

Victoria Village Hall, Abersychan

Campaigns and Political Activity Policy

1. Introduction

Victoria Village Hall (the “Hall”) is a community space serving residents of Abersychan and surrounding areas. This policy outlines the Hall’s approach to campaigning and political activity, ensuring all such activities are lawful, impartial, and in keeping with the Hall’s charitable objectives.

2. Purpose of the Policy

This policy ensures that:

- The Hall complies with charity and electoral law
- Political neutrality is maintained
- The Hall remains an inclusive space for all members of the community
- Activities reflect the Hall’s charitable status and do not compromise public trust

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- Members of the Hall's management committee
- Volunteers and staff (if any)
- Any individuals or groups using the Hall’s premises
- All events, publicity, and communications associated with the Hall

4. Political Neutrality

Victoria Village Hall does not support, promote, or affiliate with any political party or candidate.

- The Hall will not permit the use of its facilities or resources for party-political campaigning
- Individual members acting in a personal capacity must not imply that the Hall supports any political view or party
- The Hall welcomes open discussion and debate on community issues, provided these are non-partisan and respectful

5. Use of the Hall by Political Groups

- The Hall may be hired by political groups on the same terms as other hirers, provided use does not breach this policy
- Such events must be clearly promoted as independent from the Hall
- The Hall must remain impartial and not appear to endorse any group or individual
- Equal access must be provided to all political parties or candidates, particularly during election periods, subject to availability

6. Campaigning and Advocacy

The Hall may support campaigns or advocacy activities only when:

- They align directly with the Hall's charitable objectives (e.g., promoting community wellbeing, protecting local services)
- They are non-party political and focused on issues, not individuals or parties
- They are approved by the management committee and documented accordingly

- They do not bring the Hall into disrepute or compromise its neutrality

7. Responsibilities

- The management committee is responsible for overseeing compliance with this policy
- All users of the Hall will be made aware of this policy where relevant
- Any concerns or breaches should be reported to the Chair or Secretary and addressed promptly

8. Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years, or sooner if legislation or local circumstances require.

Adopted by the Victoria Village Hall Committee on: [Insert Date]

Signed:

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: _____