

The Victoria Hall

(Registered Charity No: 301961)

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The Victoria Hall Committee is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment. It will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions it takes on all its services and will seek to:

- 1) 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 regularly review its energy sources, appliances and efficiency with a view to causing the least environmental impact. It will monitor consumption and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use. It will communicate to hirers and regular users the means by which energy may be conserved, e.g. closing doors, ensuring all lights and appliances etc are turned off after use
- 2) Encourage those using the hall to walk rather than use a private car when possible/suitable. Where appropriate and available, information about public transport will feature on publicity materials.
- 3) Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals and environmentally friendly products where possible, and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints.
- 4) Encourage users/hirers to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
- 5) Use only the minimum quantities of water possible in accordance with their 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 toilets 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.
- 6) 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 that will have the least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements. It will encourage users and staff to minimise waste, requesting the separate disposal for recycling glass, tins and paper and to cooperate in the removal of their waste.