

# **Morwenstow Community Centre**

## **Environmental Policy**

Morwenstow Community Centre committee is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment. The committee will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions it takes on all its services and will seek to:

- Make the most efficient use of energy. It will endeavour to use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of its heating, lighting, plant and machinery. It will, from time to time, review its energy sources, energy using appliances and energy efficiency with a view to causing the least environmental impact. It will monitor consumption and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use.
- Use the minimum quantities of water possible in accordance with its activities and ensure that the water it uses is both supplied and disposed of, in the purest condition possible, meeting statutory requirements. It will reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use.
- Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where appropriate, and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints. Users will be encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
- Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. It will re-use and recycle materials as far as possible and, if this is impractical, disposal by a means which will have the least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements.
- Ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed and minimised. This will include, where possible, methods of construction which make best use of resources; designs which result in low maintenance and high energy efficiency and the use of building materials from sustainable sources. It will encourage volunteers, hirers and staff to use and operate the building correctly to conserve energy and minimise waste.

The Community Centre will promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment and participation in environmental issues, by raising user and staff awareness, by information provision and open consultation with the local community. The Centre is supported in their aim by St Mark's Primary School who are creating signs which will encourage users and staff to conserve energy and water and to minimise waste and pollution.

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