



ABERFFRAW VILLAGE HALL

ETHICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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Aberffraw Village Hall recognises that how we run our organisation will affect the environment and the people in the world. We know we are responsible for this and are actively ensuring that we don't support industries, practices, or organisations that conflict with Aberffraw Village Hall's values and strive to support those who share our aims.

Aberffraw Village Hall acknowledges the connection between the climate and other environmental crises and the threat of current and future homelessness, disease, food and water shortages and poverty for millions of people around the world, as well as the major damage being caused to our natural ecosystems.

We, therefore, recognise our responsibility to reduce our carbon and environmental footprints and formally aim to be an environmentally responsible organisation.

Aberffraw Village Hall will not support organisations and practices which:

- Needlessly harm the environment
- Have a poor record on human rights, workers' rights or that supports oppressive practices
- Mistreat animals
- Have a poor record on equal opportunities
- Have values which the Board feels conflict with Aberffraw Village Hall's values

Aberffraw Village Hall will support:

- Organisations with good environmental practices
- Non-profit making organisations or social enterprises
- Organisations that are collectively or cooperatively controlled
- Local businesses
- Recycling
- Reusing and repurposing
- Actions to minimise waste and reduce our carbon footprint

Aberffraw Village Hall is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment.

The Board will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions it takes on all its services and, insofar as it has control or influence, will seek to:

1) Use the minimum quantity 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 appliances and their energy efficiency and will monitor consumption and

eliminate excessive or unnecessary use with a view to minimising the environmental impact. It will communicate to hirers the means by which energy may be conserved, e.g. closing doors and switching off unnecessary lighting.

2) Encourage those using the Centre to walk, cycle and use public or communal transport as alternatives to the private car. It will provide and maintain a safe cycle storage area at the rear of the building

3) Minimise and, where possible, eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals and minimising the use of solvents and lead-based paints. Users will be encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.

4) Use the minimum quantity of water possible per its activities and ensure that the water it uses is supplied and disposed of in the purest condition possible, meeting statutory requirements. It will reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use, e.g. avoiding unnecessary flushing of urinals when the Centre is not in use. It will communicate to users the need to conserve water, e.g. turning taps off after use.

5) Avoid waste and encourage appropriate resource conservation, reuse and recycling. It will reuse and recycle materials as much as possible and, if this is impractical, ensure disposal by a means that will have the least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements. It will encourage users to minimise waste.

6) Promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment and participation in environmental issues by raising user awareness, information provision and open consultation with the local community.

7) Seek, where possible, to purchase from local or regional suppliers in order to maximise input to the local community and minimise carbon emissions from transport.

8) Protect the health and well-being of all users and visitors and improve and safeguard the quality of the Hall, e.g. by providing hand sanitiser

9) Monitor, review and, where possible, improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of non-compliance.