**Kingston Village Hall - Environmental Policy**

The Trustees are committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment. We will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions it takes on its services, and will seek to:

1. Make the most efficient use of energy. We 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. We will, from time to time, review its energy sources, energy-using appliances and energy efficiency with a view to causing the least environmental impact. We will monitor consumption and seek to eliminate excessive or unnecessary use.
2. Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where possible, and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints. Users will be encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
3. 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. We will reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use.
4. Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. We 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. We will encourage users and staff to minimise waste, including the provision of separate disposal facilities for recycling glass, tins and paper.
5. Where possible, it will ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed and minimised. This may include 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. We will encourage volunteers, hirers and staff to use and operate the building correctly to conserve energy and minimise waste.
6. We 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. We will seek to protect the health and well-being of all staff and visitors and improve and safeguard the quality of the Kingston Village Hall.
8. Monitor, review and where possible improve performance and take action on any areas of non-compliance.

This policy will be reviewed every three years.

Two Trustees to sign

Patricia Draper

Paul Wright

Dated: 01/03/2024