

## **CORFE VILLAGE HALL**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICY**

Corfe Village Hall Management Committee (CVHMC) is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment. It will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that where hall finances permit, environmental priorities are incorporated into the decisions it takes on services and it will seek to:

- i. 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 appliances. 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. It will communicate to all users the means by which energy may be conserved, which include but not limited to:
  - a. switching off lights when not in use
  - b. turning off the hot water urn and electric boiler
  - c. turning off the electro-warm heating system when not in use
  - d. displaying a check list at the entrance/exit asks users to ensure all switches are off
- ii. Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, including but not limited to:
  - a. using biodegradable chemicals where possible, and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints;
  - b. minimising light pollution through the installation of outdoor lights fitted with movement sensors; minimise noise pollution;
  - c. users will be reminded of their responsibility to the local community within the hire agreement and encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
- iii. 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 all users the need to conserve water e.g. turning taps off after use.

- iv. 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 all users to minimise waste, including the recycling of glass, and paper.
- v. It 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 make best use of resources; designs which result in low maintenance and high energy efficiency and the use of building materials from sustainable sources such as timber. It will encourage volunteers, hirers and users to use and operate the building correctly to conserve energy and minimise waste.
- vi. Promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment and participation in environmental issues, by raising users' awareness, by information provision and open consultation with the local community.
- vii. It will 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.

#### Monitoring and Review

CVHMC will monitor, review and where possible improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of noncompliance and report updates in our regular meeting minutes and provide a summary in our AGM.

Policy Owner: Pip Hollins

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#### Version History

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