £7 13s 2d; Lyon & Blair £4 7s 3d; J. Cudby, cartage £3 3s 2d; J. & D. Sinclair, timber £7 13s; Js Browne, carpenter £2 4s; G. Scadden, labour £2; G. Scadden, labour £2 5s 6d; R. Apps, cartage £1 10s; Evening Post £2 1s; R. Apps on account of contract £20

1879 Sep 01 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, J. Knight, S. Smith
That the following accounts be passed for payment – Wilson, laying down footpath £12 15s; D. Galvin, Charitable Aid £1 10s; Tannahill, Charitable Aid £1; B. Hunter, repairs footpath £5; Niland, cutting drain £16 10s; R. Apps, instalment on Contract £37 10s

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Smith – that the sum of £6 be expended in gravelling the footpath from Valentine's to Parker's corner – carried

The Chairman was requested to ascertain whether the road line between Sections 31 & 38 was still in existence and to report at next meeting

1879 Oct 06 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, S. Smith, J. Knight
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The following accounts were passed for payment – D. Galvin £1 10s; A. Tannahill £1; J. Bell 14s; Railway Carriage 9s; Waddell McLeod & Co. £20 3s 6d

Mr Jos. Hall was appointed Returning Officer for the forthcoming election.

Evening Post 24 Oct 1879 Hutt Local Board Election
The election of the Lower Hutt Local Board was held yesterday. The nomination took place on Wednesday, when seven candidates were duly proposed and seconded. As only five Commissioners were required to form the Board a poll was demanded for Mr J. H. Baunn and took place yesterday. The Returning Officer, Mr J. Hall, then declared the following gentlemen duly elected the new Board of Commissioners:- Messrs J. H. Brann, R. Cleland, W. A. Fitzherbert, J. Knight, J. G. Wilford. The result was received with loud cheering. The newly-elected Commissioners returned thanks, and a vote of thanks was carried to the Returning Officer for the manner in which he had conducted the election, and especially for his promptitude in declaring the state of the poll.

ELECTION NOTICE.

LOWER HUTT LOCAL BOARD DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of voters qualified to vote for the election of Five Commissioners will be held at the Mechanics' Institute, Lower Hutt, on Wednesday, 22nd October, 1879, at noon.

The poll, if necessary, will be taken at the same place, on Thursday, 23rd instant, commencing at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and closing at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

JOSEPH HALL,
Returning Officer.

Local Board Office,
6th October, 1879.

Evening Post 09 Oct 1879

1879 Nov 03 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, J. Knight, R. Cleland, J. Brown
This being a meeting of the newly elected Board of Commissioners it was necessary to elect a Chairman. Mr W. A. Fitzherbert was unanimously elected Chairman. The minutes of last meeting were then read and confirmed.

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cleland – that the following sums be passed for payment – D. Galvin £1 10s; A. Tannahill £1; G. McIlvride 19s 6d; Institute £1; Jos. Hall, salary £6 5s; Returning officer £2 2s; J. Hall, carpenter £3 12s; D. Escocot? £2 6s 6d; R. Apps £10 16s; Devine, labourer £6 6s 9d; J. Bell £6 19s 9d – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Brown – that in future in employing carts the rate of pay to be as follows – Horse & cart & man 12s; Horse & cart & boy 10s; and for labourers 6s 6d per day – carried

The application of Mr Riddiford was taken into consideration and the Board agreed to allow half the cost of clearing out drain provided the whole did not cost more than 7s per chain – carried

1879 Dec 01 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, J. Knight, R. Cleland, J. Brown
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

J. Cudby £12; Evening Post £2 17s 6d; Waddell & Co 6s; Jos. Bell £2 18s 6d; D. Galvin £1 10s; C. Tannahill £1; Stamps 12s; R. Apps £4; Jos. Bell £2 18s 6d; Jos. Hall £6; Sundries 6s 10d – total £24 1s 4d. The accounts as read were passed for payment.

The application of T. Jule was considered and the Board decided it was not within their power to do anything in the matter.
Proposed Cleland, Seconded Brown – that the drain at the back of properties from the R. C. Chapel to Mr Bunny's be cleared out.

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Cleland – that the footpath be extended from Parker's corner up to the Black Bridge, on condition that the owners of the frontages pay the cost of drain pipes

Proposed Brown, Seconded Cleland – that the Chairman write to R. Apps, instructing him to have the necessary repairs and to the roads under his charge as contractor giving him seven days in which to do the work, otherwise the Board will cause the necessary repairs to be executed and charge him with the cost.

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that the drain along Main Road from Black Bridge to Captain Hewitt be cleaned out and deepened provided the County contribute half the cost.

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Wilford – that the Chairman ascertain whether the red gravel can be procured at a reasonable rate
Proposed Wilford, Seconded Cleland – that a pipe drain be put across the Main Road, between Mr Brown's and Coolie's

1880 Jan 05 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Dr Wilford, James Knight, R. Cleland, J. Brown
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. An agreement was read by the Chairman from the property owners between Parker's land and the Scotch Church, agreeing to find the necessary drain pipes for the footpath.

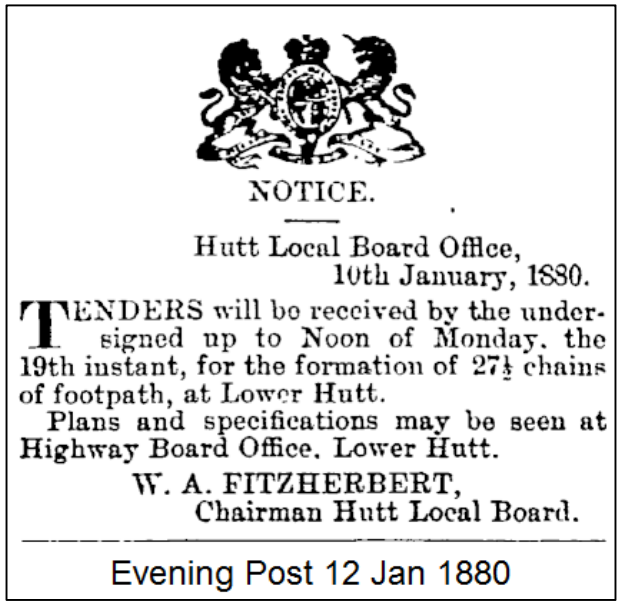
A letter was received from the Rev George Grant stating that he did not require the drain pipes beyond Dr Wilford's property

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Brown – that gratings be put in at the end of the drains so as to prevent rubbish getting into the pipes – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that tenders be called for extending the footpath from Parker's lane to the Scotch Manse. The Board to find the timber and the property owners the drain pipes.

The following accounts were passed for payment – Buy Brothers £8 12s
The Chairman was requested to write to J. Cudby and request him to keep his cattle and horses off the footpath

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Cleland – that the Chairman ascertain whether Mr Kelham would be willing to allow the Local Board to make a footpath from the end of present path to the… hedge opposite him and of path on the south side



NOTICE.

Hutt Local Board Office,
10th January, 1880.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to Noon of Monday, the 19th instant, for the formation of 27½ chains of footpath, at Lower Hutt.

Plans and specifications may be seen at Highway Board Office, Lower Hutt.

W. A. FITZHERBERT,
Chairman Hutt Local Board.

Evening Post 12 Jan 1880

Dr Wilford reported to the Board that he had received a message from Captain Mowlem… Mr Duncan Sinclair, stating that Captain Mowlem was willing to allow the path to be made along his frontage allowing the Board to go… feet into his land provided they erect a new fence

1880 Jan 19	Present – W. A. Fitzherber, Chairman; Dr Wilford, James Knight, R. Cleland, J. Brown Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The following tenders were opened for formation of footpath – R. Lyon £4 9s 6d per chain; W. F. Oakes £4 13s 6d; Jos. Fleet £6 10s; Wilmshurst & Co £10 Proposed Wilford, Seconded Brown – that the tender of R. Lyon be accepted – carried Proposed Cleland, Seconded Wilford – that the Board meet again on the usual night for the purpose of going over the valuation list and that Mr Hall be appointed Valuator – carried The following accounts were passed for payment – Jos. Hall £8 5s 6d; A. Collett £1 9s
1880 Feb 02	Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, J. H. Brown, J. Knight Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed Proposed Knight, Seconded Brown – that the following accounts be passed for payment – carried – D. Galvin £1 10s; Tannahill £1; Jos. Bell £3 18s; R. Hunter £5; J. Daine £4 9s After which the Board went through the Valuation Roll and for 1880 & 1881 and … the same

1880 Mar 01	Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Dr Wilford, R. Cleland, J. H. Brown The following accounts were passed for payment – D. Galvin £1 10s; E. Tannahill £1; Jos. Bell £7 9s 6d; Robinson Timber £68 5s; R. Lyon £70; Devine 6s 6d – total £148 11s. Proposed Brown, Seconded Cleland – that the accounts as read be passed – carried Proposed Cleland, Seconded Wilford – that the culvert between G. McIlvride's & S. Smith's be replaced by a pipe drain unless the present culvert will stand removing. Proposed Wilford, Seconded Cleland – that a committee be appointed to arrange with Mr Riddiford as to widening the Lower Waiwetu Road the expenditure not to exceed £25. Committee to meet on Saturday next at 3.45 and to consist of Dr Wilford, R. Cleland and the Chairman. The Committee met on the Monday following but Mr Riddiford did not attend it was therefore resolved that the Board agree to pay to Mr Riddiford the sum of £25 provided he removes the material taken out of the drains and places it alongside of road so as widen it in a uniform manner
1880 Apr 05	Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, R. Cleland, Jos. Knight Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Proposed Knight, Seconded Wilford – that a rate of one shilling in the £ be levied for the year 1880 & 1881 – carried Proposed Cleland, Seconded Wilford – that a man be employed to put the roads in order the cost of same to be deducted from any monies which may be due or become due to the contractor: a notice to be sent to contractor informing him of the same Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that Mr S. Smith be authorised to supervise the work in putting in the culvert across the road between S. Smith's property and the adjoining land owned by G. McIlvride The following accounts were passed for payment – R. Lyon £83 19s 10d; J. Bell £1 19s; D. Galvin £1 10s; J. Tannahill £1; J. Devine 6s 6s; J. Hall £13 7s; Waddell McLeod £41 15s; Evening Post £5 1s 9d; New Zealand Times £2 5s

1880 May 03	Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, J. H. Brown, R. Cleland, J. Knight Proposed Brown, Seconded Cleland – that the resolution passed at last meeting levying a rate of one shilling in the £ be confirmed and that the clerk be instructed to put the necessary notices in the newspapers – carried Proposed Brown, Seconded Knight – that Mr Cleland be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding 10s in deepening the mouth of drain at the end of pipe drain – carried The following accounts were passed for payment – D. Galvin £1 10s; E. Tannahill £1; S. Smith £1 13s – total £5 3s
1880 Jun 07	Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Dr Wilford, R. Cleland Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Chairman had a letter from J. W. Jordan complaining that the creek at the back of his property is used as a right of way and asking whether there is a right of way or not. The Chairman was requested to write informing Mr Jordan that there is no right of way the centre of the creek being the boundaries of the properties The following accounts were – Blundell Bros £2 5s; D. Galvin £1 10s; E. Tannahill £1 It was resolved with respect to Apps Contract that the Board deduct the sum of £15 from the amount of his contract until he completes the work to the satisfaction of the Board
1880 Jul 05	Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Dr Wilford, R. Cleland Proposed Cleland; Seconded Wilford – that the following accounts be passed for payment – D. Galvin £1 10s; E. Tannahill £1; Highway Board £3 12s; R. Apps £25 Proposed Wilford, Seconded Cleland – that the following sums be appropriated as follows and which are not to be extended – Emanuel Rosa £20; Repairs footpath £40; Riddiford £16 10s; Salaries and Charitable Aid £60; Waiwetu Road £50 – total £186 10s
1880 Aug 02	Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; James Knight, Dr Wilford, R. Cleland Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that the following accounts be passed for payment – D. Galvin £1 10s; E. Tannahill £1; J. Devine £4 11s; G. England £4 17s 6d; Cavanagh £20; R. Apps £27 4s; J. Hall £7 14s – total £66 16s 6d

1880 Sep 06 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; R. Cleland, James Knight
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The following accounts upon the motion of Cleland, seconded Knight, were passed for payment – D. Galvin £1 10s; E. Tannahill £1; J. Devine £4 4s 6d; G. England £2 12s; R. Apps £10 4s; Gregory & Co. £35; R. Hunter £2 7s

1880 Oct 04 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; R. Cleland, James Knight
The following accounts were passed for payment – E. Tannahill £1; D. Galvin £1 10s; Lyon & Blair £2 3s

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that the pipe drain from Cleland's corner to end of footpath be cleaned out: and that the footpaths be raked over and cleaned up – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that the Secretary be instructed to insert the necessary notices for the election of Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Brown – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that Mr Hall be appointed Returning officer to conduct the election

> Evening Post 20 Oct 1880
> The election of a commissioner to fill the vacancy in the Hutt Local Board took place at the Lower Hutt yesterday. There were two candidates – Messrs William Checkley Devereux and John Cudby, and the former was duly elected by a majority of one vote. The figures stood – Devereux 13; Cudby 12. It will be seen from this that there was very little interest taken the election.

1880 Nov 01 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; J. Knight, W. C. Devereux, Dr Wilford
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Proposed Devereux, Seconded Knight that the following accounts be passed for payment – E. Tannahill £1; D. Galvin £1 10s; J. Hall £8 5s 6d; G. England £2 5s

Letter read from Colonial Secretary's Office announcing that Mr W. C. Devereux has been duly elected as Commissioner of the Hutt Local Board

1880 Dec 06 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert in the chair; Dr Wilford, W. C. Devereux, J. Knight, R. Cleland
Proposed Wilford, Seconded Cleland – that the following accounts be passed for payment – E. Tannahill £1; D. Galvin £1 10s; G. McIlvride £1 9s 6d; George England £6 6s – total £10 5s 6d – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Devereux – that the necessary repairs be done to make the Bridge near McNab's secure for traffic
Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that Mr Hall be instructed to sue all Rate Defaulters after the 20th instant
Signed J. G. F. Wilford, Chairman pro tem

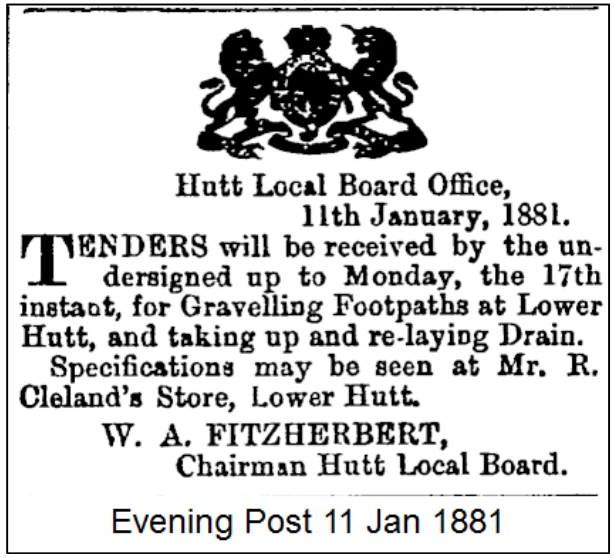
Evening Post 08 Dec 1880
The usual monthly meeting of the Hutt Local Board was held at the Toll-house on Monday evening. Present – Messrs W. A. Fitzherbert (Chairman), J. Knight, W. C. Devereux, R. Cleland and Dr Wilford. The following accounts were passed for payment:- Charitable aid £2 10s, labour for cleaning footpath, £6 6s. The chairman reported that the credit balance at the bank was only £15 16s, and the collector reported that the sum of £48 10s was still unpaid. It was therefore resolved that the clerk should insert a notice in the Evening Post requesting payment of all rates on or before the 20th instant, and legal authority was given to the collector to recover all outstanding rates after that date. Sundry repairs to McNab's bridge on the Waiwetu Road were ordered to be executed at once. An intimation was received that the general subsidy of 7s 6d in the £ on all rates paid to the 31st March last would be forthcoming in a few days. About £90 will thus be added to the funds of the Board, and it is expected that at the next meeting (3rd January) £100 will be available for further improvements to roads and footpaths.

