



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Child Protection Policy

Graig Community Council is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all users of both Graig Community Centre and Rhiwderin Community Centre. It recognises its responsibility to take all reasonable steps to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation.

The Council will endeavour to develop an ethos which embraces difference and diversity and respects the rights of its users.

1. LOCATION: Graig Community Centre & Rhiwderin Community Centre

The Council's Centre Management Committee is responsible for the day to day running of both Centres. Each Centre Management Committee will ensure that any group/individual hiring facilities which involve children should have a Child Protection Policy and/or DBS check in force. The Committee reserves the right to request confirmation and identification of person(s) who have been DBS cleared. The application for the hiring of the centre's facilities makes specific reference and asks the following question of hirers:

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

If your hiring of the Centre is focused on working with children then it is your duty to declare it to the Committee on your application for hire form. The Committee will then request sight of your child protection policy and/or DBS clearance. Please refer to the Council's child protection policy.

Is your hire focused on working with children YES/NO

- LAW:** The Council has set up this policy to comply with the Children's Act 1989, the Protection of Children Act 1999, the Human Rights Act 1998, Sexual Offences (Amendments) Act 2000 and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (or any statutory amendments or re-enactments thereof).
- MANAGEMENT:** The Council has no specific person (Councillor or Clerk) who is involved with the care of children, but will ensure that if a situation should arise that this policy comes about, it will ensure that the correct procedures under this Child Protection Policy is carried out.
- The Council will ensure that all policies and procedures apply to all children and young people regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality or religion.
- The Chairman of the Community Council & the Community Council's Clerk are the Council's nominated Child Protection representatives.
- Any groups of young people that may come under this policy and experience concerns can contact the nominated representatives outlined above, and issues will be addressed in the relevant manner. This also applies to adults who have concerns. Concerns should be submitted in writing.
- If concerns are formally submitted in writing, a record of concern will be set up by the Clerk and this will be kept in a confidential file. The Clerk will list the item for discussion on the agenda for the next Full Council Meeting (to be held in camera) and will also arrange for suitable legal/professional advisors to attend the meeting in order to advise Council Members on the nature and gravity of the issues under consideration.
- This Child Protection Policy will be reviewed at least every 5 years (or sooner if the law changes) by the Council.