GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL

HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME	former Charlton Public Hall
ADDRESS	9 Charlton Siding Road, Charlton
PHOTOGRAPH	

(April 2022)

DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO. (at time of assessment)	n/a	**HNZ LIST NO. & CATEGORY**	n/a
LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Lot 18 Block II DP 81		
GDC FILE NUMBER	3252581		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	c.1935		
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/ BUILDER	Unknown		
STYLE	Vernacular		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Single-storey building with rectangular footprint and gabled roof; lean-to wing runs along east elevation. Symmetrical facade has double doors flanked by two, multi-pane windows with fanlights. Same windows are set into the side (west) elevation.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Timber framing, corrugated metal cladding and roofing.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

School jubilee and war memorial gates removed from site and relocated to Charlton Cemetery (2019).

SETTING

The former hall stands on the south side of Charlton Siding Road, west of its intersection with the Gore-Mataura Highway (SH 1). The setting is rural with a scattering of houses and farm buildings to the west. The scheduled setting is the land parcel on which the building is located.

History

Charlton School was built in 1885 and on the adjacent property a public hall was erected by the Charlton Hall Society, which was incorporated on 13 May 1935. The hall society was wound up in 2018 and the school jubilee and war memorial gates were subsequently relocated from beside the hall to the Charlton Cemetery. In 2018 the only regular hall user was the Charlton Indoor Bowling Group; today the building is unoccupied.

Historic And Social Significance

The former Charlton Public Hall has historic and social significance for its association with the people of Charlton and the social events and public meetings held in the building for over 80 years.

Cultural And Spiritual Significance

The former Charlton Public Hall has cultural significance as a site of community identity and historic continuity between c.1935 and 2018.

Architectural And Aesthetic Significance

The former Charlton Public Hall has architectural value as an interwar vernacular hall that was designed to be fit for purpose. The designer of the building is currently unknown.

Technological And Craftsmanship Significance

The former Charlton Public Hall has craftsmanship value for its robust and economical materials and methods of construction. The builder of the building is currently unknown.

Contextual Significance

The former Charlton Public Hall has contextual significance as a local feature that serves as a reminder of a community that once boasted a school, post office and flag station on the Dunedin to Invercargill railway line.

Archaeological and Scientific Significance

As the building post-dates 1900, any potential archaeological significance its site may have would likely relate to its earlier use and development, possibly in relation to Charlton School.

Summary of Heritage Significance

The former Charlton Public Hall has overall heritage significance to Charlton and to the district of Gore as a whole. The building has historic and social significance for its association with the Charlton Hall Society and the members of the community who built and ran the hall for over 80 years and cultural significance as a place of community identity and historic continuity. The former Charlton Public Hall has architectural value as an interwar vernacular hall designed to be fit for purpose and craftsmanship value for the integrity of its robust construction and materials. The former Charlton Public Hall has contextual significance as a historic feature and as a reminder of community life in Charlton. The building's site may have potential archaeological value relating to the development of Charlton School on the neighbouring site.

References

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Extent of scheduling, former Charlton Public Hall, 9 Charlton Siding Road, Charlton.