1881 Jan 03 Present J. G. F. Wilford, Chairman pro tem; J. Knight, R. Cleland, W. C. Devereux Minutes previous meeting read and confirmed. Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that J. G. F. Wilford be Chairman in the absence of Mr W. A. Fitzherbert

Proposed Knight, Seconded Devereux – that the following accounts be passed for payment – T. Burt £2 0s 2d; G. England £1 16s; R. Cleland £2 4s 8d; E. Tannahill £1; D. Galvin £1 10s; Secretary's salary £6 5s

Proposed Devereux, Seconded Cleland – that the soil taken out of the ditch between Mr Riddiford's gate (opposite Mr Oake's new gate) and the corner of the Waiwetu road be laid up the side of the road so as to increase the width

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that tenders be called for the relaying the drain pipes opposite the property of Mr R. Cleland Lower Hutt. Also that tenders be invited for gravelling footpaths with red gravel, the quality of the gravel to be subject to the approval of the Board, the quantity to be four loads to the chain on an average: tenders to be sent in before January 17th on which date a special meeting of the Board is to be convened.



Hutt Local Board Office,
11th January, 1881.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to Monday, the 17th instant, for Gravelling Footpaths at Lower Hutt, and taking up and re-laying Drain.

Specifications may be seen at Mr. R. Cleland's Store, Lower Hutt.

W. A. FITZHERBERT,
Chairman Hutt Local Board.

Evening Post 11 Jan 1881

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Devereux – that £5 be allowed to Mr James Knight to be expended in repairing the Stuartville road

1881 Jan 17 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Dr Wilford, W. C. Devereux, R. Cleland, James Knight
The minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The following tenders for footpath and drain were opened – Henry Longhurst relaying drain 14s per chain, gravelling paths 8s per chain; G. England relaying drain 20s per chain; W. & C. Cudby relaying paths 9s 6d per chain, gravelling paths 20s per chain; W. R. Welch relaying drain, gravelling paths – 12s 6d per chain; W. F. Oakes gravelling paths 9s 5d per chain, relaying drain £6 15s

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that the Tender of Henry Longhurst be accepted provided the gravel is of a satisfactory quality; and that Messrs Cleland, Fitzherbert and Devereux be a committee to settle the matter, should the gravel not be satisfactory the next tender be accepted

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Cleland – that in the event of the County not taking over the Local Board after the 31st March the Board will adopt the valuation made by the Hutt County Valuer.

Proposed Devereux, Seconded Knight – that Messrs Parker and Cooley be written to requesting them to have their hedges and trees cut which are now overhanging the road

1881 Feb 02 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, James Knight, W. C. Devereux, R. Cleland
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. With reference to the contract of H. Longhurst it was proposed by Devereux, seconded by Cleland that as Longhurst has failed to carry out his contract, by not supplying the gravel according to specification his contract be cancelled and the contract of W. F. Oakes accepted

1881 Mar 07 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, R. Cleland, James Knight, W. C. Devereux, Dr Wilford
Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cleland – that the Board consider that the Contractor for gravelling the footpaths has not completed his contract in a satisfactory and proper manner, as there are a number of places requiring more gravel; and that he be requested to put on at least 40 more loads, 27 between Parkers lane and the Scotch Church and 13 loads in places to be pointed out between Parkers lane and Hutt Bridge – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Wilford – that in reply to Mr E. J. Riddiford's application it was resolved that the Chairman write informing him that the Board have no funds at their disposal and therefore his application cannot be entertained - carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cleland – that the following accounts be passed for payment – E. Tannahill £1; D. Galvin £1 10s - carried
Proposed Wilford, Seconded Cleland – that a sum of £2 be expended in cleaning up the footpath leading from McIntosh's corner to railway station - carried

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Devereux – that when W. F. Oakes, the contractor for the footpath has completed his contract to the satisfaction of the Board the Chairman be authorised to pay him the amount of his contract – carried

1881 Apr 04 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, James Knight, R. Cleland, W. C. Devereux
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Proposed Cleland, Seconded Devereux – that the following accounts be passed for payment – Jos. Hall £7 9s; New Zealand Times 7s 6d; Evening Post £2 0s 3d; E. Tannahill £1; D. Galvin £1 10s; James Gorrie £7 14s 6d; J. Devine 18s; J. & D. Sinclair £1 1s - carried

Proposed Devereux, Seconded Cleland – that a sum not exceeding £2 be expended in gravelling Parker's lane leading toward the River – carried

1881 Jun 15 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, W. C. Devereux, J. Knight
Proposed Devereux, Seconded Knight – that Mr H. Damant be appointed valuer for the Hutt Local Board District the remuneration for same to be the sum of £5 – this sum to include preparation of Roll, issuing notices and attending Assessment Court – carried

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Devereux – that the following accounts be paid – J. Devine 35½ days at 6s per day £10 13s; J. and C. Cudby 4 days at 10s per day £2 – carried

1881 Jul 07 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, W. C. Devereux, James Knight, R. Cleland
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that it is the intention of this Board at a meeting to be held on the 1st August next to levy a rate of 1s in the £ for the year ending 31 March 1882 payable in one instalment on and after the 15th September 1881 – carried

Proposed Devereux, Seconded Cleland – that the following accounts be passed for payment – H. Damant £5; Stamps £1

1881 Aug 01 Meeting held - Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that a rate of 1s in the £ be levied for the year ending 31st March 1882 collectable in one instalment

1881 Aug 02 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, W. C. Devereux, James Knight, R. Cleland
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Devereux – that the sum of £20 be allowed for the Office of Collector and Clerk and Mr J. Hall be offered the appointment

Proposed Knight, Seconded _ - that tenders be called for the Office of Collector and Clerk

Proposed Knight, Seconded Devereux – that the following accounts were passed for payment – Evening Post £4 8s 6d; Lyon & Blair 9s 6d; R. Cleland £2 3s 6d – total £7 1s 6d

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Devereux – that a letter be written to the Chairman of the Hutt Councy Council informing him of the disgraceful state of the Lower Hutt Pound and that it be recommended that the Local constable would be the right person to leave charge of the pound

> Evening Post 09 Aug 1881 Hutt County Council
> A letter was read from the Hutt Local Board complaining of the disgraceful condition of the Lower Hutt Pound. It was stated that animals were kept without food or shelter, and cattle had been sold without the necessary notice being given. The matter was referred to the councillors for the riding to repout upon.

1881 Sep 05 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, W. C. Devereux, R. Cleland, Dr Wilford
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Devereux – that Market Street be put in repair and that a load of gravel be put in a hollow place in footpath near John Halls

The following accounts were passed for payment – New Zealand Times 14s 8d; A. Collett 12s; W. Churchill £3; Jos. Bell £3

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Devereux – that the Chairman write to Henry England and J. Parker requesting them to have their hedges cut which are abutting upon the road

1881 Nov 07 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Dr Wilford, R. Cleland, W. C. Devereux, James Knight
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Devereux – that the road from Frethey's corner to the boundary of the Local Board District, also the road from Emanuel's corner to boundary of Local Board District be raked in and that the footpath be cleared of weeds… and all hollow places filled up with gravel

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Devereux – that the following accounts be passed for payment – D. Galvin £1 10s; E. Tannahill £1

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that the Chairman write informing the Chairman of the Hutt County Council of the practice of people furiously riding and driving over the Hutt Bridge and requesting that some steps be taken to abate the nuisance

1881 Dec 05	Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, W. C. Devereux, R. Cleland Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed Mr Graney waited upon the Board to request that the fence now across the road be removed so as to give him a right of way Proposed Devereux, Seconded Cleland – that the Chairman write to the owners of the property owned by J. Whitehead and others requesting that the fence be removed and that … fence be erected upon the road boundary Proposed Devereux, Seconded Cleland – that the following accounts be passed for payment – Daniel Galvin £1 10s; E. Tannahill £1; R. Hunter 13 days at 5s per day £3 5s; J. Hall one quarter's salary £5; Sundries £2 11s 4d; J. West repair road £2 13s – total £15 19s 4d
1881 Dec 12	Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, W. C. Devereux, R. Cleland, James Knight Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that Mr Jos. Hall be appointed valuer for the ensuing year; the duty being to assess the various properties, issue notices and attend Assessment Court, the remuneration being the sum of £10 – carried
1882 Jan 16	Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; Dr Wilford, James Knight, R. Cleland, W. C. Devereux Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed Proposed Wilford, Seconded Devereux – that the following accounts be passed for payment – R. Hunter £4; J. Devine £6; W. & C. Cudby £3 15s; D. Galvin £1 10s; E. Tannahill £1; Lyon & Blair 7s – carried The valuer Mr Jos. Hall presented the new valuation roll for the years 1882 & 1883 which was compared with the former roll, the Board having made a few alterations the roll was adopted and the valuer instructed to give the necessary notices and attend Valuation Court

Evening Post 19 Jan 1882
The Hutt Town Board met on Tuesday evening, this being the first meeting of the Board under their new name, the title "Local Board" having been abolished by the last meeting of Parliament, and "Town Board" substituted for it. This was a special meeting to examine the new valuation list, which shews a reduction in the rateable value of property in the Hutt and compared with last year's list, or about… per cent on the whole. This arises from the depreciation in house property, in fact the land valuation remained unaltered. The Board congratulated themselves that the reduction was not more, considering the commercial depression the place has just through. An advertisement will be found in another place in reference to the valuation list of the Board, and where the objection thereto are to be sent.

1882 Mar 13 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Dr Wilford, J. Knight, W. C. Devereux, R. Cleland
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Devereux – that the following accounts were passed for payment – New Zealand Times £1 4s; Evening Post £1 18s; E. Tannahill £2; R. Galvin £2; Devine £4 16s; J. Hall £5; J. Hall £10

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Devereux – that the clerk be instructed to issue a notice requesting all defaulting ratepayers to pay their rates on or before the 22 March otherwise they will be sued for the same

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Devereux – that it is the intention of the Board to levy a rate of 1s in the £ on the 3rd day of April for the ensuing year upon all the rateable property in the Hutt Town District

Proposed Devereux, Seconded Wilford – that the drain pipes laid down under the pathway along Mr Cleland's frontage be taken up and handed over to him the Board to pay for taking them up and that the same number of pipes be given back to the New Zealand bank

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1882 Apr 03	Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Dr Wilford, W. C. Devereux, R. Cleland, J. Knight Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that the following accounts be passed for payment – W. Churchill £1 4s; New Zealand Times £1 13s; E. Tannahill £1; D. Galvin £1 10s; Blundell Bros £1 5s – carried The Chairman stated that the Bank Balance was £295 14s 11d. Application for footpath. The application of the Hon T. A. Buckley was received but could not be entertained as the road is in the Highway Board District and therefore out of the jurisdiction of the Local Board
1882 May 01	Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Dr Wilford, James Knight, W. C. Devereux Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed Letter read from Hutt County Council requesting Hutt Town Board to nominate two of its members to meet the delegates from other Local Bodies for the purpose of consulting as to the best means of adjusting the accounts incurred during the election of the Licensing Committees Proposed Wilford, Seconded Devereux – that the Chairman & Mr Commissioner Knight be nominated as delegates to confer with the other Local Bodies. Proposed Devereux, Seconded Wilford – that the following accounts be passed for payment – D. Galvin £1 10s; E. Tannahill £1 - carried Proposed Knight, Seconded Devereux – that the whole of the roads in the Hutt Town District be metalled by … labor – carried

1882 Jun 05 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; W. C. Devereux, R. Cleland, James Knight
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

A representation waited upon the Board regarding the Board to give a grant in aid towards the Library of the Mechanics Institute for the purpose of purchasing new books. Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight that a sum of £20 be granted to the above Institution provided the public are allowed to read the newspapers and periodicals free – carried

Proposed Devereux, Seconded Cleland – that Mrs Compton be written to requesting her to have her hedges trimmed without delay – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Devereux – that a sum of £15 be granted towards cutting a drain through Barber's and Cudby's properties for the purpose of draining the creek near Cudby's bridge – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded Devereux – that the following accounts be passed for payment – metalling roads £147 7s 6d; E. Tannahill £1; D. Galvin £1 10s; J. Hall salary £4; J. Hall 4 acts 4s 6d; rate notices &c £1 2s 6d; Stuartville road £4 – total £159 4s 6d - carried

1882 Jul 03 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman; W. C. Devereux, R. Cleland, J. Knight, Dr Wilford
Correspondence – Letter read from Mr E. J. Riddiford requesting the Board to continue the pipe drain through his property. Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that if Mr Riddiford thinks proper to continue the pipe drain along the watercourse through his property as far as the second river bridge the Board will pay for half the cost of the pipes; the pipes to be of the same diameter as the present pipe drain – FOR Wilford, Knight, Devereux – AGAINST Cleland, Fitzherbert – carried

In reply to Mrs Kelham's letter it was decided to expend £2 in cleaning the drain

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Wilford – that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr E. J. Riddiford requesting him to have the large straining post at the corner of the Waiwetu road moved back about 8 feet so as to make a better turn in the road – carried

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Cleland – that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mrs Riddiford informing her that it is the intention of the Board to construct a footpath along the frontage of her property and stating that if she will provide the necessary pipes the Board will have them put in under the path, the pipes to be not less than 3 inches in diameter – carried

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Cleland – that the Clerk write to Joseph Cade at Otaki requesting him to assist in supporting his father & mother in the event of his not complying the Clerk to take the necessary steps to compel him – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cleland – that Mr Joseph Hall be appointed Treasurer to the Board at a salary of £10 per annum upon his finding two sureties in the sum of £25 each or one in the sum of £50 – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Devereux – that the following accounts be passed for payment – Evening Post £2 14s; E. Tannahill £1; D. Galvin £1 10s; Stamps £1 – total £6 4s – carried

Newspaper Notice:
Hutt Town District, Board Office 6th July 1882. Notice is hereby given that at a Meeting of the above Board, held on 3rd July, Mr Joseph Hall was appointed Treasurer to the Board, according to the provisions of the "Town Districts Act" of 23rd September 1881. W. A. Fitzherbert, Chairman

1882 Jul 17 Special meeting to consider a Code of By-laws
Present – W. A. Fitzherbert in the Chair, Dr Wilford, R. Cleland, J. Knight, W. C. Devereux
The By-laws were considered and ordered to be printed in Order for their publication.
Some correspondence was read, but was ordered to stand over until the usual meeting of the Board

1882 Aug 07 Present – W. A. Fitzhebert in the Chair, Dr Wilford, W. C. Devereux, R. Cleland
Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Inward correspondence was read

Mr E. J. Riddiford wrote stating that Mr McNab's Bridge was unsafe. The Chairman stated that he had examined the Bridge and found it still safe.

Mr Riddiford wrote stating the he would allow the Board to remove the post at the corner of the Waiwetu Road. The Clerk undertook to do the work of removal subjected to the approval of Mr Riddiford for 20s.

Mrs Riddiford of Woburn wrote stating that there is no necessity for pipes under the proposed new footpath.

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Cleland – that the following accounts be passed for payment – Charitable Aid E. Tannahill £1; Charitable Aid D. Galvin £1 10s; One quarter's salary Clerk £5; Accounts 6s 3d, letter book 2s, cheque book (100) 8s 4d – total 16s 7d; 11½ days work at 6s per day R. Hunter £3 6s 8d; 23 days work at 6s per day William Churchill £6 18s; 20½ days work at 6s per day B. Mudgway £6 3s; 1 day horse and cart Mudgway 10s – total £25 3s 7d

The Treasurer reported that he had issued a whole-sale Licence to Mr Robert Cleland, Hutt, since last meeting.

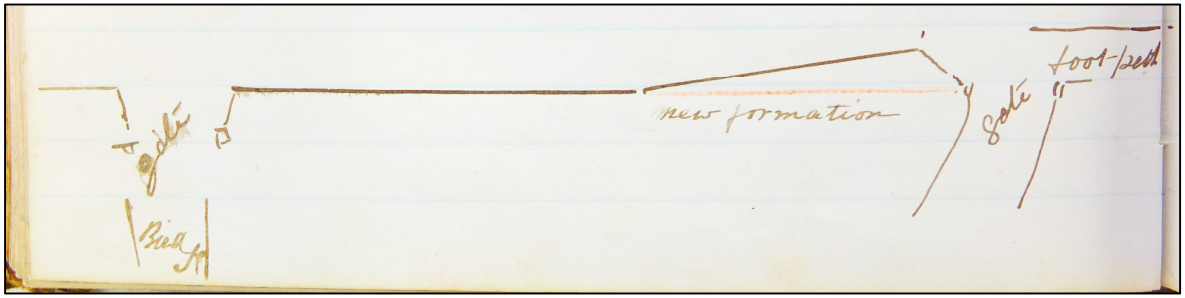
The By-laws were brought to the meeting by the Chairman. Copies were ordered to be put up at the principal public places in the Town-ship

Upon the timber arriving the Clerk was ordered to repair the kerb between Tain's and Parker's roads.

