



Cwmbach Community Wetlands Ethical Procurement Policy

During all stages of the project:

- Management and Maintenance of Cwmbach Community Wetlands / the board managing the site will need to procure services, expertise, and goods. There needs to be consistency and accountability in procurement procedures to ensure that the environmental and social values of Cwmbach Community Wetlands are kept. Although cost will always be a factor and will need a high level of consideration we understand that the issues of quality, safety and environmental credentials, depending on the nature of the services, expertise or goods being procured, may override a simple cost-based decision.
- We will ensure that sustainability is embedded across every function of Cwmbach Community Wetlands as it is the core value of our society.
- This policy explains how Cwmbach Community Wetlands will ensure that environmental, social and ethical considerations are integrated into its practices.
- We will:
 - Ensure our purchasing decisions reflect our legal obligations and the commitments we have signed up to, including our own policies, vision and values
 - Ensure all our board members or sub contractors with responsibility for procurement decisions source supplies with respected and authenticated environmental credentials as far as is reasonably practicable
 - Ask larger suppliers to provide an environmental statement about their services or products so we better understand what environmental impact we are having and to ensure that this is the primary consideration over cost
 - Seek to purchase goods and services that have been produced, or delivered, with minimum impact on the environment and with due regard to social issues such as employment conditions and welfare
 - Ensure board members with responsibility for purchasing in the following areas recognise and adhere to Cwmbach Community Wetlands position on Climate Change
 - Consider paying a premium, within reasonable limits, for environmentally responsible purchases and seek tenders for large contracts to ensure value for money
- Keep records of all purchases / procurements.
- Review this policy on an annual basis to ensure it remains fit for purpose