



# ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

## Safeguarding Policy

### What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is about protecting children, young people and adults from abuse or neglect. Everyone has the right to live their lives free from violence, fear and abuse and achieving this is not solely the responsibility of social workers, health care professionals or the police; it is everyone's responsibility. We must ensure that we are doing all we can to protect all individuals in our society.

### Introduction

Illogan Parish Council endeavours to make positive contributions to a strong and safe community and recognises the right of every individual to stay safe.

Illogan Parish Council comes into contact with children and adults through the following activities:

- Organised events, commemorations and activities such as the Christmas Light Events, Illogan Fun Day, Illogan Remembrance Parade etc
- Council meetings
- Delivery of services such as litter picking and maintenance work, park and play area inspections etc
- General contact

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Provide a safe and secure environment for all individuals, particularly children and vulnerable adults.
- Establish clear guidelines for identifying, reporting, and responding to safeguarding concerns.
- Promote a culture of vigilance and accountability within the organisation.

Safeguarding is about embedding practices throughout the Council to ensure the protection of children and adults wherever possible. In contrast, child and adult protection is about responding to circumstances that arise.

Abuse is a selfish act of oppression and injustice, exploitation, and manipulation of power by those in a position of authority. This can be caused by those inflicting harm or those who fail to act to prevent harm. Abuse can take a number of forms including:

- Physical
- Sexual
- Emotional



- Bullying
- Neglect
- Financial (or material)
- Verbal
- Intimidation

## **Definitions**

Child: anyone who has not yet reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday

Adult: a person aged 18 years or over

Vulnerable Adult: A person aged 18 or over who may be unable to protect themselves due to disability, illness, or social circumstances.

Safeguarding: Protecting an individual's right to live safely, free from abuse and neglect.

*Abuse*: Any form of physical, emotional, sexual, or financial mistreatment.

## **Responsibilities**

Remain vigilant.

All employees, members, contractors, and volunteers have responsibility to follow the guidance laid out in this and related policies, and to pass on welfare concerns to the appropriate organisation or agency. Consideration will be given to working and event environments in relation to children, young people, adults and vulnerable adults.

Illogan Parish Council will complete appropriate risk assessments for job roles, recruitment, and all Council activities; safeguarding will form part of the risk assessments.

Good practice recruitment processes will be considered and implemented to ensure safe recruitment

Illogan Parish Council will review the roles across the organisation regularly. The review will include consideration on whether Disclosure and Barring Service checks (DBS checks) are necessary and which level of check should be completed. The Council will seek advice from the Disclosure and Barring Service if required. The Council will complete appropriate DBS checks as and when necessary.

Contractors – contractors will be regularly monitored; risk assessments will be completed and any concerns or complaints raised will be promptly reported.

'If you see something, say something'



### Where to Report Concerns

- The Multi Agency Referral Unit – 0300 1231 116 for help, advice, and guidance if you suspect a child is being abused or to make a referral.
- The Adult Safeguarding Triage Team on 0300 1234 131 if you are concerned about an adult.
- If someone is in immediate danger, call 999.
- Anyone can also make a referral about someone you think may be causing harm on the numbers above.

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