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Wilford – that tenders be called for constructing a footpath on the south side of the Waiwetu Road continuing from the present piece to McNab's Bridge the Board to supply the Timber at the Railway Station. Tenders to be opened on 4 September 1882 – carried

Proposed Devereux, Seconded Cleland – that pipes be put in between Easby's and Jose's in order to take away the water that lays on their property – carried

Resolved that the Clerk write to Mr E. J. Riddiford and send him the following notice – "That the Board are desirous to continue the footpath on the western side of the Hutt Road, in order to do so it will be necessary for you to remove your fence to the proper boundary. Under the circumstances the Board will not insist upon your moving the fence back to the boundary of the road, but will be satisfied if the fence is simply strengthened as per sketch, and subject to the approval of the Chairman.



Proposed Cleland, Seconded Devereux – that the Local Board account at the Bank of New Zealand Hutt be changed to the Hutt Town District Board, and that all cheques will in future be signed by any two Members of the Board and the Treasurer – carried

Names of the Board to be given to the Manager at the Bank – W. A. Fitzherbert, J. G. F. Wilford, James Knight, W. C. Devereux, R. Cleland.

1882 Sep 04 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert in the Chair, R. Cleland, James Knight, W. C. Devereux, Dr Wilford
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The outward and inward correspondence having been read, some discussion took place in reference to no reply to the letter sent to Mr E. J. Riddiford requesting him to remove his fence back, in order that the footpath might be continued along the western side of the Hutt Road. It was decided to postpone the further consideration of this matter until after the election of the new Board.

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Wilford – that the following accounts be passed for payment – Charitable Aid D. Galvin £1 10s; Charitable Aid E. Tannahill £1; Labour William Churchill 16½ days at 6s per day £4 19s; Labour B. Mudgway 7 days at 6s per day £2 2s; Horse and cart B. Mudgway 4 days at 10s per day £2; Printing account Blundell Brothers £2 4s; Pipes G. Norbury £4 5s 6d – total £18 0s 6d – carried

The following tenders were opened for the formation of footpath at per chain – W. F. Oakes £2 8s 6d; William Cudby £4 15s; P. M. Reynold £4 19s; Martin Purcell £3 3s; Thomas P. Allen £5 19s 8d; John Coleman £6; late tender Robert Scott £3 5s. Proposed Knight, Seconded Devereux – that the tender of Mr W. F. Oakes be accepted – carried

The Treasurer reported that the Credit Balance at the Bank was £271 9s 8d, outstanding rates £150 – total revenue £421 9s 8d
A letter was received from M. J. N. Bell asking the Board for employment.

Proposed Wilford, Seconded Knight – that tenders be called for during this month for the extension of the footpath from the Black-Bridge to Captain Humfrey's Gate including a foot bridge across McDonald's Creek, the Contractor to provide all the materials – carried

1882 Oct 02 Present – W. A. Fitzherbert in the chair; Dr Wilford, James Knight, W. C. Devereux, R. Cleland
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following tenders were opened for the formation of footpath and building foot bridge.

	Footpath per chain	Footbridge complete
Young & Co.	£4	£50
Robert Scott	£9 12s	£28
W. F. Oakes	£9 5s	£35
Martin Purcel	£4 18s	£34
George Pudney	£6 14s	£20

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Wilford – that the tender of Young & Co. be accepted and that they be offered the work to complete the footpath to the corner of Captain Hewitt's, at the same price – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded Devereux – that the following accounts be passed for payment – Charitable Aid E. Tannahill £1; Charitable Aid D. Galvin £1 10s; Labour removing fence and large post £; Labour William Churchill 10½ days at 6s per day £3 3s; Labour Ben Mudgway 2½ days at 6s per day – 15s; Horse and cart B. Mudgway 5 days at 10s per day £2 10s; Horse and cart William Cudby 6¼ days at 10s per day £3 2s 6d; Piper George Norbury per account £7 8s 5d; Maintenance of Richmond Road D. West for one year £2 13s – total £23 1s 11d – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Devereux – that J. Hall be Returning Officer to conduct the election of a new Board – carried
Proposed Devereux, Seconded Wilford – that the end of Fry's Road be fenced across at once to prevent accidents – carried

Evening Post 19 Oct 1882
A poll for the election of five gentleman to act as commissioners of the Hutt Town Board was taken at the offices of the Board yesterday, and resulted in the return of Messrs R. Cleland, R. Orr, J. Cudby, H. Damant, J. Knight. Very little interest was evinced in the proceedings, only 71 voting papers having been issued. Messrs Barraud and Jones acted as scrutineers, Mr Joseph Hall being the returning officer.

1882 Nov 06 The newly elected Board meet in accordance with circular sent to each. Mr H. Damant was voted pro tem to the Chair in order that the Board may elect a Chairman.

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that Mr Robert Orr be elected Chairman of this Board – carried
The chairman having taken the chair thanked the Board for the honour given to him. The Board being now constituted there were present Robert Orr, Chairman; James Knight, John Cudby, Robert Cleland, Henry Damant.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Received a letter from the Colonial Secretary acknowledging the receipt of the result of the election of the new Board of Commissioners.

Received a letter from the Waverley Town Board in reference to Licensing fees. Proposed Damant, Seconded Knight – that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Waverley Town Board acknowledging the receipt of their letter and to inform them that their question does not affect this Board that they do not wish to enter into the matter – carried

A letter was received from Mr W. C. Devereux stating that he intends to erect his fence on the proper boundary of his Land near the Hutt Bridge the same being on part of the present footpath. Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that the letter be sent to the proper parties (namely) the Hutt County Council – carried

A letter was received from Captain Humfrey on behalf of himself and Captain Hewitt in reference to the drains in front of their property at Black Bridge – some discussion took place in reference to putting pipes across the Main Road to give vent for the water. Proposed Knight, Seconded Cleland – that this matter stand over until next meeting of the Board, and that in the meantime the Chairman and Mr Damant interview the Work, and report to the next meeting – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that £2 2s be the fee for the Returning Officer – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cudby – that the following account be passed for payment – carried

Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Labour	12 days at 6s per day	John Devine	£3 12s
Labour	6 days at 6s per day	George Hall	£1 16s
Carpenter	4 days at 12s per day	Josh. Hall	£2 8s
Labour	16 days at 6s per day	William Churchill	£4 16s
Blacksmith work		A. Collett	8s
Salary Clerk & Collector	one quarter		£5
Returning Officers fee		J. Hall	£2 2s
Advertising printing		New Zealand Times	£7 12s
Advertising printing		Blundell Brothers	£3 18s
Deposit refunded		Young & Co.	£5
Timber for footpath		Raymond	£79 9s
Railway Carriage		W. A. Fitzherbert	£15 1s 10d
TOTAL			**£133 12s 10d**

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that the works be passed for payment on the Certificate of the Engineer and one of the Members of the Board – carried

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cleland – that all cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer and two members of the Board – carried

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Knight – that the Chairman and Henry Damant be a finance Committee to meet about an hour before the usual meeting to go through the accounts to present them to the meeting – carried

1882 Dec 04 Present – Robert Orr in the chair; Henry Damant, James Knight, John Cudby, Robert Cleland
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The inward correspondence was read, including a letter from the Colonial Secretary in which he stated that a Voucher has been signed by him for a refund of £6 5s being 10s in the £ paid by the Board in Charitable Aid to the poor in the Hutt Town District.

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that the following accounts be passed for payment

Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Labour	2 days at 6s per day	John Devine	£12s
Labour	5 days at 6s per day	Fitzmaurice	£1 10s
Labour	5 days at 6s per day	William Churchill	£1 10s
Cartage	per account	William Cudby	£7 17s 6d
Timber	per account	William Booth & Co.	£5 1s 3d
Printing	per account	Blundell Brothers	£2 5s
Part of contract	on Certificate	Young & Co.	£50
Balance of contract	22 chains on Certificate	W. F. Oakes	£58 7s
TOTAL			**£129 12s 9d**

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cleland – that all the 5 inch x 2½ inch timber on hand be sold – carried

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cleland – that the Clerk write to the Wellington Corporation and apply for a refund of £10 spent by the Board on the Racecourse road – carried

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Cleland – that the Clerk write to the owners of the Catholic property and Messrs Rivers and Cooley requesting them to cut their hedges off from over-hanging the footpath – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded Damant – that two men at 6s per day be employed on the footpaths to put them in order before the Holidays

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cleland – that Collector be empowered to collect all the Rates in by the end of this month and to sue for them if necessary – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cudby – that this Board will accept and adopt the General Government property-tax assessor's valuation and will not make a separate valuation for the ensuing year – carried

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Cleland – that the next meeting of the Board be held on Tuesday 2nd January 1883 – carried

Dog Tax Act 1882
Proposed Knight, Seconded Cudby – that the Dog-tax Act be in force within the District that the fee shall be 5s each – carried unanimously

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Damant – that 100 dog collars be ordered and that Mr H. Damant be appointed to order them and to get what is necessary to commence operation at the beginning to the year – carried

Evening Post 06 Dec 1882 Hutt Town Board
A meeting of this Board was held on Monday. Present – Mr Robert Orr (in the chair), and Messrs Henry Damant, James Knight, John Cudby, and R. Cleland. Correspondence was read from the Colonial Secretary in reference to the charitable aid paid by the Board, to the effect that the General Government will give 10s in the pound for all the charitable aid paid to the poor within the Hutt Town District, a voucher having been signed by him for the amount paid up to the 31st of last March. The following accounts were passed for payment:- Repairs to Race-course road, £11 9s 6d; William Booth and Co., timber £5 1s 3d; Blundell Bros., printing £2 5s; Young and Co., on account of contract £50; W. F. Oakes for contract £58 7s; charitable aid (2), £2 10s; total £129 12s 9d. The Clerk was authorised to sell some surplus timber, and to have the remainder taken to his own private yard for storage. The Clerk was authorised to write to the Wellington City Corporation for a refund of £10 for work done by the Board on account of the Corporation; also, to give notice to Messrs Rivers, Cooley, and others to have their hedges cut that now overhang the footpath. It was resolved to employ two labourers for a short time to put the footpaths in order previous to the next holidays. The Collectors' report was handed in, and showed that the sum of £133 10s 6d of this year's rates was not yet paid. The Collector was instructed to get the arrears in before next meeting, and to sue for them if necessary. The Board deciced to accept the Property Tax Assessors' valuation for the district and not to make a separate valuation; also to enforce the Dog Registration Act of 1882, the fee being fixed at 5s. The meeting then adjourned until the 2nd January, at 7.30 p.m.

1883 Jan 02 Present – Robert Orr in the Chair; Henry Damant, John Cudby, Robert Cleland
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Received a letter from the Wellington City Corporation forwarding a cheque for £10 for the repairs to the Racecourse road.

Received an application on behalf of George Wilson, who is very old and nearly blind having no home, asking for Charitable Aid for him. Proposed Cleland, Seconded Damant – that Mr John Cudby be appointed to visit George Wilson with power to grant to the extent of 10s per week if necessary for this month and to report to next meeting – carried

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cleland – that the following accounts be passed for payment - carried

Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Labour and carting	per account	William Cudby	£1 18s
Stationery	per account	Lyon & Blair	£4 13s
Part of contract	of footpath & bridge	Young and Co.	£50
TOTAL			**£59 1s**

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Damant – that Mr J. Cudby, Henry Damant with Mr J. Hall be authorised to pass Young & Co. contract when completed and sign a Cheque for the Balance due when the work is done – carried

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Cleland – that the Clerk write to Young & Co. and inform them that must form the footpath according to the Contract and continue the kerb across the entrance of Captain Humfrey's property – carried

N.B. It was afterwards decided to ascertain if Mr W. A. Fitzherbert permitted the deviation to be done.

The Bank Book showed that there was a credit balance at the Bank of £88. The Collector reported that there is still £84 of rates outstanding, that most of them will be in soon.

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Cleland – that the Clerk be appointed the Dog Registrar that his private residence be the registration office and that the remuneration shall be one shilling per dog.

Mr Josh. Ashwith's application for leave not to pay his rates on account that he has no road to his property was not entertained – the Chairman ruled that he must pay his rates.

Mr J. Cudby reported that during the past month the Bridge on White's Line near Boltons was out of repair – that he had got it made fit for Traffic again – that 20 of the planks on hand had been used in the repairs.

Evening Post 05 Jan 1883
An ordinary meeting of the Hutt Town Board was held on Tuesday, and was attended by Messrs R. Orr (in the chair), H. Damant, J. Cudby and R. Cleland. The bank book showed that the sum of £109 10s had been received during the past month. Accounts amounting to £59 1s were passed for payment. An application for charitable aid was made on behalf of an old, partially blind man, and Mr Cudby was authorised to visit him and grant a sum not exceeding 10s per week. A list of defaulting ratepayers was presented by the Collector, and from this it appeared that the amount owing to date was £84 15s 6d. The Collector was informed that the whole of the arrears must be paid, or the terms of the resolution passed at the previous meeting must be carried into effect. A complaint was preferred with regard to certain kerbing, which formed a dangerous obstacle to foot-passengers, and instructions were given to have the evil remedied. Mr Cudby reported that a bridge on White's Line, which had recently given way, had been duly repaired. Mr J. Hall was appointed dog-registrar, his private residence to be the office, and his remuneration was fixed at the rate of 1s per dog, the registration fee being 5s.

1883 Feb 05 Present – Robert Orr in the Chair; Henry Damant, J. Knight, John Cudby
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Inward correspondence was read from Captain Mowlem and Mr R. McAlister respecting their liability to pay arrears of rates of former owners of property. Proposed Cudby, Seconded Damant – that the Clerk write to Captain Mowlem and inform him that he is liable to pay the rates on Sinclairs property as Mortgagee – carried. Proposed Knight, Seconded Cudby – that the Clerk write to Mr McAlister and inform him that he must pay the rates due on his property within one week otherwise the Board will proceed against him for the recovery of the Rates due - carried

Mr J. Cudby reported that he had got temporary lodgings for George Wilson at James Cudby's and that the price agreed upon was 10s per week

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cudby – that the Clerk write to Mr McAlister and inform him that he must pay the rates due on his property within one week otherwise the Board will proceed against him for the recovery of the Rates due - carried

Proposed Damant, Seconded Knight – that the following accounts be passed for payment

Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	5 weeks	George Wilson	£2 10s
Dog Collars		D. Pringle	£5 16s 8d
Labour	39½ days at 6s per day	John Devine	£11 17s
Labour	7½ days at 6s per day	William Churchill	£2 5s
Tools, wire, & nails		Robert Cleland	£4 14s 3d
Salary	one quarter	Clerk	£5
Salary	half year	Treasurer	£5
Carpenter work nails	and Dog Act		£1 6s 11d
TOTAL			**£40 19s 10d**

Proposed Damant, Seconded Knight – that the Clerk be instructed to write to Young & Co. and inform them that they must finish their contract before the 26th instant otherwise the Board will finish the work at their expense – carried

Proposed Damant, Seconded Knight – that Messrs Knight, Cudby and Damant be a Committee to examine and inspect all the Roads in the District, and to report at next meeting the extent of work required to put them in order previous to the wet season setting in – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cudby – that Messrs Cudby and Damant be a Committee to wait on Mr W. A. Fitzherbert, the County Engineer, in reference to the enlargement of the District, and to take the necessary steps to do so if practicable

Evening Post 07 Feb 1883

A meeting of the Hutt Town Board was held on Monday last. Present – Mr Robert Orr in the chair, and Messrs H. Damant, J. Knight, and John Cudby. Correspondence was received from Captain Mowlem and Mr R. Macalister, declining to pay arrears of rates on property held by former owners. The Clerk was instructed to write to them calling their attention to the 29th and 30th clauses of the Rating Act of 1882, and to state that the Board will proceed to recover the rates under the Act. The Treasurer reported that he had received £2 for two publicans' permits to sell liquors in McNab's gardens at the Druids' fete on Anniversary Day. The following accounts were passed for payment:- Charitable aid, three claimants £5; salaries, half-year, £10; dog collars £5 16s 8d; tools and sundries £4 14s 3d; labour, two months £15 18s 11d; total £40 19s 10d. The Clerk was instructed to write to Messrs Young and Co., informing them that they are eight weeks behind time in finishing their contract, and that unless it is finished by the 26th instant, the Board will finish the work at their expense. Mr J. Hall, the registrar of dogs, stated that only three dogs had been registered during the past month. The Board gave instructions to the registrar to enforce the Dog Registration Act in its entirety, and to summon all defaulters without respect to persons. A committee consisting of Messrs Damant, Knight, and Cudby were appointed to inspect all the roads in the district, and report at next meeting what work is required to be done, in order to put them in a thorough state of repair before the wet weather sets in. The same members of the Board were also appointed a committee to wait on Mr W. A. Fitzherbert, the County Engineer, in reference to the enlargement of the town district, and to take the necessary steps to effect the same. The meeting then adjourned until the first Monday in March.

