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Submission Form

PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR SUBMISSION

The public consultation period is from Tuesday 10 March 2009 to Thursday 16 April 2009.

It will help us if you clearly:

- state the issue you want the Council to consider;
- state what specific action you think the Council should take, and
- state why that should be done.
- type or use black ink for your submission.

Please note: We are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to the public and to Councillors, including the name and address of the submitter. In making submissions available to the public, the submissions will be posted electronically on the Council's website. Information will be available to the public subject to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. If you consider there to be compelling reasons why your contact details and/or submission should be kept confidential, you should contact the Council Support Team, telephone 941 8999.

You may send us your submission:

On the internet:

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's website at www.ccc.govt.nz/ltccp

By email:

ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz

Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

By mail:

(no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178
Draft LTCCP
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8140

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

Whether you use this form or not, you must provide your full name, address and telephone number. If you are submitting on behalf of an organisation please state this and your role within that organisation.

Submissions must be received (NOT postmarked) at the Tuam Street Civic Offices no later than 5pm on Thursday 16 April 2009. To ensure receipt, hand deliver last-minute submissions to the Civic Offices, 163-173 Tuam Street.

Your submission

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. If that is the case, please tick the appropriate box below. The hearings will be held from 11 May 2009 to 18 May 2009. Five to ten minutes will be allocated for speaking to your submission, including time for questions from the Councillors. The Council will confirm the date and time of your hearing in writing, by email or by telephone call.

Tick one

I do NOT wish to discuss my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered

OR

I wish to discuss the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.

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?

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1. There is need for a clear policy statement on the delegation of powers and authorities to bodies administering premises on behalf of the Council. This will not necessarily mean that all authorisations will be identical for every building.
2. There needs to be a much clearer and direct line of communication available for administering bodies to a Council officer with authority to make prompt decisions to resolve operational conflicts.
3. Where reports are obtained by Council on the state, operation or usage of any Community Hall or Centre, such reports should be made available to the administering body for comment. Where, as a result of such a report, some action by the Council is likely, the administering body should be afforded an opportunity to make representations before any final Council decision on such action is made.
4. The Shirley Community Centre is a reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 which was vested in the Council over thirty years ago when the Shirley Primary School moved to new premises directly across Shirley Road. It has always been run by the Shirley Community Centre Society Incorporated. The former school building it occupies is over ninety years old and substantial strengthening work is just at the final stages of completion.
5. Usage of the Centre is sufficient to meet all internal operating expenses; for which the Society accepted liability from the commencement of operation. There are four groups which make continuous use of the Centre and, in so doing, provide a reliable income stream that enables the financially safe employment of a Centre co-ordinator to take bookings and handle the general administrative work entailed in its daily functioning. Two of these organisations have been using the Centre since its inception. Because of the extent of the assets and fittings that these groups have built up over the years and the suitability of the premises they have naturally raised questions how they can obtain some security of tenure for their activities.
6. Because the early records of the Society are incomplete, doubt exists as to whether the Council has ever formalised the status of the Society by the grant of a lease of the building or the adoption of a written management agreement. The latter was raised with Council staff in a series of at least six meetings commencing in February 2003 down to December 2008 but nothing as to policy, let alone documentation has been forthcoming from the Council. The Society is therefore looking for some positive developments in this aspect. Its preference would be for a lease under the Reserves Act including some power to grant tenancies to long term users for up to four years (inclusive of any right of renewal). The alternative would be management agreement with similar powers.

Whichever method is used, the procedures for setting hire charges, rentals and any other fees should be clearly set down. Similarly it should record the division of responsibilities between the Council and the Society as to the grounds and the

structural integrity of the buildings being that of the Council and the interior of the main building being that of the Society.

7. It should be noted that although the Council has categorised the Centre as a community one, the actual users come from all over Christchurch and some from even further afield, because they belong to either the Canterbury Branch of the Society of Genealogists or SeniorNet Canterbury, both of which organisations are headquartered there. Some casual users such as trade organisations also draw from the wider community.

8. A submission on the plan was made to the Council in 2007 when a request to be heard was included. It was along the lines set out above, but the Society was never advised of any outcome. It would be appreciated if it could be advised, on this occasion, whether the matters referred to above have been placed before the Council for consideration.