

Lenswood and Forest Range Community Association

Minutes Meeting Held on Thursday May 16

Forest Range Community Hall at 7.30pm

1. In attendance: Alison mason, Peter Stafford, Cam Stafford, Garry Beaton, Sam Perna, John Tons.
2. Apologies were received from Andrew Mann, Roger Norton, Anne Kemp Caroline Chaplin, Margaret Fry
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

*Moved Sam Perna Seconded Garry Beaton – carried*

*That the Minutes of the Meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> of January are a true and accurate record.*

4. Business Arising

No New Business Arising

5. Correspondence

No correspondence

6. Reports:

- a. Chairperson's Report

Motions arising out of the Chairperson's report:

*Moved Peter Stafford Seconded Sam Perna carried unanimously:*

*That the Chairperson be instructed to formally write to the Adelaide Hills Council asking that the Lenswood and Forest range Community be the first community to trail the introduction of a network of cycle and footpath trails.*

Discussion:

Whilst the concept is good we need to take care that there is full and adequate consultation with the community. In particular where proposed path cross private property we need to ensure that land owners rights and capacity to carry on their business is not compromised in any way.

We should still continue to work with the school in ensuring pedestrian safety issues are being addressed.

*Moved Garry Beaton, Seconded Cam Stafford*

*Carried unanimously*

*That the Chairperson write to both the Minister for Transport and the Mayor of Adelaide Hills Council with respect to issues surrounding road safety.*

Discussion:

There is ongoing with respect to a range of road safety issues in our area. Of particular concern is the fact that the Lobethal Road has an 80kph speed limit on the stretch of road from Plummers Rd to the School. There is a need to police the road – speed cameras would be an effective deterrent.

*Moved Peter Stafford Seconded Alison Mason Carried unanimously*

*That we conduct a survey of the community regarding:*

- a) The timing of the harvest festival*
- b) The Inclusion of a field day*
- c) The objectives of the Harvest festival*
- d) Determining what specific projects we should be endeavouring to support with our fund raising.*

Discussion

In previous discussions we have canvassed whether or not we should have the festival every year or every two years. There is also a question mark over whether we should have it on a Saturday or a Sunday. If the aim is to generate funds then perhaps we should consider a Sunday for we are more likely to attract folk from down the hill on a Sunday. If the focus is on creating a community event then Saturday is possibly the best day to ensure that most community members are able to attend. We also believe it important to use the day as a means of showcasing our community and in particular the industries that form the basis of the community – that objective too would suggest that a Sunday may be more productive. The fact that we are looking at growing the field day aspect of the day suggests that we should be open to the

possibility of a two day events – problem with that idea is that a small community such as ours may struggle to get sufficient volunteers for a two day event. (Over 50 people worked in some capacity as volunteers at this years event – given that we have a community to just over 500 that is a 10% participation rate!)

With respect to projects the committee noted that both the Memorial Park and Forest Range Hall would probably welcome an injection of funds. It would be useful if we could determine as a community how we see our existing community facilities best be used – this can then assist the Memorial Park Committee and the Forest Range Trustees in determining expenditure priorities.

One ideas that were canvassed were: using the Forest range Hall as both a history museum, community centre and meeting room for various community groups – the tennis courts would make a good location for a regular farmers market.

Upgrading the kitchen at Memorial Park and fixing the acoustics – it would then make an effective meeting hall, for although the school hall is an excellent facility parking will always be a problem.

We also need to recognize that there are a number of top class facilities relatively close by: Lobethal, Balhannah and Gumeracha all have excellent sporting grounds and function rooms. Locally the Bowling Club and the CFS station are increasingly being used for meeting rooms. Therefore any investment that the community makes in our existing facilities needs to be assessed on the basis that that it will ensure ongoing regular use of the facility.

*Although no formal motion was put before the meeting the following people have indicated their willingness to be part of the steering committee for the next festival:*

*Peter Stafford, Cam Stafford, Garry Beaton, John Tons, Sam Perna, Ann Kempe, Caroline Chaplin*

*It was further noted that to be a member of any committee one also needs to be a member of the association. Subcommittees operate under the articles of incorporation of the association and therefore ultimately the management committee is responsible.*

*It was also noted that we need to look more closely at the nature of our liability for people who volunteer to participate on projects initiated by the association. It is becoming increasingly clear*

*that we need to explore getting insurance in our own right – ideally we should get such a policy before the October history event – we have been lucky so far but at this stage we do not know what our liability is if someone has an accident at one of our events.*

*Letters of thanks to be sent by the Association to the following:*

*Mediaeval Fair Committee for the Eftpos Machine*

*Foodland*

*Visy*

*The Courier*

*The Exhibitors*

*Caroline Chaplin*

#### 7. Finance Report

The Treasurer's report( Atatched) was tabled.

*Moved Peter Stafford Seconded Sam Perna Carried unanimously*

*That the Treasurer's report be accepted and that a sum of \$1250 be made available to the Memorial Park*

#### 8. History Committee

Margaret Fry has an opportunity to apply for some community funding in her capacity of post mistress. The History committee has identified a number of things it needs. As one of our main objectives in establishing the Association was to ensure that we did not lose our heritage it would be more than appropriate for the Association to formally support and assist Margaret in finalizing her application.

The History group continues with the recording of the oral histories and is planning an other history day in October (see website for more details.)

#### 9. Any Other Business

AGM we need to begin thinking about the AGM – in the light of the Council's proposal to develop walking trails in our district –it may be possible for Cam to do a presentation about places of local historical interest that could be incorporated in such trails.

Meeting closed at 9pm