1883 Mar 05 Present – Robert Orr in the Chair; Henry Damant, James Knight, John Cudby and Robert Cleland
The minutes were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Captain Humfrey asking the Board under the circumstances described in it to be allowed to have the entrance to his property to remain as at present providing that he cause the centre of the footpath to be filled up with Red Gravel. Proposed Cleland, Seconded Damant – that Captain Humfrey be allowed to construct an entrance to his property at the present Gateway providing that he fill up the centre with Red Gravel to top of the kerbing to the satisfaction of the Board. Messrs Cleland, Damant and the Chairman voted for the resolution.

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cudby as an amendment – that all entrances and gateways be formed with straight kerbing with a small bridge at the water table – and that existing entrances be altered to suit this resolution. Messrs Knight and Cudby voted for the amendment. The Resolution was therefore carried.

A letter was received from the Property Tax Department in reference to any alteration the Board may desire in the Valuation Lists for 1883 to 1886. The Clerk was instructed to attend to this Business.

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cleland – that a letter be written to the General Government informing them that this Board will discontinue the payment of Charitable Aid to the poor within this Town District after the 31st March 1883 and to ask them what provision they will make for the poor in this District – carried

The Works Committee reported that they have examined all the District Roads – that in general the roads are in good condition. The Waiwetu road required to be widened – all will require some attention too before the wet weather sets in. That the footpath leading to McNab's bridge should have a covering of red gravel. That Youngs & Co contract is not yet complete, being covered with rough bowlers. It was arranged that the members of the Board should meet tomorrow evening and see the work with the contractors to arrange about the work to be done, before any more money be paid to them.

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Cleland – that the following accounts be passed for payment

Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Charitable Aid	one month	George Wilson	£2
Repairs to tools		A. & C. Collett	4s 6d
The Board's share of the advertising &c in the expenses Licensing Hutt County Council			£10
TOTAL			**£14 14s 6d**

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that the footpath from McNab's to the commencement of the new work be gravelled with a coat of 4 loads to the chain the gravel to be taken from the corner near to W. A. Fitzherbert's also that an hollow further down in the Road be filled up, and that Messrs Cudby and Damant be appointed to see the work done.

Paid balance of contract Young & Co. £40

Evening Post 07 Mar 1883

The Hutt Town Board held the usual monthly meeting on Monday. Present- Messrs Robert Orr (in the chair), Henry Damant, James Knight, John Cudby and Robert Cleland. An account was received from the Hutt County Council, making a claim of £10, being the Board's portion of the expenses connected with the election of the Licensing Commissioners and advertising meetings of the same, being 10 per cent of the gross receipts of this Board from the license fees. This was considered a reasonable charge, and was ordered to be paid, together with other accounts, the total amounting to £14 14s 6d. The Board, in considering the increasing amount required for the poor in the district, found that the funds at their command will not stand this strain on them, and resolved to discontinue the payment of charitable aid after the 31st March 1883 and instructed the Clerk to write to the General Government to this effect, and asking them what provision they will make for the relief of the poor in this district. The Inspector of the Roads called the attention of the Board to the unsatisfactory manner that Young and Co. had left their contract in. It was decided, before paying the balance of the price of the contract, that the Board should visit the work on Tuesday evening, and see whether the work was done according to specifications. The Road Committee's report was received. In reference to the work required for the ensuing year, a schedule will be made for the next Board meeting. It was resolved to have a coat of gravel placed on the new footpath leading from Cleland's to McNab's Bridge, The meeting then adjourned until the first Monday in April.

1883 Apr 02 Present – Robert Orr in the Chair; John Cudby, Henry Damant, James Knight, Robert Cleland
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Received a letter from the Colonial Secretary "in Re" Charitable Aid in the Hutt Town District in which the desire that a Special effort be made by way of getting subscriptions. The Government will give £ to £ for all sums thus raised. A great deal of discussion then ensued in reference to assisting the poor in this District, after which – Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that the Board continue to pay Charitable Aid as formally, and that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Government, and apply for amount of Subsidy due to the Board – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that the following accounts be passed for payment – carried

Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Charitable Aid	four weeks	George Wilson	£2
Printing account		Blundell Brothers	18s
Cartage account		William Cudby	£27 17s
Labour	18½ days at 6s per day	William Churchill	£5 11s
Labour	14 days at 6s per day	Charles Dodds	£4 4s
Labour	3½ days at 6s per day	James King	£1 1s
Labour	1½ days at 6s per day	John Devine	9s
TOTAL			**£44 10s**

The Treasurer reported that there was not sufficient money in the Bank to meet the amount passed for payment
Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that an overdraft of £50 be obtained from the Bank of New Zealand Hutt – carried

Some discussion arose in reference to the amount of work likely to be required to be done in the District during this year, and the probable amount of income likely to be received this year, the consideration of these matters were postponed until next meeting awaiting the receipt of the assessment Roll from the Property Tax Department in order to ascertain what Revenue will be receivable from this year's rates.

The Clerk reported that in former years the rate was struck at the first meeting in April.
Proposed Cudby, Seconded Cleland – that one man be employed on the Roads during this present month - carried

1883 May 07 Present – Robert Orr in the Chair; Henry Damant, James Knight, Robert Cleland, John Cudby
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Received a letter from the Colonial Secretary in reference to the extension of the Boudary of this Town District. The reply was unfavourable to the proposal.

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cleland – that a petition be prepared and to get the signatures of all the occupiers and owners of the properties in, and near the Boundary of the proposed extension to be presented to the Government praying that the Boundary be extended as asked for by the Chairman in his letter – carried

Received a letter from Captain Humfrey in reference to an outlet of the water from his property. Some lengthy consideration ensued in reference to draining matters. Generally the Board not having funds to enter on a system of draining. Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that pipe drains be put across the Main Road near Captain Humfrey's and Mr Blatchford's properties and the water course cleared out – carried

The Treasurer reported that he had arranged the over-draft at the Bank, and that the present overdraft is £7 12s 19d – also that he had received a notification from the Colonial Secretary that the sum of £17 5s will be paid into the Bank to the credit of the Board being one half Charitable Aid paid by the Board refunded by way of subsidy 10s in the £.

Mr John Cudby explained that he had some difficulty in getting someone willing to take the old man, George Wilson, his son had left the Hotel, and left him in a fix at last he got Neil Jansen to take him to look after him for 12s per week. This sum was for board and lodgings only, that he was very short of clothing. Proposed Knight, Seconded Damant – that the sum of 20s be granted for clothing for G. Wilson – carried

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cudby – that the following accounts be passed for payment – carried

Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Charitable Aid	1 week at 10s & 4 at 12s	George Wilson	£2 18s
Labour on roads	25 days at 6s per day	William Churchill	£7 10s
Salary Clerk	one quarter	Josh. Hall	£5
Fees Registration of Dogs		Josh. Hall	£1 7s
TOTAL			**£19 5s**

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Cleland – that some drain pipes be provided by the Board for Mr E. Rosa to put across the Road near his property and that Mr J. Cudby be appointed to see the work done – carried.

Mr Cudby reported that he had an application from Mrs Burgess for an outlet of water across the road near her property by putting some drain pipes in. Proposed Cudby, Seconded Damant – that the Board will give permission to Mrs Burgess & son to put drain pipes across the Road themselves, and that the Clerk be instructed to write to them to this effect – carried

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Knight – that the water table be cleared out, from the Bank downward and some small gravel put on the soft places in the footpath – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that one man be kept at work another month on the Roads at odd jobs – carried
Some discussion ensued as regards the estimates of receipts and expenditure required for this year ending 31 March 1884.

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cleland – that the estimates now before the Board be adopted – carried

Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure required in the Hutt Town District for the year ending 31st March 1884	
Balance in hand	£17 4s 3d
Rates – levy of one half-penny in the £ on £101,000	£210 8s 4d
Three Publicans' license fees - £40	£120
One wholesale license fee	£20
One-half of charitable aid refunded by the General Government	£25
TOTAL	**£392 12s 7d**

Maintenance of roads	£145
Intended new work	£55 4s 3d
Timber, pipes & repairs to footpaths	£50
Salaries – Clerk, Collector, and Treasurer	£30
Stationery and stamps	£10
Charitable aid to the poor	£50
Contingencies	£52 8s 4d
TOTAL	**£392 12s 7d**

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that a Rate of one half penny in the pound be struck on all rateable property in this district for the year ending 31 March 1884 on the 4th of June 1883 – carried

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1883 Jun 04 Present – Robert Orr in the Chair; Henry Damant, J. Knight, Robert Cleland, John Cudby
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Cleland – that proceedings be taken against Captain Mowlem at once to compel him to pay the arrears of rates due by the late firm Messrs J. & D. Sinclair to the Board – carried

The Clerk was instructed to write to Sir William Fitzherbert respecting rates due by Sam War also to write to Ebden, England & J. H. Wallace for the arrears of rates

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cleland – that the following accounts be passed for payment

Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Charitable Aid	4 weeks at 12s	G. Wilson	£2 8s
Charitable Aid	an allowance for clothing		£1
Labour	20 days at 6s per day	William Churchill	£6
TOTAL			**£11 18s**

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Knight – that the Clerk in sending out the Rate Notices add a postscript stating that the Dog Tax will be collected at the Office at the same time that the Rates are collected and that the owners of all unregistered dogs will be sued after the 27th June 1883 to recover the Dog tax – carried

Mr Cudby explained that Mr E. Rosa had called his attention to the drain leading from the main road alongside his property to the Bridge near his place. Some lengthy discussion took place in reference to the legality of having drains on the sides of the roads. Proposed Knight, Seconded Damant – that the consideration of the application be postponed until next month – carried

Mr R. F. Petterd sent in an application to be poundkeeper and his premises near his Hotel to be the pound. Proposed Damant, Seconded Cudby that Mr R. F. Petterd be appointed poundkeeper and the yard near his Hotel to be the pound – carried

Lower Hutt Town District – Public Pound
Mr Richard Foster Pettard, of Fraser's Hotel, Lower Hutt, has this day been appointed Poundkeeper, and the yard adjoining his Hotel the Pound, for the Hutt Town District. By Order of the Board. Joseph Hall, Clerk. 4th June 1883.

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cleland – that a Rate of an half penny in the pound be struck – levied on all rateable property in this District for the period ending on the 31st of March 1884 – carried

The Rate Book was then compared with the Valuation Roll and all alteration examined after which the Rate Book was signed by two members of the Board and the corrections initialled by them.

1883 Jul 02 Present – Robert Orr in the Chair; Henry Damant, John Cudby, James Knight, Robert Cleland
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A deputation from the Rose of the Valley Lodge of Odd Fellows waited on the Board of whom (Mr C. W. Brown acted as speaker) in reference to Rates levied on the Lodge property, they asked the Board to remit the Rates on the property because it is a Benefit Society in relieving persons who are sick and in distress and thereby saves the Board giving more Charitable Aid then they do now. It was agreed to remit the rates in this particular case.

Proposed by Henry Damant, Seconded by James Knight that the following accounts be passed for payment.

Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Charitable Aid	4 weeks at 12s	G. Wilson	£2 8s
Charitable Aid	special grant	C. Maidment	£1
Carting on roads	Per account	William Cudby	£2 3s 2d
Printing		Robert Burrett	£2 4s 6d
Printing	Evening Post	Blundell Bros	£2 16s 6d
TOTAL			**£13 2s 2d**

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cleland – that Charles Maidment be employed on the roads at 5s per day for the days he shall work – carried

Proposed Damant, Seconded Knight – that the middle Waiwetu "Parkers" and Elliotts roads be metalled this month and the Bridge on Frys road be repaired – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that the Board refuse the request of Mr E. Rosa to grant him permission, or anyone else, to open drains on any of the Board's roads – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that a sum not exceeding £15 be voted to repair the fence on the footpath leading to the Railway Station, and to plant trees where required – carried

The Treasurer reported that the Balance of funds at the Bank is £158 4s

Evening Post 03 Jul 1883
A meeting of the Hutt Town Board was held at the office, Toll-house, Hutt, last evening. Present – Messrs R. Orr (in the chair), J. Cudby, J. Knight, R. Cleland and H. Damant. A deputation of Oddfellows, consisting of Messrs C. W. Brown, G. McIlvride, E. Collett, and P. M. Reynolds, waited on the Board to ask that the rates levied on the Oddfellows' Hall should be remitted, and it was agreed that this should be done. The Treasurer stated that the credit balance at the bank was £158 4s. Accounts amounting to £13 2s 2d were passed for payment. It was resolved that the following roads be repaired and metalled at once:- The Middle Waiwetu, Elliott's, Parker's, and Fry's. An application was received from Mr Rosa that the Board should contribute toward the cost of opening a drain on the side of the Middle Waiwetu-road. It was decided that the application be refused, and that the Board would not allow drains to be dug on any of their roads. It was resolved that the fence on the footpath leading to the railway station be repaired, and that fresh trees be planted where required.

1883 Aug 06 Present – Robert Orr in the Chair; James Knight, John Cudby, Robert Cleland
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Proposed Cleland, Seconded by Knight – that the following accounts be passed for payment

Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Charitable Aid	5 weeks at 12s	G. Wilson	£3
Salary	Half year Treasurer	J. Hall	£5
Salary	One quarter Clerk		£5
Stamps for delivery of rate notices			£1
Repairs to Cavanagh's Bridge		J. Hall	7s 6d

Labour - carting & posts	Per account	William Cudby	£12 3s
Blacksmith	Per account	A. & C. Collett	£2 7s
Labour	22 days at 6s per day	William Churchill	£6 12s
Labour	22 days at 6s per day	Ben Mudgway	£6 12s
Labour	22 days at 5s per day	C. Maidment	£5 10s
Carting	16 days at 11s per day	B. Mudgway	£8 16s
Horse and cart	18 days at 11s per day	George Fleet	£9 18s
Horse and cart	15 days at 11s per day	William Strand	£8 5s
Horse and cart	10 days at 11s per day	William Boyd	£5 10s
Horse and cart	13 days at 11s per day	John Tilbury	£7 3s
Piper	Per account	Waddell & Co.	£1 10s 4d
TOTAL			**£91 3s 10d**

An application was sent for the repairs to the By-lane leading from Belmont alongside of Mr W. A. Fitzherbert's property. Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that a sum not exceeding £5 be spent in repairs to land and fence leading from Belmont through Mr Fitzherbert's property – carried

A complaint was lodged that Mr E. J. Riddiford is causing a nuisance by putting docks on the public road within the Town District. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Riddiford calling his attention to the fact wishing him to abate the nuisance

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that 2000 Sup[l] feet of 8x2½ and 1000 of 6x4 inch heart of Totara be ordered to repair the kerbing with – carried. The Clerk was instructed to write "Armstrong" – "Udy" and others and to take the Lowes offer to supply the above timber this month.

Enquiries were made in respect to the unregistered dogs in this District. The Registrar informed the Board that there were many unregistered yet in the District. The Registrar was instructed to take proceedings this month against 6 of the defaulters to begin with

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1883 Sep 03 Present – Robert Orr in the Chair; Henry Damant, James Knight, John Cudby, Robert Cleland
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr W. A. Fitzherbert, the County Engineer, waited on the Board on behalf of Sir William Fitzherbert, speaker of the Legislative Council, who is taking some interest in getting the Hutt Town District enlarged. He also produced a map shewing the Boundary of the proposed alteration. He also mentioned that an Act was at the present time being passed through parliament that would meet any difficulty that might arise in getting the District enlarged.

