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GLENTWORTH VILLAGE HALL POLICY and PRINCIPLES ENVIRONMENT

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1 DEFINITIONS

GVH	Glentworth Village Hall
Management	GVH Committee
Users	People or organisations who hire the hall for an event or activity. This includes the Management when their role is that of a User.

2 SCOPE

The application of the policy and principles are restricted to:

- i) GVH; and
- ii) areas external to GVH which are directly associated with GVH activities and are the accountability of the Management.

It is noted that this scope is restricted to the use of the GVH and its facilities. As such:

- i) the promotion of a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment;
- ii) the participation in environmental issues; and
- iii) the raising of public awareness, by information provision and open consultation with the local community

is assumed to be the responsibility of Glentworth Parish Council.

3 POLICY

The Management is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the environment of GVH.

4 PRINCIPLES

4.1 Management

The Management shall ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions it takes with regard to the management of the hall.

The Management shall 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, from time to time, 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 Users the means by which energy may be conserved, e.g. adjustment of temperature controls, closing of doors and windows.

- Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where possible, and minimise 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 and ensure that the water it uses is both supplied and disposed of meets statutory requirements. It will address any water leakage promptly. It will communicate to Users the need to conserve water.
- 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, dispose by a means which will have the least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements. It will encourage Users to minimise waste, including the provision of separate disposal facilities for recycling items.
- It will ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed and minimised.
- It 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.
- Protect the health and well-being of all users and improve and safeguard the quality of GVH.
- Management will monitor, review and where possible improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of non-compliance.
- Management shall ensure these policies and principles are reviewed annually and updated if necessary in the interim period.
- A copy of this policy shall be held on the GVH web site for the attention of Management and Users.

4.2 Users

Users shall comply with all environmental arrangements determined by the Management.

Specifically, Users shall:

- i) minimise the use of utilities (e.g. gas, electricity and water) consistent with running their activities;
- ii) re-cycle waste using the facilities provided; and
- iii) minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution.

Note: A special case of pollution is defecation by dogs. As a result dogs shall not be allowed in GVH or on the surrounding grass area. The exception is a guide dogs when assisting a blind person.