

Environmental Policy Statement

Ponsanooth Hall Management Co. no. 07416195 Registered Charity no. 1142542

The Trustee Directors of The Ponsanooth Hall Management Company (PHMC) recognise that the way in which we run the hall and the way in which activities and services are carried out and delivered, have an impact upon the environment.

We recognise that a sustainable community is one in which people want to live, work and visit – both now and in the future, and is also able to meet the diverse needs of local people.

Consequently, we embrace the principles of sustainable living and are committed to environmental improvement and pollution prevention. We undertake to comply with environmental laws and seek to promote sound environmental practice in our activities.

Aims

All staff, members of PHMC, users and Representatives are asked to consider and develop measures which will:

1. Protect and enhance our environment.

- Ensure compliance with relevant statutory and regulatory requirements.
- Increase people's understanding of their local environment
- Minimise waste by recycling, use recycled paper
- Reduce energy costs by using low energy light bulbs
- Encourage staff and others to print double sided from photocopiers and computers where possible
- Where possible purchasing environmentally friendly cleaning materials
- Monitor and encourage people to turn off electrical appliances, lights, computers, heating when not in use.
- Conserve water usage, consider ways of using "grey water" from rainfall and run off from roof

2. Promote economic success.

- Provide local employment and training opportunities whether this be by way of encouraging the community to join a training course e.g. a course to assist job seekers to write CVs or a partnership with the local Jobcentre in providing a venue for their training courses
- Support local production of local goods and services
- Support and promote new enterprises
- Encourage investment by making the local community more attractive and improve "liveability"

3. Meet social needs

- Help tackle social exclusion particularly amongst isolated and vulnerable members of the community and help foster and empower mutual support, self help and security
- Promote the value of diversity, local identity and the cultural and positive elements of local heritage
- Provide equal opportunities and meet diverse needs of the community
- Promote healthy and active lifestyles
- Meet the needs of the local community

4. Community involvement – encourage community involvement and understanding

- Help the local community to identify common problems and act collectively to solve them
- Involve local people in the design, management and delivery of our services and activities.
- Help people to understand the meaning of sustainable development and adopt more sustainable lifestyles.
- Encourage and help volunteers to enjoy and derive benefit from their endeavours.

Minimise and Conserve

We will make every effort to reduce the resources we consume, including energy and water, and minimise the amount of waste we produce.

Recycle and Reuse

Where practicable and affordable, we will reuse materials, recycle waste and procure recycled products.

Measure Monitor and Evaluate

The Trustees will review this policy annually.

Inform and Communicate

We will make our policy available to the public and place it upon the Hall Website.

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