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Damant – that the Government be requested to get His Excellence the Governor to extend the area of the Hutt Town District, by including the portion of land shewn within the blue lines on the Plan prepared by Mr W. A. Fitzherbert excepting the portion used for Railway Purposes – carried unanimously

Proposed Knight, Seconded Damant – that Mr John Udy's account, less the Railway Carriage and 6d per 100 feet being 6d per 100 feet more than agreed upon be paid – carried
Proposed Cleland, Seconded Damant – that the following accounts be passed for payment

Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Charitable Aid	4 weeks at 12s	G. Wilson	£2 8s
Labour	7 days at 6s per day	George Fleet	£2 2s
Carting	5 days at 11s per day	George Fleet	£2 15s
Labour	7 days at 6s per day	Ben Mudgway	£2 2s
Labour	7 days at 6s per day	William Churchill	£2 2s
Labour	24 days at 5s per day	Charles Maidment	£6
Carting & sundries	Per account	William Cudby	£5 7s 3d
Wire & staples	Per account	Jos^{h} Hall	£5 18s
Fencing post & rails	Per account	James Russell	11s
Railway carriage of timber	Per account	Jos^{h} Hall	£3 7s 6d
Timber	Per account	John Udy	£13 19s 10d
TOTAL			**£49 2s 7d**

A complaint was made against Mr J. Buck allowing the drainage from his Cow House to run on the footpath. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Buck requesting him to abate the nuisance.

It was agreed not to employ but very little labour during this month.
Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that Mr Hall be instructed to repair the kerbing near Mr Ransom's property – carried

1883 Oct 01 Present – R. Orr in the Chair; Henry Damant, John Cudby, Robert Cleland
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Cleland – that the following accounts be passed for payment – carried

Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Charitable Aid	4 weeks at 12s	G. Wilson	£2 8s
Piper	Per account	Waddell & Co.	£4 8s 6d
Maintenance of road	Per account	D. West	£3 2s 6d
Repairs to McNab's Bridge		Jos^{h} Hall	£1 9s

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Orr – that a Committee be appointed to consist of Messrs Henry Damant, R. Cleland and J. Cudby to prepare specifications to call for and accept Tenders for widening the Waiwetu road – cost not to exceed £25 – carried

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Damant – that some gravel be put on the foot bridge near the Presbyterian Church Black Bridge to deaden the sound caused by the Boys stamping on it during church hours – carried

Evening Post 03 Oct 1883
A meeting of the Hutt Town Board was held at the toll-house, Hutt Bridge, on Monday evening. Present – Mr R. Orr (in the chair), Messrs J. Cudby, R. Cleland, and H. Damant. Mr R. Cleland brought before the meeting the condition of the Waiwetu-road, and urged that the road should be widened at least three feet from McNab's corner to its junction with White's line. After some discussion, Mr Cleland proposed, and Mr Orr seconded, that a committee, consisting of Mr J. Cudby, Mr H. Damant, and the mover, be appointed, with power to inspect the road, prepare specifications, and invite and accept tenders for the work, providing the cost do not exceed the amount at the disposal of the Board. Mr Orr stated that he had been requested to ask that the floor of the footbridge near the Presbyterian Church might be covered with gravel, as the continual tramp of feet over the bridge was an annoyance to the worshippers at that church and the neighbours around. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr Cudby, that the request be granted at once. Mr Damant gave notice that, at the next meeting of the Board, he would move that the resolution re enlargement of district, passed at the meeting held on 3rd September, be rescinded, and that the Governor be requested to extend the boundary of the district so as to take in all lands lying between the present township and Petone as shown on plan submitted to the meeting. Accounts amounting to £13 18s were passed for payment, and the meeting closed.

1883 Nov 05 Present – R. Cleland, Henry Damant, John Cudby
Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that Mr Henry Damant take the Chair of this meeting
Mr Henry Damant having taken the Chair – the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The sub-committee appointed to attend to the widening of the Waiwetu Road reported that they had let 27 chains to Mr William Cudby at 19s 6d per chain and that the work was nearly completed. Resolved that Mr Henry Damant and R. Cleland be appointed to inspect the above contract, and pass the work when complete and Order the payment of the work.

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that the following accounts be passed for payment - carried

Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Charitable Aid	5 weeks at 12s	G. Wilson	£3
Salary	one quarter Clerk		£5
Labour	10 days at 5s per day	C. Maidment	£2 10s
Carting	Per account	William Cudby	£1 7s
Contract widening Waiwetu Road 27 chains at 19s 6d per chain – William Cudby			£26 6s 6d
TOTAL			**£40 13s 6d**

Mr Cleland brought a request from Mr William C. Devereux asking the Board to remove the kerbing of the footpath near his property further into the Main road offering at the same time to fill in the gravel at his own expense. The consideration of this matter was ordered to stand over until next meeting. Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that the Clerk write to the Hutt County Council and inquire what position the Board is in in reference to the footpath now fenced in my Mr William C. Devereux and what action the Board can take in the matter – carried

A complaint was made to the Board that Mr Henry Brandt created a nuisance by keeping swine in contravention of the Bylaws of the District. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Brandt calling his attention to the fact, and request him to abate the nuisance at once.

Mr Henry Damant obtained leave to bring the motion forward next meeting respecting the enlargement of the Town District.

1883 Dec 03 Present – R. Orr in the Chair; Henry Damant, J. Knight, John Cudby, R. Cleland
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cleland – that the following accounts be passed for payment – carried

Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Charitable Aid	4 weeks at 12s	G. Wilson	£2 8s
TOTAL			**£4 18s**

Mr Henry Damant reported that C. Maidment had been employed a few days cleaning up the footpaths.
Proposed Cleland, Seconded Orr – that the sum of £5 be spent in widening the road near McNab's Bridge – carried

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr E. J. Riddiford and inform him that he has not complied with the request of the Board (as per letter dated 7th August 1883) in removing the rubbish deposited by him on the road in front of his property, and inform him that unless he removed the rubbish before the next meeting that proceedings will be taken to compel him to do so.

Proposed Damant – that the resolution of the enlargement of the Town District passed at a meeting September 3rd 1883 be rescinded and that it be resolved that the Governor be requested to enlarge the District by taking in the whole of the land lying between the present Township and the Township of Petone as shewn on the plan submitted to the meeting.

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that Mr Henry Damant obtain leave to withdraw his resolution for another month to give the members of the Board time to inspect the proposed new Boundaries – carried

The members of the Board agreed to meet on the Ground of the proposed new boundaries this day week in order to see for themselves what land is included in the proposed alteration.

The Treasurer reported that the sum of £14 15s 11d has been placed in the Bank to the credit of the Board being a refund 10s in the £ on the … ½ year Charitable Aid paid by the Board to the poor in this District.

1884 Jan 07 Present – R. Orr in the Chair; Henry Damant, James Knight, J. Cudby
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was received from the Carterton Town Board making an application for a copy of the Bylaws. The Clerk was authorised to forward a copy as requested.

Proposed Damant, Seconded Knight – that the following account be passed for payment

Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Charitable Aid	5 weeks at 12s	G. Wilson	£3
Printing		Blundell Brothers	10s 6d
Labour	32 days at 5s per day	C. Maidment	£8
TOTAL			**£14 6s**

The Clerk reported that Mr Brandt has not yet abated the nuisance caused by pigs. Proposed Cudby, Seconded Damant – that notice be sent to Henry Brandt and Henry Robertson requesting them to abate the nuisance caused by them keeping pigs – carried

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cudby – that notice be put in the Evening Post informing the ratepayers that all Rates must be paid within 14 days or legal proceedings will be taken to recover them – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cudby – that 5s be the dog tax for the ensuing year – carried

Enlargement of District
Proposed Damant, Seconded Cudby – that the Resolution re enlargement of the District passed at a meeting held the 5th September 1883 be rescinded and that it be resolved that the Governor be requested to enlarge the District by taking in the whole of the land lying between the present Township and the township of Petone as shewn on the plan submitted to the meeting – carried
FOR Damant, Knight, Cudby; AGAINST R. Orr

1884 Feb 04 Present – Robert Orr in the Chair; Henry Damant, J. Cudby, R. Cleland
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was received from the Department of Justice enclosing the Supplement of the New Zealand Gazette of 24 January 1884 calling the attention of the Board to the fact that the Hutt Town District was proclaimed a Licensing District, also calling the attention of the Board to Section 13 subsection 4 of the Licensing Act Amendment Act 1882. The Chairman informed the meeting that it was the duty of the Board to appoint a returning officer to elect a Licensing Committee in terms of the Licensing Act. Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that Mr Joseph Hall be appointed Returning Officer for the purposes of the Licensing Act – carried

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cleland – that the following accounts be passed for payment

Charitable Aid	one month 20s	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month 30s	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Charitable Aid	4 weeks at 12s	G. Wilson	£2 8s
Carting	Per account	William Cudby	£5 4s 6d
Labour	23 days at 5s per day	C. Maidment	£5 15s
TOTAL			**£15 17s 6d**

Complaints were received to the effect that Mr Petterd and Mr Henry Robertson kept pigs that were a nuisance. Proposed Cudby, Seconded Damant – that Mr Petterd and Mr H. Robertson and every one that causes a nuisance in the District have notices sent to them to abate the same at once – carried

The Collector informed the Board that about £30 had been collected during the past month

1884 Mar 03 Present – R. Orr in the Chair; Henry Damant, J. Cudby and R. Cleland.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was received from the Clyde Town District relative to Cattle Trespass. The Clerk was instructed to send that Board a copy of the Bylaws.

The Returning Officer informed the Board, that according to instructions given at last Board meeting he had called an Election to take place which resulted in the return of Messrs McIlvride, Smith, Milne, Knight and Wilkinson as members of the Lower Hutt Licensing District. Two letters were received from the Department of Justice in reference to the Election of Licensing Committee.

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Damant – that the following accounts be passed for payment

Charitable Aid	one month	E. Tannahill	£1
Charitable Aid	one month	D. Galvin	£1 10s
Charitable Aid	4 weeks at 12s	G. Wilson	£2 8s
Salary Clerk & Collector	one quarter		£5
Treasurer	one half year		£5
Returning officer for Licensing Committee			£2 2s
Labour	11½ days at 5s per day	Charles Maidment	£2 17s 6d
Labour	11½ days at 6s per day	William Churchill	£3 9d
Printing	Per account	Blundell Brothers	14s
Blacksmith	Per account	A. & C. Collett	5s 6d
Carpenter	Per account	Hall and Sons	£8 7s 3d
TOTAL			**£32 13s 3d**

Some discussion arose in reference to the encroachment on the footpath near the Bridge caused by Mr Devereux erecting his fence on the footpath. The Chairman was instructed to write to the Crown Prosecutor “Mr Bell” saying the whole of the circumstances before him.

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cleland – that a box culvert be erected in the creek near Mr S. Parkers House – carried
The Collector informed the Board that there were very much outstanding Rates unpaid, he gets plenty of promises but not cash.

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that the Clerk write to the following defaulters and give them seven days notice that the Collector will take legal proceedings to recover the Rates after 20th of this month – the owners of Family Hotel, Railway Hotel, Fraser’s Hotel, Sir William Fitzherbert, E. Rosa, G. Chittick, J. Gascoine, R. Macalister, James Buck, John Cavanagh, Mrs G. Mantel, R. McDonald, L. O. Schwartz – carried

The Treasurer reported that he had received £2 for the Transfer of the Licence of the Railway Hotel from Mr C. W. Schultz to Thomas Wilkins

1884 Apr 07 Present – R. Orr in the Chair; J. Cudby, J. Knight, R. Cleland, H. Damant
Letter read from Property Tax Department re Valuation Roll.

Letter read from W. P. James, Clerk to the Licensing Committee of the Lower Hutt asking to be supplied with the books necessary for the use of the committee. The Chairman stated he had authorised the Clerk to supply Mr James with the book as required.

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that the accounts as read amounting to £20 14s be passed for payment – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cleland – that the Lower Waiwetu Road from the boundary of Mr P. Smith's to its junction with the Hutt Road be repaired at a cost not to exceed £50 - carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that no new Slaughtering Licenses be issued within the boundaries of the Hutt Town District either by this Board or the Hutt County Council – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that the rateable value of the property owned by Mr R. Orr and numbered _ on the Valuation Roll for the District be increased in accordance with Clause 10 of the "Rating Act 1882" to the sum of £1200 and the property of Mr John White numbered _ on the roll be increased to the sum of £250 and that the clerk be instructed to make the necessary alterations in the rate book for the current year – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cudby – that the necessary notice be given that the Board will at its next meeting levy a rate of one half penny in the £ over all the rateable property within the District and that the clerk prepare the ratebook accordingly – carried

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cleland – that the estimate of receipts and expenditure for the year ending March 31st 1885 as presented to the Board be adopted - carried

1884 May 05 Present – R. Orr in the Chair, James Knight, Cudby, Cleland, Damant
The minutes of the previous meeting was read.
Proposed Cudby, Seconded Knight – that the minutes as now read be confirmed – carried
Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that the accounts as read amounting to £67 2s 6d be passed for payment – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that the sum not exceeding £5 be spent in assisting to deepen the drain crossing the Road near the Railway Station – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr Henry Cooley requesting him to abate the nuisance caused by his Pigsty being too close to the road – carried

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Cleland – that Mr Damant be authorised to sign cheques for the Treasurer during his absence – carried

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Cleland – that the Chairman be requested to write to the Clerk, informing him, that he must be in attendance at the next meeting of the Board, as there are matters that require his attention – carried

Estimate of the proposed Receipts and Expenditure for the Hutt Town District Board for the year ending 31st March 1884

Balance in hand 1st April 1885	£59 12s 6d
Rates – levy of one half-penny in the £ on £101,000	£210 8s 4d
Three Publicans' license fees - £40	£120
One wholesale license fee	£20
From General Government, for Charitable Aid	£55
TOTAL Receipts	**£465 0s 10d**

Maintenance of roads	£200
Intended new work	£75
Timber, pipes & repairs to footpaths	£50
Salaries – Clerk, Collector, and Treasurer	£30
Stationery and stamps	£10
Charitable Aid	£55
Contingencies	£45 0s 10d
TOTAL Expenditure	**£465 0s 10d**

Public Notice – Hutt Town Board Notice – Lower Hutt, 17 May 1884

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Board of Commissioners for the Hutt Town District, at their next meeting, to be held on Monday, the 2nd day of June next, to levy a Rate of One Half-penny in the £, for the year ending the 31st March 1885, payable in one instalment, on and after the 1st day of July 1884; and the Rate-book will be open for inspection on and after the 16th day of June next at the residence of the undersigned, Lower Hutt.
Joseph Hall, Clerk, Hutt Town Board.

1884 Jun 02 Present – Robert Orr in the Chair; Henry Damant, James Knight, John Cudby, Robert Cleland
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
Proposed Cudby, Seconded Knight – that the accounts as now read be passed for payment amounting to £20 13s 6d – carried

It was on reference to the rate book that the sum of £22 6s 9d was still unpaid. The Collector was instructed to collect all outstanding rates forthwith.

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cudby – that the fence on Fry's Road be removed back from the River Bank, that in Parkers-lane and middle Waiwetu road be filled up, and raked in, and that the footpaths from Cleland's downwards, and from the Blackbridge upwards be covered with fine gravel, and the Road on the West Bank of the River be repaired – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded Damant – that a rate of one half penny in the £ be levied on all the rateable property within the District for the year ending the 31st day of March 1885, to be paid in one instalment on, and after the first day of July 1884 – carried

Proposed Damant, Seconded Cudby – that the Clerk be instructed to write to the General Government for a refund of all the Charitable Aid disbursed by this Board during the half year ending the 31st March 1884 – carried

1884 Jul 07 Present – R. Orr in the Chair; J. Knight, John Cudby, Henry Damant, R. Cleland
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Inward correspondence from the Colonial Secretary informing the Board that His Excellency the Governor has extended the Boundary of this Town District in accordance with a request from the Board of the 24th January 1884 and that the proclamation of the same is published in the supplementary Gazette published the 13th June 1884.

Also received a letter stating that the sum of £15 6d has been placed to the credit of the Board in the Bank of New Zealand Hutt being a refund of one half of Charitable Aid disbursed by this Board for the half year ending 31 March 1884.

Proposed Damant, Seconded Knight – that the following accounts be passed for payment mounting to £42 8s – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that the Chairman and Mr Damant be appointed a Committee to meet the Wellington District Road Board to make arrangements for adjusting the liabilities and collecting the rates of the new part of this District – carried

Mr W. A. Fitzherbert sent an offer to the Board that he would take levels and prepare plan and specifications for the formation of the New Footpath leading from the corner of Sir William Fitzherbert's corner to the Railway crossing on the Belmont Road. Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that the offer of Mr Fitzherbert be accepted, and as soon as the levels are taken and the plans and specifications are ready that tenders be invited for the work, the tenders to be opened on the next meeting of the Board the 4th August 1884 – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that the Chairman and Henry Damant sign the Rate Book as prepared for the year ending 31 March 1885 – carried

Proposed Damant, Seconded Knight – that the various Friendly Societies in this District be exempted from paying their Rates – carried
It was ordered that G. Edwards shall have Rations to the amount of 10s per week

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1884 Aug 04 Present – R. Orr in the Chair, Cleland, Cudby, Damant
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was received from the Provincial District Audit Office covering the return of Cash Book and various documents also informing the Board that the accounts had been audited and found correct.

