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SOUTH ARM PENINSULAR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

INAUGURAL MEETING

The inaugural meeting of the association was held in the South Arm Hall on Wednesday 29 March 1989. The meeting was convened by Mr Bryce Harvey, Fort Road, South Arm and commenced at 7.25 pm.

PRESENT:

Members of the South Arm/Opossum Bay community plus invited guests - Fran Bladel MHA, Mr A Kovalskis (representing Mr Nick Evers), Mr Tony Reidy (representing Senator John Devereux), Mr Steve Wilson, and a representative of Senator Paul Calvert.

Bryce Harvey welcomed community members to the meeting and announced the agenda items as follows:

- 1 Formation of a 'Progress Association' for the South Arm/Opossum Bay area
- 2 The erection of a multi-purpose recreation centre

AGENDA ITEM 1

Mr Barry Duncan put the motion:

"That this meeting agrees that a South Arm Peninsular Residents' Association be formed and constituted, AND, That a steering committee of seven residents be appointed by this meeting to:

- a) Recommend a suitable name for the association
- b) Acquire and recommend appropriate aims, rules and a constitution for the association
- c) Consider and recommend subscriptions
- d) Call and recommend to a further meeting of intending members one month from this date the adoption of (a), (b), (c) and to elect office bearers of that association."

Seconded: Mr Bob Morgan

Following general discussion the motion was put to the meeting and was carried unanimously.

The steering committee was formed by calling for volunteers.

STEERING COMMITTEE:

Phillip Read
Jill Calvert
Richard Hamlyn-Harris
Neil Buchanan
Barry Duncan
Bryce Harvey
Trish Smith
Annette Potter
Bob Ferrier

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AGENDA ITEM 2

During general discussion the following matters were discussed regarding the need for a recreation centre in the area:

The committee which will be formed to give voice to requests for funding for this centre.

Perceived needs by community:

- .. space for a visiting doctor to conduct a clinic - elderly residents in particular find the isolation from immediate medical assistance a problem
- .. recreation space for playing games - carpet bowls, table tennis, indoor cricket, badminton etc
- .. the need to provide for the youth of the area to keep them in the area and to keep them occupied
- .. need to look to the future to provide for future growth of population
- .. place for kindergarten to be conducted
- .. meeting area for community groups, eg playgroup, aerobics, literary club, craft groups, adult education classes
- .. kitchen facilities to enable large functions to be catered for
- .. need for meeting place for social interaction
- .. child health clinic - regular travel is required at present
- .. facilities for conducting family celebrations - eg engagements, wedding receptions etc

Concerns for the future of the existing hall were expressed by speakers. It was pointed out that the meeting was not for the purpose of discussing the refurbishment of the existing hall but to consider the erection of a new recreation centre. Considerable discussion followed on this point.

A suggestion was made that the steering committee should look into availability of land for purchase.

Ms Fran Bladel addressed the meeting and spoke of her experience with the building of a similar centre at Bridgewater, the uses of such a building, availability of funding and offered support for the idea.

Mr Steve Wilson offered advice on a number of different funding processes and urged that the community not become split through differing ideas.

A vote of thanks was made to all those for attending, for the invited guests, and for Bryce Harvey for convening the meeting and "working under difficult circumstances".

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm