

Battisford Village Hall

Environmental Policy

1. Introduction and Context.

Battisford Village Hall Management Committee is committed to protecting the local and wider environment. The Committee will ensure that environmental considerations are integrated into the decisions it takes on all its services. This document sets out the main consequences of this commitment and the action to be taken.

2. Environmental Policy Implementation.

2.1 The Committee will 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.

2.2 We will minimise all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where possible, and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints.

2.3 The committee will 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, e.g. through avoiding unnecessary flushing of urinals when the hall is not in use. It will communicate to users and staff the need to conserve water e.g. turning taps off after use.

2.4 The committee will 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. It will encourage users and staff to minimise waste, including the provision of separate disposal facilities for recyclable waste in accordance with the policy of the local waste authority.

2.5 BVHMC will ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed and minimised. This will include, where possible, methods of construction which result in low maintenance and high energy efficiency.

2.6 It will encourage volunteers, hirers and staff to use and operate the building correctly to conserve energy and minimise waste.

2.7 Users will be encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.

2.8 This Environmental Policy will be reviewed by Battsford Village Hall Management Committee annually.

Adopted by the Management Committee on _____

Signed _____

Print name _____

Position held _____

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