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that William Swafford be allowed 10s per week in rations from this date – carried
Proposed Cudby, Seconded Cleland – that the following accounts be passed for payment amounting to £13 12s 6d – carried

A letter was received from Mr W. A. Fitzherbert covering plans and specifications for footpath near the Railway Station. Proposed Orr, Seconded Damant – that the plans and specifications be received and adopted, and that tenders be invited for the formation of the same at once and that Mr Cleland and Mr Cudby be appointed a deputation to wait on Sir William Fitzherbert asking him to remove back the post at the corner of his fence so as to allow of an easier curve at the point opposite the Railway Station Gates.

1884 Aug 18 Present – Henry Damant in the Chair; J. Cudby, J. Knight, R. Cleland
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

The following tenders were received and opened for the formation of 16½ chains of footpath in Parliament Street - F. Lenoury £135; D. Sinclair £59; William Cudby £53 10s. Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that the tender of William Cudby be accepted.

A circular letter was received from the Colonial Secretary's Office calling the attention of the Board to their duties as a Local Board of Health in reference to an outbreak of small pox. A letter was also received from the Town Clerk of Wellington asking the Board to cooperate with them in the choice of the site, viz Soames Island and in the erection of an Hospital. It was resolved that the Chairman inform the Town Clerk that this Board agree to cooperate with them.

1884 Sep 01 Present – Henry Damant, James Knight, John Cudby, Robert Cleland
Proposed Cudby, Seconded Knight – that Mr Henry Damant take the Chair tonight – carried
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Received a letter from the Property Tax Department requesting a return to be furnished to the Department of all properties belonging to the Board. The Clerk was instructed to reply "nil".

Received the Board's Balance Sheet from Mr R. Macalister, the Provincial District Auditor, duly passed and "signed correct."
Proposed Knight, Seconded Cleland – that the following accounts as per pay sheet be passed for payment amounting £34 8s – carried
Proposed Cleland, Seconded Knight – that the necessary repairs be done to the Waiwetu Road – carried
The Treasurer reported that the credit at the Bank is £86

This being the last meeting of the present Board they examined into their position before leaving it to their successors they find that the assets amount to £130 after paying the present liability of £53 10s for Contract entered into for the new footpath which appeared very satisfactory

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Cleland – that the Returning Officer take the necessary steps to elect a new Board in accordance with the Town Board Act – carried

Evening Post 18 Sep 1884
The election of five Commissioners for the Hutt Town Board took place yesterday, at the Lower Hutt, and created a good deal of excitement, owing to several new candidates entering the lists. When the poll was declared it was found that the order was Rosa Emanuel 67; John Cudby 65; Robert Cleland 59; James Knight 53; Robert Orr 47; and Henry Damant 47. The returning officer said the fifth and sixth candidates were a tie, and he should give his casting vote in favour of Mr Orr, as being the only candidate representing the Blackbridge district. A notification of the due election of the above-mentioned gentlemen appears elsewhere.

1884 Oct 06 Present – R. Cleland, J. Cudby, R. Orr, E. Rosa.
This being the first meeting of the newly elected Board the first business was to elect a Chairman. Proposed Rosa; Seconded Orr – that Mr R. Cleland be elected Chairman of the Board – carried unanimously

Mr R. Cleland having taken the Chair thanked the Board for the honour given to him, and hoped he would fill the office as well as his predecessor.

Inward correspondence from the Colonial Secretary acknowledging the receipt of the names of the new commissioners. From the Minister of Justice forwarding forms of Returns to be filled up shewing the amount of Licence fees have been received by the Board for the past three years. The Clerk was instructed to supply the required information.

A letter was received from Messrs Ed. Whiting and William Straughan respecting the removal of fencing erected across streets in Alicetown by Neill & Coffey. The Clerk was instructed to reply “that they have their remedy” and that it is not within the province of the Board to be mixed up with Boundry brawls.

Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that the following accounts as per pay sheet amounting to £58 7s 6d be passed for payment – carried

The matter of employing carts for carting gravel was discussed at some length. Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that in future when any carting is to be done to any amount exceeding £5 that notice advertisement be put in one of the papers calling tenders for the work to be done – carried

A letter was received from Mr W. A. Fitzherbert making a claim of £37 10s for land for foot-lane and work done for protecting the Bank of the River. Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that the consideration of Mr Fitzherbert’s letter be postponed until next meeting – carried. The Clerk was instructed to reply to the above letter.

Evening Post 09 Oct 1884 Hutt Town Board

The first meeting of the newly-elected Hutt Town Board took place on Monday. Members present – Messrs R. Cleland, John Cudby, Robert Orr and E. Rosa. Mr R. Cleland was unanimously elected chairman. Inward correspondence – From the Colonial Secretary, acknowledging the receipt of the report of the late election of new Board; from the Department of Justice, asking for a return of all license fees received by the Board for the years 1881, 1882, 1883. The clerk was instructed to furnish the returns required; from Mr Edward Whiting, asking the Board's assistance in removing fencing put across streets in Alicetown by Messrs Neill and Coffey. The clerk was instructed to reply "that he had the remedy by removing any obstacle out of the way." Letter from W. A. Fitzherbert forwarding a claim for £37 10s for sand for a deviation of a foot lane leading from the river to Belmont-road, caused by the encroachment of the river, and for protection work done by him on the river bank to protect the river from taking any more of the bank away near the lane. Consideration of the claim was ordered to stand over until next Board meeting. Accounts were passed for payment under the following heads:- Charitable aid £11 10s; printing £3 2s; Returning Officer £2 2s; labour £12 16s; carting £28 17s 6d; total £58 7s 6d. The Treasurer reported that the credit balance at the bank was £102 1s 7d. The Inspector informed the Board that sundry work had to be done in repairing the footpath after the late fresh; that some delay was caused in finishing the footpath in Parliament-street, caused by the floods in the Wairarapa washing away the trams leading to the sawmill, but that the timber for kerbing would be at hand in a day or two, and then the work would progress. Mr Rosa called the attention of the Board to the large amount of charitable aid paid by the Board. The list of recipients was examined carefully, and the circumstances of each taken into consideration. The Board could not suggest any way by which the amount could be reduced at present. The meeting then adjourned until the first Monday in November 1884.

1884 Nov 03 Present – R. Cleland in the Chair; Robert Orr, James Knight, E. Rosa, John Cudby
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr John Cudby made an application that some carts might be employed in repairing the Race-Course Road stating that the cost would be about £6 15s. Some discussion ensued. It was decided not to grant the request.

Mr E. J. Riddiford waited on the Board in reference to water-pipes being put through his property at Fern Grove. On a former occasion the Board agreed to pay half the cost of the pipes to be put from the first to the 2nd Bridge, he now withdraws his offer to have the pipes put in the place as agreed on formally, but was willing to pay half the cost of putting the pipes between his land and Mrs Johnsons. Proposed Orr, Seconded Knight – that a sub-committee be appointed to see the place, to meet on the ground on Thursday 11th instant at 5 o'clock p.m. and to report at next meeting, to consist of the Chairman, J. Knight, E. Rosa and J. Cudby – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Knight – that some pipes be put across under the footpath near Judds – carried

Mr J. Cudby brought an application from Mrs Elizabeth Downey for Charitable Aid because she was unable to work through a lame leg, the consideration of the application was ordered to stand over until the next meeting.

Some discussion took place in reference to the inequality in the distribution of Charitable Aid. It was decided to increase the aid to E. Tannahill to £1 10s per month, and pay the Rations for William Swafford at the of £1 10s per calendar month. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Wellington District Road Board for a refund of all Rates collected by that Board since the proclamation of Alicetown being part of this Town District.

Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that accounts as per pay sheet be passed for payment amounting to £16 13s – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that the Clerk write to Mr William C. Devereux and request him to remove his fence off the footpath to the original boundary within fourteen days from this date also to inform him that if the fence is not removed by the aforesaid time, the Board will take legal proceedings to have the said fence removed – carried

Evening Post 05 Nov 1884 Hutt Town Board

The usual monthly meeting was held in the office of the Board on Monday, 3rd November, at 7.30 p.m. Present – Messrs R. Cleland (in the chair), Robert Orr, James Knight, E. Rosa, and John Cudby. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr John Cudby made an application for a grant of £6 15s, to be spent on the Race-course road. After some lengthy discussion, it was decided not to accede to the request. Mr E. J. Riddiford waited on the Board in reference to a former engagement of the Board, to pay half the cost of twelve pipes to carry the water brought down the main drain from the first to the second bridge on his property at Fern Grove. Now he wished the Board to keep their promise in reference to the payment for pipes, but wished to have them laid not as originally intended, but between his boundary line and Mrs Johnson's, and running direct to the river. A sub-committee was appointed to see if the scheme was practicable and to report at next meeting, the sub-committee to meet on the ground on Tuesday, 11th inst., at 5 p.m. An application was made for some pipes to be put under the footpath near Judd's Black Bridge. The request was granted. Accounts to the amount of £16 13s were passed for payment. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Wellington District Road Board for a refund of £8 15s 10d, rates collected by that Board in Alicetown since that place had been proclaimed part of the Hutt Town District. In reference to the application of Mr W. A. Fitzherbert for £37 10s for land and protection works at river bank, it was decided that the Chairman should wait on him and explain matters, and request him to amend his application. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr William C. Devereux, and request him within 14 days to remove his fence from off the footpath to the original boundary, also to inform him if the said fence is not removed legal proceedings will be taken to have it removed.

1884 Dec 12 Present – R. Cleland in the Chair; James Knight, Robert Orr, E. Rosa, John Cudby
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letter received from Mr W. A. Fitzherbert requesting that something should be done to River Bank. The Clerk was instructed to reply stating that nothing could be done pending the formation of this Board into a River Conservatory Board.

Letter from Colonial Secretary stating that the sum of £18 12s has been placed to credit of the Board in Bank of New Zealand being one half of the Charitable refunded of the amount disbursed by the Board for the half year ending 30th September 1884.

Letter from Mr William Cudby offering to sell to the Board about 700 feet of Totara timber for 14s 6d per 100 feet delivered to the Board. Proposed Orr, Seconded Knight – that the offer of Mr William Cudby be accepted.

The Clerk was instructed to procure a copy of the River-Board Act of 1884.
Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that the following accounts as per pay sheet be passed for payment – carried

The Committee appointed last meeting "Re" putting pipe between Mr Riddiford's and Mrs Johnson's properties. Reported unfavourable to the work being done. 1st Mrs Johnson refuses to give consent to it being done 2nd that it would cost more than the original place agreed upon at a former meeting of the Board, viz 3rd July 1882. Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that the Board will continue the pipes from the 1st to 2nd Bridges in Mr Riddiford's property in accordance with the minutes of 3rd July 1884 – carried. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Riddiford to this effect.

Proposed Knight, Seconded Orr – that Mr John Cudby and Mr E. Rosa be a sub-committee to carry out the necessary works of the Board – carried.

Proposed Orr, Seconded Knight – that the Clerk write to the County Council, and call their attention to the fact that Complaints have been given to the Board by the Land Occupiers between the Blackbridge and Nai-nae that the Culverts and Drains are not sufficient to carry off the storm water in that locality – carried

Notice of motion from James Knight – will move on next Board meeting that a portion of the Lower Waiwetu Road and a portion near Mr E. Rosa be lowered and the soil be put to widen the road.

A good deal of discussion then ensued with reference to action being taken in forming this Board a River Board. Several portions were read from the Acts bearing on the subject. Proposed Knight, Seconded Cudby – that the Chairman and Mr Orr wait on and consult with the Petone Town Board and Hutt County Council with a view of receiving what information they can in reference to River Boards generally and what funds are likely to be available for the Hutt Town Board – carried

Some discussion took place in reference to Mr Devereux, refusing to obey the Order of the Board re removing his fence. The Chairman gave sundry explanations of … talk with him, and further stating that it would not be right to take the Rates for expensive litigation. It was agreed not to do anything at present.

Proposed Rosa, Seconded Cudby – that the Clerk write to Messrs Johnson and Coffey and request them to remove their fences off the streets near their properties – carried

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1885 Jan 05 Present – Robert Cleland in the Chair; James Knight, R. Orr, E. Rosa and John Cudby
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
A very great deal of discussion the ensued in reference to Mr W. C. Devereux refusing to obey an order of the Board in removing his fence from off the footpath to the proper boundary where the original fence stood.

Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that the Board obtain the best legal advice they can upon the subject of removing the fence and the manner of doing so – carried.

Letter received from Mr Henry Damant (through the Chairman) enclosing a letter from W. A. Fitzherbert. After hearing the explanation of the returning officer the Board decided not to take any action in the matter. The Clerk was ordered to reply to Mr Damant to this effect.

Proposed Knight, Seconded Orr – that the accounts as per paysheet be passed for payment amounting to £17 12s 6d – carried

Complaints were received that Mr Henry Robertson's premises smell very bad owing to pigs being kept there, and the yard in a very dirty state. Proposed Knight, Seconded Orr – that Mr Robertson be written to giving him 14 days notice to remove his pigs, and to cleanse his yard – carried

The Collector informed the Board that about £140 of rates still remained unpaid. Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that the defaulting ratepayers be written giving them 14 days notice to pay their rates in, all unpaid after that to be summoned without respect of persons – carried

The Overdraft at the Bank was stated to be including the … expenditure to be £35 5s 3d.

The Clerk was instructed to see the poundkeeper, and to see that the pound is constructed in accordance with the Impounding Act of 1884.

The Works committee reported that some pipes were required across footpaths near Blackbridge, and some fencing across the Road on the Western side of the river to prevent persons falling into the river, they were ordered to have pipes and fencing done.

Proposed Rosa, Seconded Knight – that a man be employed to take down the fences across the Roads in Alicetown – carried

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1885 Feb 02 Present – R. Cleland in the Chair; R. Orr, E. Rosa, John Cudby
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman inquired whether the works authorised at last meeting were attended to, sundry explanations were given and accepted, all the outward correspondence were approved of. The Collector informed the Board that the Notices to the ratepayers had been sent, that over £100 had been received during the past month. A list of the defaulters were submitted to the Board, and three ratepayers were marked to be summoned for court next day.

Mr W. C. Devereux waited on the Board re fence on footpath. He said that he would remove the fence as soon as he had got the £70 from the County Council which was awarded him in the late case of … Mr J. Martin. That he did not intend to do so before he got the money, but if the Board would pay him for the land the sum being ever so little he would remove the fence at once. The Chairman then read to him the instructions to the Solicitor, Mr Travers, and the legal advice from him. In reply from questions from the Board, Mr Devereux stated that when he bought the land he thought the original boundary was the right boundary and was quite satisfied with it, but when Mr Climie surveyed it, and gave him the present right boundary he removed the fence to it where it now stands, and that he could not see his way to remove it without being paid for the land. Mr Devereux then retired. Proposed Cudby, Seconded Cleland – that Mr Devereux be requested to remove his fence at once and that if he fail to do so, the Board will remove the fence in 14 days from this date – carried by casting vote of Chairman.

Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that the accounts as per pay sheet be passed for payment amounting to £36 6s – carried

Received Mr Travers legal advice “that the Board can remove Mr Devereux’s fence at once without any reference to the Hutt County Council.”

Letter from the Hutt County Council in reference to drainage between Blackbridge and Nai nai from which it appears that they have but little knowledge of the district or the import of the letter. The Clerk was instructed to give further explanations.

Also another letter asking for a corrected list of the Ratepayers and the amount of their valuations in the Hutt Town District. This list was ordered to be supplied.

Received a letter from Messrs Buller & Gully, solicitors for Mr E. J. Riddiford, requesting that some decision should be arrived at in putting drain pipes between Mr Riddiford's and Mrs Johnson's properties. The Clerk was instructed to reply and acknowledge the receipt of the letter and inform Messrs Buller & Gully that the Board do not intend to take any action in this matter.

Some conversation took place in reference to taking down the fences on the roads and streets. No action was taken but the general opinion was that the Board would have to make it a general thing to have all the fences put in their proper boundary lines.

Proposed Rosa, Seconded Orr – that tenders be invited by three insertions in the papers for all the carting to be done in the Hutt Town District for one year viz from 31 March 1885 to 31 March 1886. All the carters to be able bodied men – carried

The Board then ordered the Returning Officer to take steps for the Annual election of the Licensing Committee.

