

## **Gelligaer Community Council's Climate Emergency Statement and Pledge**

“The Earth’s climate is changing; the extent of change will depend on how successfully we reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. Recent storms and the resulting flooding have clearly illustrated the need for action at a local and regional level in order to reduce the risks.

And although individual weather events cannot be directly attributed to climate change, we do know the kinds of impacts we face like coastal erosion, heat waves and increases in winter rainfall.

The Town and Community Councils of Caerphilly County Borough understand that the first step to climate change means changing the way we do things, in all areas of our lives and not just protection against the negative impacts but also seeking opportunities to work proactively.

The Town and Community Councils of Caerphilly County Borough commit to working in an environmentally friendly way, to take into account the environmental impact of any goods or services we source, to promote reduce, reuse and recycle programmes, to look at contributing to sustainable planting and preserving biodiversity, to raise awareness of the impacts of climate change and foster relationships between the community, local businesses and the local authority as to how we can work together to find shared solutions.

The Town and Community Councils of Caerphilly County Borough call on Welsh and UK Governments to provide support and resources to enable effective carbon reduction.”

A Council resolution is required to adopt and adhere to the Statement and Pledge.