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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE REDLANDS COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON FRIDAY 16TH JUNE, BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REDLANDS
SHIRE COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF
THE COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

CHAIRMAN Joe Ross, Deputy Mayor.

MEETING OPENED 2.05 PM.

IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Ross, Peter Dowling, Tracey Ryan, Alison Appleby, Glenys Ismail, Tom Baird,
Alan Madge, Neville Dixon, Des Peters, Margarete Cheras, Ted Jones, Ronnie James
Tom Marsh.

APOLOGIES

Eddie Santaguiliana.

ALISON APPLEBY introduced the reason for the meeting.

DES PETERS presented plans for

- (a) building - an old house which would be removed and repositioned on a site on Coochiemudlo Island.
- (b) site - projected site plans for land on corner of William ? Elizabeth Street, Coochiemudlo Island.
- (c) we have the support of other groups on Coochiemudlo Island.
- (d) we would seek support from local Service groups for completion of site and building.

NEVILLE DIXON presented a photographic display of some items already available on the island.

TOM BAIRD offered advise and practical support / assistance to the Society.

PETER DOWLING presented reasons why that particular site is not available.

- (a) not a viable site, as it was resumed by council because it is a drainage problem block.
- (b) if council allowed the Society to erect a building on the site, they are open to future comebacks from other owners of drainage problem blocks.
- (c) the site cannot be filled, as it is the path of a land overflow, catchment would alter water flow , and create problems with adjoining sites.
- (d) it is below the "Q 100 " level - state level of demarcation.

JOE ROSS questioned is the site dependent on conserving the history of Coochiemudlo Island OR being close to the jetty, given the availability of a bus service on the island if a site is available further away from the jetty.

PETER DOWLING is the Community Hall an option?

Is there a suitable site in the Recreation Area at the centre of the island?

MARGARETTE CHERAS the environment must also be considered.

JOE ROSS on Flinders Day people are prepared to walk/ travel large distances around the island.

Suggested a visit to Coochiemudlo Island by relevant Councillors and engineers to identify and view suitable sites, keeping in mind that a relocated building would need a permit, considering that toilets are already a huge problem on the island, and a venture of this sort would create a concentrated area of sewage.

DES PETERS there is a site opposite the William / Elizabeth Street block of 700 sq m's, zoned "Business Development", but the cost of purchasing this would be prohibitive.

PETER DOWLING is aware of, and sympathetic to problems establishing an appropriate site for a Museum.

JOE ROSS Council supports idea of preserving history of Coochiemudlo Island, but it must be done properly, with long term vision in mind.
Has a register of artifacts been established yet?

MARGARET CHERAS reported that enthusiasm is present on the island for a Museum.

NEVILLE DIXON asked what support would Council be prepared to give.

JOE ROSS Cultural support is very important to Council. Level of support cannot be projected until study of site, buildings etc. is decided. Tom Baird commended the Redland Council for its continued support for the Redlands Museum.

ALISON APPLEBY it is difficult to say what level of support would be forthcoming. It is too late for consideration for a significant grant to the Society in the Financial year 2000/2001.

CHAIRMAN Joe Ross opened the meeting to contributions from those present for discussion.

SUGGESTIONS

Oral History, Pictorial History - get started now, researching etc. Develop a Collection Policy ,be specific and discerning. Learn to say NO. Find out what other Museums have, develop Network.

Conference in August - great place for Networking, and ideas from established Museums.

Pat Zuber will advise on applying for Grants.

Send a letter of request to Council for the use of a computer from old stock.

Tracey Ryan will offer training in compiling Oral Histories, and guide in use of equipment
(phone 3829 8311)

ALLISON APPLEBY thanked everyone for attendance, particularly
Deputy Mayor Joe Ross, and Councillor Peter Dowling.

The Chairman, Joe Ross closed the Meeting at 2.55 PM.