Evening Post 04 Feb 1885 Hutt Town Board

The usual monthly meeting of the Hutt Town Board was held at the office of the Board on Monday evening last. The Commissioners present were, Mr R. Cleland (Chairman), Messrs John Cudby, Robert Orr, and E. Rosa. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Collector informed the Board that over £100 of rates had been received during the past month; a list of the defaulters was submitted to the meeting, three of whom it was resolved should be summoned for next Court day. A letter was received from Mr Travers, giving legal opinion re removing fence belonging to Mr W. C. Devereux from off the footpath, stating that the Board can do so at once without any reference to the Hutt County Council. A letter was received from Messrs Buller and Gully, solicitors for Mr E. J. Riddiford, requesting that some decision should be arrived at about putting drain pipes between Mr Riddiford's and Mrs Johnson's properties. The Clerk was instructed to reply, and acknowledge the receipt of the letter, and inform Messrs Buller and Gully that the Board did not intend to take any action in the matter. The following accounts were passed for payment:- Charitable aid £8 5s; labour £7 16s; legal advice £5 5s; salaries for half-year £15; total £36 6s. Mr W. C. Devereux waited on the Board in reference to his fence being on the footpath. He said that he would remove his fence as soon as he had got the £70 from the Hutt County Council which was awarded him in the late case against Mr J. Martin; that he did not intend to do so before he had the money, but if the Board would pay him for the land he would remove the fence at once. The Chairman then read to him the instructions to the solicitor, Mr Travers, and the legal advice from him. In reply to questions from the Board, Mr Devereux stated that when he bought the land he thought the original boundary was the right boundary, and was quite satisfied with it, but when Mr Climie surveyed it and gave him the present right boundary, he removed his fence to where it now stands, and he could not see his way to remove it without being paid for the land. Mr Devereux then retired, and the clerk was instructed to write to him and request him to remove his fence at once, stating that should he fail to do so within 14 days, the Board would take the fence down. A great deal of discussion took place on the much-vexed question of fencing not being on the proper boundary line, and streets being fenced in altogether. No action was taken, but the general opinion was that the Board would have to make a general rule to have all the fences put up on the proper boundary line. It was resolved to invite tenders, to be sent in by next Board meeting, for all the carting requiring to be done by the Board for one year commencing on 31st March 1885 to 31st March 1886. Instructions were given to the returning officer to take the necessary steps for the annula election of the Licensing Committee. The meeting then adjourned until 2nd March 1885.

Evening Post 20 Feb 1885
Notice is hereby given that the following persons have been duly nominated for office of Members of the Lower Hutt Licensing District:- John Cavanagh, Richard Thomas Best Mellow, George McIlvride, Emanuel Rosa, John Robert Ranson, Samuel Smith, Charles Trevethick, and John Williams. There are five vacancies to be filled, and as the number of Candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, I hereby appoint a poll to be taken as between the several candidates, whose names are given above, on Wednesday, the 25th day of February 1885, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 6 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the Hutt Town Board, Lower Hutt. Joseph Hall, Returning Officer, Lower Hutt 19th February 1885.

1885 Mar 02 Present – Robert Cleland in the Chair; R. Orr, James Knight, E. Rosa, John Cudby
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Received a letter from Mr J. Climie calling the attention of the Board to the inconvenience felt by the residence on western Hutt by the encroachment of the river on the footpath. The Clerk was instructed to reply stating that the Board has no funds available for River protection works.

Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that the form of Agreement drawn up by the Clerk for the contract of carting required by the Board be adopted – carried

The following tenders were received for all the carting required to be done for one year commencing on 1st April 1885 and ending 31st March 1886 – No.1 William Cudby 10s each; No.2 J. T. Russell and George Peck 10s each; No.3 W. H. August 10s each; F. Cronin 9s 4d each; John Cavanagh 9s 6d each. Proposed Knight, Seconded Rosa – that the tender of Mr John Cavanagh be accepted. The motion was put and lost, only the proposer and seconder voting for it. Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that the tender of Mr William Cudby be accepted – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that the account as per pay sheet amounting to £23 8s 3d be passed for payment – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that a man be employed in conjunction with one employed by the Hutt County to clean up the drain from Park Villa to the end of the Boundary of the Town District (say 10 days) – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that a sum not exceeding £5 be spent on the drain near Mr E. Rosa's property – carried
Proposed Orr, Seconded Knight – that the culvert on White's line be repaired – carried

A plan of Mr Devereux property was shewn to the Board, from which it was clearly seen that his fence is not put up in the proper boundary line. Proposed Orr, Seconded Knight – that the Clerk write to the Hutt County Council calling their attention to the fact that Mr W. C. Devereux has not yet removed his fence to the proper boundary line, and request that the purchase money be not paid to him till such time that he has removed his fence to the proper boundary line – carried. Also to write to Mr Devereux and request him to remove his fence to the proper boundary line at once. At the same time to inform him should he require a plan of the ground the Board can lend him one to put up the fence by – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Knight – that at the next monthly meeting of the Board that a rate of one half penny in the pound be struck on all rateable property within the Hutt Town District for a period of 12 months commencing 31 March 1885 and ending 31 March 1886 payable on or after the 20th May 1885 in one instalment – carried

Evening Post 06 Mar 1885 Hutt Town Board

The usual monthly meeting of the Hutt Town Board was held in the Town Board office on Monday. Commissioners present – Messrs R. Cleland (in the chair), Robert Orr, James Knight, E. Rosa and J. Cudby. A letter was received from Mr J. Climie, calling the attention of the Board to the inconvenience felt by the residents of Western Hutt, by the encroachment of the river on the footpath leading from Belmont-road to the bridge, rendering the path impassable. The Clerk was instructed to reply stating that the Board has no funds available for river protection purposes. It was resolved to adopt the form of agreement drawn up by the Clerk for the contract of carting required by the Board for the next 12 months. The following tenders were received for the carting required for the year commencing 1st April 1885, and ending 31st March 1886, viz:- William Cudby, 10s per day; J. T. Russell and George Peck, 10s per day; W. H. August, 10s per day; F. Cronin, 9s 4d per day; John Cavanagh, 9s 6d per day. After a long discussion it was decided to accept the tender of Mr William Cudby. The following accounts were passed for payment:- Charitable aid, £7 10s; labour, £6 8s; timber and pipes, £1 16s 9d; printing and stationery, £5 11s 6d; Returning Officer to Licensing Committee, £2 2s; total £23 8s 3d. It was resolved to employ a man, in conjunction with one employed by the Hutt County Council, to clean up the drain from Park Villa to the end of the Town District. It was resolved to repair the large culvert in White's Line and put drain pipes across the road near Mr Rosa's property. Letters were ordered to be sent to the Hutt Councy Council and Mr W. C. Devereux respecting Mr Devereux's fence not being removed to the proper boundary. It was resolved that at the next monthly meeting of the Board a rate of one half-penny in the £ be struck on all rateable property within the Hutt Town District for the year commencing 1st April 1885 and ending 31st March 1886, payable in one instalment, due on or after 20th May 1885. The meeting then adjourned.

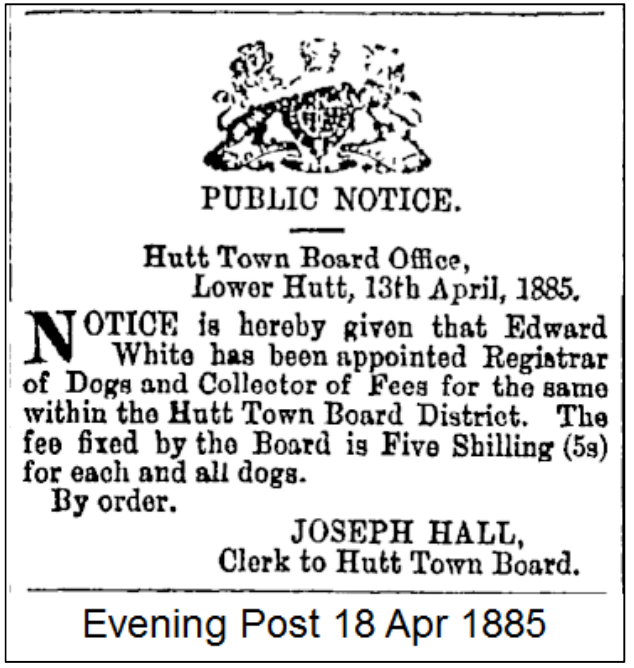
1885 Apr 13 Present – R. Cleland in the Chair; J. Knight, E. Rosa, J. Cudby
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Received a letter from Mr John Eades stating that his brother Joseph Eades does not contribute towards the support of their parents. The Clerk explained that about two years ago he got Judgment at Court for 7s per week, but he believed that no money has been paid. The Clerk was instructed to see into this matter, and take further steps if it was found necessary.

Proposed Knight, Seconded Rosa – that the following account as per pay sheet amounting to £137 15s 6d be passed for payment – carried

Proposed Rosa, Seconded Cudby – that the amount of charitable aid to Giles Edwards be reduced to £1 10s per month – carried

Received a memo from the residence of Alicetown complaining that a nuisance is caused by pigs feeding and offal deposited on the Ground at Mr H. Barbers property. Proposed Knight, Seconded Rosa – that a letter be written to the Wellington Meat Preserving and Refrigerating Company requesting them to abate the nuisance – carried



PUBLIC NOTICE.

Hutt Town Board Office,
Lower Hutt, 13th April, 1885.

NOTICE is hereby given that Edward White has been appointed Registrar of Dogs and Collector of Fees for the same within the Hutt Town Board District. The fee fixed by the Board is Five Shilling (5s) for each and all dogs.

By order.

JOSEPH HALL,
Clerk to Hutt Town Board.

Evening Post 18 Apr 1885

Mr D. Speedy waited on the Board on behalf of the Hutt River board asking that a sum of money be granted to the River Board for the purpose of widening and protecting the foot-lane leading from the River to the Belmont Road. He explained that the work would cost £30, the River board would give £15, that the settlers would give some money towards the work. The Chairman here explained that the Board could vote money for the purpose of widening the lane but not for River protection purposes. Proposed Cudby, Seconded Rosa – that the sum of £10 be given towards opening up the road leading from the River to Belmont Road – carried

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Knight – that Mr Edward White be appointed Dog Registrar and Collector of the Dog Tax, that the fee fixed for each and every dog be 5s each and that the remuneration to the Collector shall be 1s each dog – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded Rosa – that no money be spent in repairing roads this month – carried

The Chairman brought to the notice of the Board "the native woman left in the District in a destitute condition". She has been receiving… charitable aid and with Okiwi Brown from the Hutt County Council but since Brown's death. She has come into the Town District. Proposed Rosa, Seconded Knight – that the chairman be appointed to wait on the chairman of the Hutt County Council and see what can be done for the poor woman – carried

The Clerk reported that there were 25 alterations in the Rate Book for the ensuing year and presented the Board with a list of the alterations which were approved of by the Board, when the Chairman and Mr James Knight were appointed to sign the Ratebook. The estimated receipts and expenditure were fixed the same as last year.

1885 May 04 Present – R. Cleland in the Chair; Robert Orr, James Knight, E. Rosa, John Cudby
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Received a memo from the Property Tax Commissioner asking the Board to give assistance to the intended assessors by allowing them to inspect the Roll and Maps in use. The Clerk was instructed to reply that the Rolls and Maps can be seen at any time, at the private residence of the Clerk.

Proposed Orr, Seconded Knight – that the following amounts as per pay sheet be passed for payment – total £10 – carried

Some discussion took place in reference to procuring fine gravel for the footpaths. The Clerk was instructed to get a screen made to screen the gravel with the size to be 5 feet long 2' 6" wide the wires to be put one half of an inch apart.

Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that an advertisement be put in one of the Greytown papers, two inserted calling for tenders to supply the Board with good totara timber for 12 months in quantities of not less than 2,000 feet at a time, if a suitable tender is sent in the Clerk to order 2,000 feet before next Board Meeting – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that Mr Devereux fence be removed off the footpath and new kerbing put to replace the decayed kerbing and that the Clerk be instructed to get the work done – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that the road leading to Mr James Knight's property be repaired – carried. Resolved that Mr J. Cudby and Mr E. Rosa, the inspectors get the District Roads repaired where required during the present month.

Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that the Chairman and Mr J. Knight with the assistance of the Clerk be a Committee to see about widening the Waiwetu Road through the swamp and to call for tenders if found necessary – carried

The Treasurer reported that he had made an application to the General Government for a refund of £49 5s paid by this Board for Charitable Aid during the past six months

Evening Post 06 May 1885

A meeting of the Hutt Town Board was held at the Town Board office, Lower Hutt, on Monday. Commissioners present – Mr R. Cleland (in the chair), Messrs Robert Orr, James Knight, E. Rosa, and John Cudby. A memo was received from Mr J. Sperrey, the Property Tax Commissioner, asking the Board to give assistance to the intended assessors by allowing them to inspect the rolls and maps now in use. The Clerk was instructed to reply that the rolls and maps could be seen by them at any time at the private residence of the Clerk. Accounts to the amount of £10 were passed for payment. In view of timber being required for kerbing and bridge planking, it was decided to advertise in the Greytown newspaper for tenders to supply the Board with good totara timber for the next twelve months. The Clerk was instructed to have new kerbing put at the footpath leading from Mr Devereux's house to the bridge, and to have the footpath widened to the proper boundary of the road, and to remove all obstacles to the work. It was resolved that Bloomfield-road be repaired and all the district roads as far as possible this month, and that Mr John Cudby and Mr E. Rosa superintend the work. The Chairman and Mr J. Knight were appointed a committee to widen the district road through the Waiwetu swamp, and to call for tenders if necessary, tenders to be sent in by next Board meeting. The Treasurer reported to the meeting that he had made an application to the General Government for a refund of £49 5s paid by the Board for charitable aid during the past six months. The Board then adjourned until the 1st June.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until 30th May, inst., for the supply of GOOD HEART OF TOTARA TIMBER to the Hutt Town Board, to be delivered at the Lower Hutt Railway Station, for a period of twelve months, in quantities of not less than 2,000 feet at a time. Tenders to state the price per 100 feet.

JOSEPH HALL,
325.2 Clerk to Hutt Town Board.

Wairarapa Standard 08 May 1885

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS will be received until noon of Monday, the 1st June, 1885, for two contracts for Widening and Metalling about 21 Chains of the Waiwetu-road, Hutt.

Plans, specifications, and conditions can be seen at the residence of the undersigned, at the Lower Hutt.

JOSEPH HALL,
Clerk.

Hutt Town Board Office,
Lower Hutt, 25th May, 1885.

Evening Post 26 May 1885

1885 Jun 01 Present – R. Cleland in the chair; R. Orr, J. Knight, E. Rosa, John Cudby
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Tenders were opened for widening and metalling 21¾ chains of the Waiwetu Road in two contracts. Mr John Cavanagh for both £105; J. T. Russell and George Peck for both £45; Mr J. P. Shields (informal) for both £116. Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that the tender of Messrs Russell and Peck be accepted – carried

Tenders were opened for the supply of good sound Heart of Totara Timber to be delivered at the Lower Hutt Railway Station. William Booth & Co. of Wellington and Wairarapa 15s per 100 feet with certain restrictions in the sizes; William Burt, Featherston 15s per 100 feet with restrictions.

Proposed Orr, Seconded J. Knight – that the tender of Mr William Burt (as being the most suitable) be accepted – carried. The Clerk was then instructed to order 4,000 feet of suitable sizes at once.

Proposed Knight, Seconded Cudby – that no further action be taken in reference to removing Mr Devereux's fence, that new kerbing be put down and the footpath be made tidy – carried

An application was received from Captain Humfrey to have pipes put across the Road near his place he will contribute half the cost of the pipes

Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that pipes be put across the Road near Captain Humfrey's place on condition that he pays ½ the cost – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that pipes be put across the Road near Mrs Toker's providing she will contribute one half the cost – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that no more gorse be cut down by the Board in future, but the owners of the Hedges shall be called upon to do so – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that the drain near Mr Lynch's property be cleaned out. Mr Cleland will see that it is done – carried
Proposed Knight, Seconded Orr – that Mr Giles Edwards be appointed Ranger within the Hutt Town District – carried
Proposed Orr, Seconded Knight – that the accounts as per paysheet amounting to £57 19s 6d be passed for payment – carried

Messrs Cudby and Rosa were appointed inspectors to look after the Waiwetu Contracts and give instruction to the Contractors. Also to continue metalling the Roads were required during this present month.

