

SKELSMERGH COMMUNITY HALL – DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Skelsmergh Community Hall Management Committee is committed to protecting and actively promoting the protection and improvement of the 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 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 hirers the means by which energy may be conserved, e.g. closing doors, switching off lights.
- Encourage those using the hall to walk, cycle and share **transport** when possible.
- Minimize and where possible eliminate all forms of **pollution**. Use biodegradable cleaning products where possible, minimizing use of solvents and lead-based paints. Users will be encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
- Use the minimum quantities of **water** possible in accordance with its activities. It will reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use.
- Avoid **waste** and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources.
- Ensure that the potential environmental impact of any **building projects** will be assessed and minimized. 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.
- Promote awareness and understanding of **environmental protection** amongst all hall users.

- Endeavour to **purchase** from local or regional suppliers, in order to maximize input to the local community and minimize carbon emissions from transport.
- Promote awareness and understanding of environmental protection amongst all hall users and volunteers.

Everyone hiring the hall will be expected to be aware of this policy and abide by its principles.

This environmental policy will be reviewed annually at the AGM in May.

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