

<u>GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL</u> <u>Environmental Policy</u>

Graig Community Council recognises that it is important for its Members and Employees to have an awareness and understanding of the effects of their actions upon the physical and social environment in which they live, work and relax. In order to do this we need to take responsibility for our own actions and we need to encourage a sense of duty and care in others in our community and for the world in which we all live.

The ways in which we will strive towards this goal is by;

- 1. wherever possible buying products made from recycled and recyclable materials;
- 2. avoid buying disposable products and re-use materials wherever possible;
- 3. support recycling and composting schemes;
- 4. repairing items if possible;
- 5. saving energy by switching off lights, turning off taps, installing timers and closing doors;
- 6. encouraging electronic communication to replace paper;
- 7. supporting local products where possible to reduce "Food Miles";
- 8. ensuring the use of contractors who use best policy with due regard to environmental standards;
- 9. supporting local cycle routes and footpaths to reduce reliance on motor vehicles;
- 10. supporting youth schemes for young people;
- 11. supporting initiatives that reduce vandalism, graffiti, dog waste and litter in our community;
- 12. supporting events that foster a "sense of community";
- 13. supporting and encouraging plant and animal diversity;
- 14. continuing to utilise, and make provision within, our finances for environmental improvements;
- 15. continue to monitor allotment provision demand and supply issues within our community;
- 16. explore sustainable energy production options;
- 17. wherever possible reduce the council's ecological footprint;
- 18. wherever possible contribute towards the reduction of our community's ecological footprint.