Evening Post 04 Jun 1885 Hutt Town Board

The usual monthly meeting of the Hutt Town Board was held at the office of the Board, on Monday, at 7.30 p.m. Commissioners present – Messrs R. Cleland (in the chair), R. Orr, Jas. Knight, E. Rosa, and John Cudby. The following tenders were opened for widening and metalling 21¾ chains of the Waiwetu Road:- John Cavanagh, £105; Russell & Peck, £45; J. P. Shields (informal) for £116. The tender of Messrs Russell and Peck was accepted. The tender of William Burt, of Featherston, was accepted for supplying the Board with good totara timber at 15s per 100 feet for the ensuing year. The Clerk was instructed to order 4000 feet of suitable sizes at once. Captain Humphrey made an application to have pipes put across the road near his place, expressing his readiness to contribute one-half of the cost. The application was granted. A like application was received from Mrs Toker, and was granted on the same condition. It was resolved that any person allowing gorse to spread on the road from their gorse hedges shall be called upon to destroy the plants or bushes. Mr Giles Edwards was appointed ranger within the town district. Accounts amounting to £57 19s 6d were passed for payment. The Inspector of Roads were instructed to continue metalling the roads during the present month. The meeting then adjourned until the 6th of July.

Wairarapa Times 30 Jun 1885

The Government has caused to be prepared a statement showing the approximate amount which local bodies would receive under the Finance and Powers Bill. The following are the totals for each class:- Town districts £5775; boroughs £37,942; counties containing no road districts, £30,832; counties containing road districts £125,741; goldfield counties £26,000; total £226,390. The following are within the provincial district of Wellington:- Hutt (Town Board) £207; Johnsonville £47; Kaiwarra £62; Petone £123; Carterton, £90; Featherston £144; Wellington £1500; Greytown £314; Masterton £750; Hutt Road Board (no rate levied); Karori-Makara £904; Kilbirnie £792; Wellington Road Board £1000; outlying (no county rate levied); total £2696. Wairarapa West (no rate levied)-Featherston £2000; Taratahi-Carterton £1000; total £3000. Wairarapa East-Upper Taueru (no rate levied); Castlepoint £1000; Masterton £1000; Pahiatua £150; Alfredton, £152; total £2302. The Government should now cause to be prepared a return showing the additional burdens which it is proposed to place on local bodies.

1885 Jul 06 Present – R. Cleland in the chair; J. Knight, E. Rosa, R. Orr, J. Cudby
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Inspectors reported that they have passed No.2 Contract for widening the Waiwetu Road. Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that the sum of £20 be paid to the Contractors on account of work done – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that Mr G. Edwards be authorised to take action against any person rescuing cattle &c when being pounded, the Board finding him professional aid and bearing the cost of the proceedings.

Mr Henry Damant waited upon the Board on behalf of the Hutt Mechanics Institute to ascertain if the Board would make a grant in aid of the funds of the Institute, he pointed out that the Reading Room was open to the Public for reading purposes. The Chairman informed Mr Damant that he would inform him of the results later on.

Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that the following accounts as per paysheet amounting to £94 19s 6d be passed for payment – carried
Proposed Orr, Seconded Knight – that the sum of £2 2s be paid to Mr J. Hall for preparing plans and specifications for the two contracts for widening Waiwetu Road – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that pipes be put across the Main Road opposite Mrs Toker's free of cost to Mrs Toker – carried

A complaint was received by the Board that a very bad smell arises from the filthy state of the backyard of the premises of Mr J. G. Buck. Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that the Clerk write to Mr Buck and request him to abate the nuisance at once – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that the sum of £10 given to the funds of the Hutt Mechanics Institute – carried

1885 Jul 13 Special meeting – Present – R. Cleland in the Chair; R. Orr, J. Cudby, E. Rosa
The Chairman informed the meeting that he had called the Board together to consider a Bill now before Parliament – the new Municipal Corporations Bill – that with other Town Districts the Hutt Town District was placed on the Schedule to become a Borough. The Chairman asked Mr Orr to read from the Act in his possession and give some explanations to the Board. Mr Orr read from the Act, that among other objections, more expense would be caused in working a corporation than the present Board.

Proposed Cudby, Seconded Rosa – that Mr R. Cleland and Mr R. Orr be appointed a deputation to wait on the Government and see what can be done for the best. If no subsidy will be given, to request that the Hutt Town District be struck out of the Schedule - carried

1885 Aug 03 Present – R. Cleland in the Chair; R. Orr, J. Cudby
The minutes of the last ordinary and special meetings were read and confirmed.

Received a letter from Mr G. M. Snelson, Chairman of the Manawatu Road Board, stating that considerable dissatisfaction exist with the present Government Audit. Asking for suggestions for alterations from the present system to Local Audit. The Clerk was instructed to reply “That this Board has no fault to find the General Government Audit”.

Proposed Orr, Seconded Cleland – that on the completion of the contracts for widening the Waiwetu Road, that Mr J. Knight and Mr J. Cudby shall pass them, and sign a certificate for the payment of them – carried

A communication was received from Captain Humfrey asking permission to put drain pipes under the Road leading from his property. The Clerk was instructed to write to Captain Humfrey stating that the Board has given him permission to put the pipes under the road as requested.

The Deputation appointed at the special meeting of the Board to wait on the Government reported that they had an interview with the Government, through the Member for the Hutt Mr H. S. Fitzherbert who promised to do all he could to have the Hutt Town District struck out of the Schedule in the New Municipal Corporation Act in order that it will not be formed into a Borough.

Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that the following accounts, as per pay sheet, be passed for payment amounting to £45 9s – carried

Some discussion took place in reference to Horses and cattle trespassing on the footpath leading from the Railway Station towards the Hutt Bridge. The Inspectors were instructed to have two rows of barbed wire put on the fence on the south side of the footpath and other repairs done to prevent damage being done to the shrubs, also to replace those destroyed by fresh shrubs.

In the case of Nuisance as reported last Board Meeting the clerk stated that he had written to Mr Buck, but to the present he had not received any reply. It was decided not to take any further action until a fuller meeting of the Board.

Evening Post 05 Aug 1885 Hutt Town Board

A meeting of the Hutt Town Board was held at the office of the Board on Monday evening last. Commissioners present – Mr R. Cleland (in the chair), Mr R. Orr, and Mr John Cudby. A letter was received from Mr George M. Snelson, Chairman of the Manawatu Road Board, stating that considerable dissatisfaction with the present system of local audit. The Clerk was instructed to reply that the Board had no fault to find with the present system of audit. A communication was received from Captain Humfrey, who asked to be allowed to put drain pipes under the road leading from his property. The Clerk was instructed to give the required permission. In the case of the nuisance referred to at the last meeting, the Clerk informed the Board that he had written to Mr J. Buck requesting him to abate the nuisance at once, but up to the present he had received no reply to his letter. It was decided to take no further action until a fuller meeting of the Board. The deputation appointed by the Board at the special meeting held on the 13th of last month to wait on the Government in reference to the new Municipal Corporations Bill now before Parliament, reported that they had waited on the Government, accompanied by the member for the Hutt, Mr H. S. Fitzherbert, and that the Minister had promised to do all he could to have the Hutt Town Board struck out of the schedule of the Act so that it will not be formed into a borough. Accounts amounting to £45 8s were passed for payment. Mr J. Knight and Mr John Cudby were appointed to pass the Waiwetu-road contracts, and sign a certificate for the payment of the work when the same is completed. The inspectors were instructed to have two rows of barbed wire put on the fence on the south side of the footpath leading from the railway station to the bridge, and to do other work necessary to prevent horses and cattle from destroying the shrubs, also to replace those destroyed. The meeting then adjourned until 7th September.

1885 Sep 07 Present – R. Cleland in the Chair; Robert Orr, James Knight, E. Rosa, John Cudby
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Received a letter from Messrs Olliver and Brown, solicitors, for Mr J. B. Whitehead requesting that the fences on the back line of Section 35 now in the occupation of Messrs Grainey, Parkes, Archer and Devereux be immediately removed. Proposed Orr, Seconded Knight – that no action be taken in this matter – carried. The Clerk was instructed to reply to the letter.

Received a letter from Mr Buck stating that he was not aware of any nuisance existing on his property, should any arise he was quite willing to abate the same at once.

Received a letter from Mr Henry Damant thanking the Board on behalf of the Members of the Mechanics Institute for the Grant of £10 towards the Library fund.

Proposed Knight, Seconded Orr – that Mr R. Cleland and Mr J. Cudby be appointed to examine and pass the Timber now in hands previous to payment – carried

Received a letter from Messrs Strachan and Whiting asking that some repairs be done to Donald Street in Alicetown. Proposed Orr, Seconded Knight – that no money be spent on any fresh Road, or Street, until the same has been formed and metalled to the satisfaction of the Board, and taken over by the Board in the usual manner – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the senders of the above letter – carried
The Inspectors reported that the contracts for widening and metalling the Waiwetu Road were finished and passed for payment.

Proposed Rosa, Seconded Knight – that the Resolution of last meeting of the Board in reference to putting barbed wire on the southern side of the footpath near the Railway Station be rescinded – carried

Resolved that a letter be written to Mr E. White, Registrar of Dogs for this District, requesting him to forward the Dog Register for the next meeting – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that the following accounts as per pay sheet amounting to £56 3s 6d be passed for payment – carried

Evening Post 10 Sep 1885 Hutt Town Board

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held at the Town Board Office, Hutt, on Monday evening last. Present – Messrs R. Cleland (in the chair), Robert Orr, James Knight, E. Rosa and John Cudby. A letter was received from Messrs Ollivier and Brown, solicitors for Mr J. B. Whitehead, requesting that the fences on the back line of section 35, now in the occupation of Messrs Grainer, Parker, Archer, and Devereux, be immediately removed. The Clerk was instructed to reply that the Board can take no steps in the matter. A letter was received from Mr J. G. Buck, stating that he did not think any nuisance existed on his property. Should any arise, he was quite ready to abate the same. A letter was received from Messrs Strachan and Whiting, calling the attention of the Board that a part of Donald-street, in Alicetown, lying between section Nos 175, 176 and 152, required to be repaired. The Clerk was requested to reply that no money can be spent on any new road or street until the same has been formed and metalled to the satisfaction of the Board, and had been taken over by the Board in the usual manner. The inspectors reported that Russell and Peck's contract for widening Waiwetu was finished and passed for payment. The resolution for putting barbed wire on the south side of the footpath leading from the railway station to the Hutt Bridge was rescinded. The ranger was requested to use more diligence in impounding horses and cattle which trespass on the fenced footpaths. Accounts amounting to £56 3s 1d were passed for payment. The Treasurer reported that the total amount of revenue available to the end of next March was only £122 13s 10d, and that £388 13s 5d had been expended since the 31st of last March. The secretary of the Mechanics' Institute, Hutt, wrote, thanking the Board for a donation of £10 to the funds of the Institute. The Dog Registrar was directed to forward to the Board the dog register book for the Hutt Town District. The meeting then adjourned.

1885 Oct 05 Present – R. Cleland in the Chair; Robert Orr, James Knight, E. Rosa, John Cudby
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Received the Dog Register from Mr E. White shewing that 61 dogs had been registered for this year.

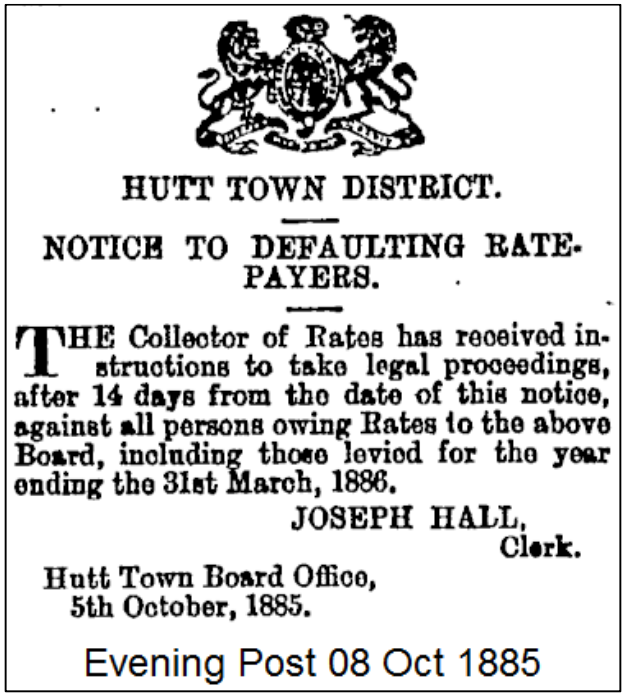
Proposed Knight, Seconded Rosa – that the following accounts as per pay sheet amounting to £45 4s be passed for payment – carried

Some discussion took place in reference to the future disbursement of Charitable Aid within this Town District. The Clerk was instructed to procure a copy of the Hospitals and Charitable Aids Act and if found to be needful to call the Board together to consider the whole question of the Acts, and the part the Board is to take in the matter.

The Inspectors were instructed to have two centre rails put on the sides of Cavanagh's Bridge and a new box culvert put down across the Waiwetu Road.

The Treasurers reported that the overdraft at the Bank including tonight's expenditure to be £46 8s 9d

In view of the payment of the overdraft the Clerk was instructed to put a notice in the newspaper giving the defaulting ratepayers 14 days notice to pay their rates, otherwise legal proceedings will be taken for the recovery of rates including those levied for the year ending 31 March 1885.



HUTT TOWN DISTRICT.

NOTICE TO DEFAULTING RATE-PAYERS.

THE Collector of Rates has received instructions to take legal proceedings, after 14 days from the date of this notice, against all persons owing Rates to the above Board, including those levied for the year ending the 31st March, 1886.

JOSEPH HALL,
Clerk.

Hutt Town Board Office,
5th October, 1885.

Evening Post 08 Oct 1885

Evening Post 07 Oct 1885
The usual monthly meeting of the Hutt Town Board was held on Monday last at the Town Board Office, the commissioners present being Mr R. Cleland (in the chair), Messrs R. Orr, James Knight, E. Rosa and John Cudby. The report of the Dog Registrar was received, showing that 61 dogs had been registered within the district. The Clerk was instructed to call the attention of the Registrar to the fact that there are still some dogs unregistered. Accounts amounting to £45 4s were passed for payment. The Treasurer informed the Board that the overdraft at the bank, including that day's expenditure, was £46 8s 9d. It was decided not to do any more work this month than was urgently required. The Inspectors were instructed to have two centre rails put to Cavanagh's Bridge, and a small culvert repaired on the Waiwetu-road. In view of the payment of the overdraft at the bank, the collector was instructed to put a notice in the newspaper giving the defaulting ratepayers notice that legal proceedings will be taken after 14 days for the recovery of all outstanding rates. The meeting then adjourned to the 2nd November 1885.

1885 Nov 02 Present – Mr R. Cleland in the Chair; Robert Orr, J. Knight, E. Rosa, John Cudby
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Received a letter from the Public Works department asking permission to put down six drain pipes from the Post and Telegraph Office to the small creek a short distance from the Offices as per plan enclosed. Proposed Orr, Seconded Cudby – that permission be granted as requested in the letter just read – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Knight – that the following accounts as per pay sheet be passed for payment amounting to £7 9s – carried
Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that the ruts be raked in and the stones broken on the Waiwetu Road – carried

Mr Levingston made an application to be allowed to put down a pipe drain under the footpath and across the Main Road at Mr I. Cooley's property. Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that Mr Levingston be allowed to put down the drain pipes as required subject to the approval of the County – carried

Proposed Orr, Seconded Rosa – that a sum not exceeding £3 be spent to repair the Race-course road – carried

1885 Dec 07 Present – R. Cleland in the Chair; R. Orr, J. Knight, E. Rosa, J. Cudby
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Received a letter dated 11 December 1885 from the Property Tax Department in reference to supplying Assessment Roll to this Board for Valuation for the next three years. Proposed Knight, Seconded Cudby – that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Property Tax Department that this Board will require the Valuation Roll for rating purposes in terms of Section 4 of the Rating Act of 1882 – carried

Proposed Cleland, Seconded Cudby – that the following accounts as per pay sheet amounting to £22 11s be passed for payment – carried

Proposed Knight, Seconded Rosa – that Mr J. Knight, Mr E. Rosa and Mr J. Cudby be a Committee, to see what it will cost to widen the Waiwetu Road near Cavanagh Bridge and to report at the next meeting – carried

A list of defaulting ratepayers were read to the meeting, it was decided not to summon any of them until after the next meeting.