

## **Taita Public Hall Declaration re Purposes and Conditions** (abridged)

We, the undersigned Ratepayers or Householders in the District of Taita declare that:

[1] We have been duly elected by a public meeting... and hold a sum of not less than £20.

[2] It is our intention... to establish a public hall at Taita.

[3] The said public hall is to be styled Taita Public Hall and the body corporate to be created to manage and administer the same is to be entitled The Taita Public Hall Society (Incorporated).

[4] The purposes or objects are:

- (a) acquisition of land as a site for the intended building
- (b) erection of the building with all necessary adjuncts to be used as a Library reading room, place of meeting for recreation or amusement and for purposes deemed useful or advantageous to the residents in the Taita District.
- (c) The equipment of such building with drainage, lighting and heating apparatus, staging accessories, fixtures and fittings, shelving, furniture, and decoration and with books, magazines, periodicals, papers, and other material
- (d) The provision of cloak rooms, dressing rooms, sample rooms, dark rooms, offices, kitchens, lavatories, storerooms, children's playgrounds or rooms, work rooms, strongrooms, and the erection upon any part of the land dwellings, shops, offices, garages, stables, or other buildings.
- (e) The letting of all or any of the said land, buildings, shops, offices, rooms, garages, or other accommodation for such periods at such rents and upon such terms and conditions as may from time to time be deemed expedient.
- (f) The granting of the use of any of such buildings or accommodation at nominal charge of free of charge whenever the circumstances shall be deemed to justify such use.
- (g) The pulling down, removal, alteration, extension, improvement, maintenance, rebuilding, and repair of any such building or erection.

[5] The amount of money now in our hands... is £75 10s and further moneys are anticipated.

[6] The affairs of the Society are to be managed by fifteen persons including three permanent trustees and twelve elected members.

- (a) The three Trustees are Job Charles Mabey, farmer; Frederick Westbury, settler; Arthur Gadsby, butcher – all of Taita.
- (b) A vacancy among the Trustees is to be filled by the surviving or continuing Trustees or by approval by a majority of the Society. If there shall be no surviving or continuing Trustee, then by resolution of the Society.
- (c) The first twelve elected members of the Society are Henry Foley, Richard Bartosh, Frederick Seymour Hewer, Rob Roy McGregor, William Clewes Evans, John Bentley, Edgar Hall, Henry Valentine Horlor, Charles Ernest Alsop, Victor Pemberton, Thomas Randolph Foster, and Frederick William Kitchener - all of Taita.
- (d) The twelve elected members are to hold office for one year: vacancies to be filled by resolution of the Society. Once a year an election of twelve members is to be carried at a public meeting of house-holders resident in the Taita District.

[7] Regulations to be made by the Society to define the Constitution and Powers of the Society and for the control and administration of the property for the time being invested in the Society and for such other purposes, matters and things as may be requisite or deemed expedient with power to vary and rescind any regulation and to pass new regulations.