

Aberthin Village Hall

Environmental Policy

The Aberthin Village Hall Management Committee acknowledges that our activities may have an adverse impact on the environment and that we can take steps to minimise those impacts. We will strive to make a positive contribution to protecting and enhancing the local and global environment through the implementation of the following measures:

Waste

1. **Reduce**

- Non-essential documents and emails will not be printed.
- We will endeavour to avoid disposable cups and food packaging.
- We will ensure that, wherever possible, all printing and photocopying of documents is double-sided.
- We will communicate between Committee members by phone or email where possible to reduce paper use.
- Where appropriate, we will use the Village Hall website to communicate matters to reduce reliance on paper.

2. **Re-use**

- Wherever possible we will try to find a second life for items no longer required by the Hall by sale or donation to local organisations.
- Wherever possible will seek to repair items rather than replace them, within the bounds of safe and functional use.

3. **Re-cycle** (only after considering reducing or re-using)

- Paper, cardboard, cans, plastic, glass, batteries and electrical equipment will be re-cycled whenever possible.
- Green and organic waste will be composted.
- Recycling bins will be provided for use by users of the Hall

Purchasing

- We will purchase fair –trade goods whenever possible.
- We will buy locally produced goods where possible and financially viable.
- Within reasonable financial limitations, we will seek to purchase goods and services which are less harmful to the environment.
- We will purchase recycled and recyclable paper and paper products whenever possible.
- We will purchase environmentally friendly cleaning products.

Travel

- We will promote walking or cycling to Village Hall meetings.
- Within reasonable financial limitations we will seek to obtain goods and services from local sources so as to minimise travelling.

Energy

- We will seek to minimise the use of energy in all our activities.
- We will use energy efficient light bulbs.
- Lights and equipment will be switched on only when in use and not left on 'standby'.
- Heating will be controlled by thermostat and timing controls to provide heat only when use of the Hall requires.
- New electrical goods will be 'A' rated where available.
- Construction projects shall use appropriate sustainable materials and address energy wastage wherever possible subject to reasonable financial constraints.

Water

- We will conserve water where possible.
- When renewed, we will incorporate dual flush toilet cisterns.

Hazardous Materials and Chemicals

- We will take all possible measures to not expose the environment to chemicals that can harm people or nature.

The successful implementation of this policy depends on the awareness and commitment of all members of the Management Committee and all volunteers who support the activities of the Village Hall. Accordingly, all new members and volunteers shall be made aware of the existence of the policy when first joining and made aware that they will be expected to conform with its requirements.

Compliance with this policy will be monitored and reported to the Management Committee on an annual basis.

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Position: Chair of the Management Committee

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