

MAULDS MEABURN VILLAGE INSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Introduction

Maulds Meaburn Village Institute (MMVI) is for the use of the inhabitants of Maulds Meaburn and the neighbourhood as well as others who may wish to use its premises for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation. The management committee of the institute will ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account in decisions they take and will operate in a way which is compliant with the principles set out in this policy.

Principles:

1. The management committee will endeavour to (i) use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the existing facilities and the safe and efficient operation of the premises (i) regularly monitor energy consumption and work towards reducing any excessive or unnecessary use and (ii) communicate to all users the means by which energy may be conserved.
2. The management committee will minimise and, wherever practicable, eliminate forms of pollution using biodegradable and non toxic substances whenever possible. Users will be encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
3. The management committee will aim to use the minimum quantities of water possible in accordance with activities; identify and reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use of water.
4. The management committee will endeavour to avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources.
5. The management committee will ensure that those using the premises for social, educational and sporting activities are aware of this policy through the hire agreement and hirer's responsibilities checklist and encourage users to put them into practice.
6. The management committee 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.
7. The management committee will take positive action to investigate and review ways of being increasingly energy efficient.
8. Ways to use green energy will be sought, particularly the use of solar panels to try to match the hall electrical useage.

Signed: **Pete Button**

Position: Chair

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(for and on behalf of the management committee)