

Our Community Plan Submission Form

Instructions

Please read before completing your submission

It will help us process your submission if you clearly state the issue you want the Council to consider, what specific action you think the Council should take, and why that should be done.

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. (If that is the case, please tick the box). The hearings will be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006. Generally, 10 minutes are allocated for hearing each submission, including time for questions.

It will help us if your submission also refers to the page of either the full version or the summary version.

Please note: We are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to Councillors and to the public. This includes the name and address of the submitter. All submissions will be published on the Council's website from 10 May 2006.

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

You may send us your submission:

By mail

Please mail your submission (no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178
Our Community Plan
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8003

By email

Please email your submission to:
ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz
Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

On the internet

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's web site at
<http://www.ccc.govt.nz>
Please follow all the instructions on the web site.

Please remember to indicate if you wish to present your submission in person at one of the hearings.

Please ensure your submission arrives no later than Friday 5 May 2006.

Your submission

You may use this form for your submission on our draft Community Plan if you wish. Whether you use this form or not, please include your name, address and contact telephone number with your submission.

Tick one I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered OR I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006

Are you completing this submission: For yourself On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent? 74

My submission refers to: Full version Page No. Summary version 10 Page No.

Do you also want to respond to: Development Contributions Aquatic Facilities Other


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Please be as specific as possible to help us understand your views

See list of major projects in the summary document

Questions

① Do you have any comments on the major projects in our draft Community Plan? page number

② Do you have any comments on groups of activities (the activities and services that Council provides)? page number

CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE FUNDING OF COMMUNITY COTTAGES (MANUHA COTTAGE). THIS COTTAGE IS CRITICAL, PIVOTAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY LIFE AND PROTECTING THOSE PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE BECOME SOCIALLY ISOLATED. THIS COTTAGE ALSO PROVIDES A LINK WITH THE COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY HOUSING PROJECTS (FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT) AND ALSO IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY GROUPS (ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION, TOY LIBRARY, ADDINGTON NET, COMMUNITY GARDENS, ETC.

③ Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make? page number

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK NEEDS SURETY OF FUNDING ON A LONG TERM BASIS.

For office use only

Submission #:

Referred to:

Date referred:

Date required:

Heard: Yes No

You may add more pages if you wish. Thank you for your submission.

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21 Church Square,
Addington,
Christchurch.

05-05-2006



Saint Mary's members were involved (amongst other community members) at the inception of the Addington Community Development Project, which has Manuka Cottage as its base. Goals set in the early stages were:

To counter social isolation-Social isolation was identified as a major problem in the Addington area. Manuka Cottage has become the centrepiece for many people who have become socially isolated and they have found new meaning for their lives in a safe and caring community. A place where anyone can take time out to rest, relate to others, mix socially, increase self-awareness or pick up new skills. There are also many single people (all age groups) in this area either living in council housing, private dwellings or in special needs housing units. Without the neutral contact point at the cottage they could lose important social and learning contact opportunities.

To re-establish the family support networks in the community-A lot of information on community resources and services is held at Manuka Cottage. The cottage is used as an information centre and the co-ordinator is seen as a valuable resource for information and referrals. Manuka Cottage offers health education information; Toy Library and Play Groups; support networks for parents and encouragement (for parents who may have been stressed out by their life experiences) to get their lives back on track. They also organise an After School programme, which takes pressure of families within the community.

To increase the families' stake in the neighbourhood- Addington with its blend of rental housing and rapid re-development seems to be changing from a transitory base for many people to have become the place where they want to put their roots down in. It's our view as a church that part of this change has been through the work of Manuka Cottage. The community now has a heart, a centre which provides for the inner needs of different groups of people.

It has been a delight over the years to see the changes in the attitudes of people through their involvement with the cottage or their programmes. Many of these once "lost" people are now leaders in different community groups and are furthering their skill bases with Polytechnic courses, etc. All the group's based/sourced originally through Manuka Cottage seem to push forward with creative outcomes and ideas-eg's the Poetry Group, Addington Neighbourhood Association, Addington Net centre, etc. The latest initiative has been the monthly distribution of a new flyer called the Addington Times. This "centres" community information and provides current details of events and groups.

We see part of our own role as a church in the community as supporting and co-operating with many of the Manuka Cottage initiatives. An example (offering the church buildings and grounds for community events). We also have a considerable number of parish members who either contribute to the running of the cottage or who participate in community groups which are based at Manuka Cottage.

We believe that any funds given to Manuka cottage would be used wisely and for the "common good" of the community and cannot stress enough that this development work and caring for this growing Addington area need to continue.

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