



Environmental Policy

Principles and processes

Menter Ty'n Llan believes in the importance of protecting the environment and society for future generations and is committed to the use of sustainable resources. These principles are embodied into our activities and are essential to achieving our vision to develop Ty'n Llan as a community hub, a sustainable business and multipurpose facility which meets the needs of the whole community, whilst also safeguarding this historical asset.

A designated member of the Management Committee is responsible for ensuring that this Environmental Policy is communicated to all existing and new members of staff. The current designated member is named below.

Environmental strategy

Waste

We are working towards zero waste and use the waste hierarchy to inform our action plan.

- Solutions for re-use and recycling are encouraged
- Compostable waste is dealt with on site
- Waste that cannot be dealt with on site is sorted and collected for recycling or composting
- Bins are clearly marked with the type of waste they are for and positioned in convenient places
- Items are donated to other organisations when safe to do so

Purchasing

Our purchasing decisions are guided by ethical principles and we are committed to writing a formal purchasing policy.

- Energy efficiency and safe disposal at end of life are prioritised when choosing products and services
- Products we buy are minimally packaged, rechargeable and manufactured from sustainable materials whenever possible. Second hand and recycled products are obtained and used when practical
- Local suppliers and contractors are prioritised
- Independently accredited suppliers and those that support our language, culture and share our values are prioritised

Water

Clean water is a finite resource and we strive to be wise about water. We use water for cleaning, cooking, drinking and watering plants.

- we are committed to monitoring and reducing water use by collecting and recycling rainwater on our own buildings
- we are committed to conserving mains water by regularly checking and repairing leaks in pipes, taps and other water using equipment
- we seek out and use water-efficient products and services whenever possible

Energy

Our aim is to generate our own renewable energy for use. As such we are naturally committed to mitigating climate change by limiting our energy to renewable sources and to use only what we need for heat, cooking and light.

- We will set a target for reducing our annual energy consumption
- On-site solar is being explored
- We only use energy efficient LED light bulbs
- We aim to use a renewable heating system with timers and thermostats to reduce demand
- Electrical appliances are turned off when not in use

Land

We are aware of our responsibility to support biodiversity and encourage native flora and fauna in our outdoor spaces alongside the need to maintain these spaces to the highest quality for the benefit of our community.

- The building renovation will seek to use local, natural and reclaimed materials whenever possible

Raising Awareness

This policy is supplemented and supported by our Action Plan

- It will be made available to all existing and new members of the Management Committee
- it will be made available to all existing and new staff as part of their induction and annual appraisal
- We will discuss our achievements against each area at regular committee meetings
- We will include updates on our achievements in our regular social media posts and newsletters
- We will co-develop our work in participation with our local community and wider stakeholders

This policy will be reviewed annually

Designated Member of the Management Committee: **Grant Peisley**

Adopted: 25 May 2021

Signed by Chair

Signed by Member of Management Committee