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GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 1983

ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL

BEECROFT ROAD BEECROFT.

at 8.00 PM.

SUBJECT: State Government's Urban Consolidation Programme
with a talk and slides, by Mr Peter Downes, Town Planner, City
Northern Region Team, Dept. Environment and Planning

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Your help is needed. Are you aware that at present in the Beecroft
Cheltenham area less than 10% of the residences are financial members
of the Trust? For the Trust to continue to represent the local community
and to increase its influence a strong financial membership is essential.

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URBAN CONSOLIDATION

One of the most important matters facing our area at present is the State Government's urban consolidation programme, details on which have been posted on the Trust's notice board. This programme, in brief, could allow multi building developments to go ahead on blocks which are, at present, used for single dwellings. Our attention has already been drawn to one such proposed development in Beecroft.

At the Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th March a number of Pennant Hills residents were in attendance because of an application to redevelop 81-89 incl. Hampden Road and Binomea Pl, Pennant Hills for the purposes of residential flat building. The application for Class B. Rezoning was rejected.

The Council, again, stated its opposition to this type of development in 1A residential areas. During the debate it was reported that the residents had engaged professional services to state their case and this had been done in a most thorough manner and had helped to put their point of view across.

In view of the closeness of this proposed development to our area The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust offered their moral support to the Pennant Hills residences. It should be noted that Hornsby Council has stated its objection to the State Government's Urban Consolidation Programme, indicating that Council had their own plans to achieve the results desired.

RYDE-CASTLEREAGH EXPRESSWAY

A little over twelve months ago a meeting of the Trust was held at which the Trust's long standing objection to the expressway was overturned. The decision was based on the Council's Road Hierarchy Study which, in the short term, was to upgrade various local streets to sub-arterial, and in the long term put through the expressway and then revert those roads upgraded back to their original classification. Residents from several affected streets, such as Copeland and Sutherland, fought to have

amendments made to the short term Report, and after discussions were held subsequent amendments were made to the short term Report by Council with those streets previously to be upgraded to sub-arterial being retained as local collector.

A lesson learned from the Road Hierarchy Study was that all streets in the district are affected by such a scheme. Whilst one expects every resident of each street to stand up for their own rights, more can be achieved from a co-ordinated approach. It is with this in mind that the Trust would wish to extend to various action groups within Beecroft and Cheltenham an invitation to their members to become financial Trust members to work with the Trust for our common goal of the preservation of Beecroft and Cheltenham. This also means keeping each other advised of meetings and projects.

BEECROFT SHOPPING CENTRE

The Trust policy is to retain the village atmosphere of the Beecroft shopping centre and to object to encroachment into adjacent residential areas.

At present there is a proposal before Hornsby Council's Works Committee to allow an architect and town planner to develop six strata title offices. It would appear that the Council has agreed to adopt the draft local environmental plan proposing to rezone Lot 7 Wongala Crescent, the house next door to the Beecroft Children's Library, from residential A1 under the Hornsby planning scheme to "special business".

Is this what we want for our area? Whilst we cannot change the number and types of business carried out in existing commercial premises other than by our patronage (do we need three building societies?) - we should voice our opinion on new or proposed developments.

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TRUST COMMITTEE

At the annual general meeting held in January a committee of ten is elected. Membership to the Committee is open to any financial member and is done by a ballot on the night of the annual general meeting. Your Committee elected for 1983 is:-

Bill Greenhalgh	President	6 Murray Rd, Cheltenham	86.2306
Spencer Bough	Vice President	82 Boronia Pl, Cheltenham	86.4901
Keith Campbell	Vice President	188 Beecroft Rd, Cheltenham	86.5808
Sue Lipsies	Secretary	16 Sutherland Rd, Beecroft	868.1892
Tom Lloyd	Treasurer	24 Fiona Road, Beecroft	84.1163
Tony Lewis	Parks Sub-C'tee	14 Cobran Road, Cheltenham	869.8130
Doug Macarthy		20 Kirkham Street, Beecroft	868.2472
Heather Thomas		1 Park Avenue, Beecroft	848.9762
John Wollington	Publicity Officer	84 Copeland Road, Beecroft	84.1444

The Committee is there to carry out the wishes of residents. There are, from time to time, events which become generally known as the Road Hierarchy Study and Urban Consolidation. Through the Trust the residents may air their views on these matters which greatly affect our community. Other matters are either brought to our notice by individual residents or from a member of the Trust Committee attending Council meetings which are held every other Thursday.

Therefore, please keep us informed. Because of the costs involved the Trust's Bulletin is only produced 4 or 5 times a year at present. This could mean that items arising between these Bulletins have to be dealt within the elected Committee.

These matters, which do not warrant a special Bulletin issue, are handled on the basis of the Trust's accepted policies which are, in brief, the preservation of our area as a natural environment and village atmosphere to help make Beecroft and Cheltenham a pleasant place in which to live.

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MEMBERSHIP

NAME Telephone

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Attached is my cheque/cash for \$ as renewal/new membership.

Annual Subscriptions:

Family membership - \$5.00

Adult membership - \$3.00

Financial year commences 1st January.

Receipts will not be issued unless requested.

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