



LUDGVAN COMMUNITY CENTRE – Dogs on Premises Policy

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Introduction

Coast Community CIC values the well-being and comfort of all visitors and users of Ludgvan Community Centre and aims to create a safe and pleasant environment, both indoors and outdoors. This policy outlines the guidelines for allowing dogs on the premises to ensure it is understood and followed by all.

Policy Statement

This policy aims to manage potential issues relating to dogs in and around Ludgvan Community Centre. It covers four main areas:

1. Assistance dogs
2. Dogs being brought onto community centre grounds when dropping off or picking up users
3. Dogs being brought into the community centre as an interactive, educational or therapy activity for users
4. Stray dogs on community centre grounds

Dogs are only allowed on the premises of Ludgvan Community Centre under the following circumstances:

- Assistance/guide dogs accompanying users or members of the public
- Nominated dogs for educational activity or therapy purposes
- Dropping off or picking up

In general, dogs are not permitted inside the community centre or on the field.

Rules covering any dogs on community centre premises for the purposes stated above

- Owners must ensure that they clean up after their dogs and that any waste is bagged and removed from the sight. Waste should not be placed in the bins surrounding the community centre.
- Dogs that are a banned breed or have a Certificate of Exemption must not be brought onto the community centre site under any circumstances.
- All visiting dogs must be on a short lead.
- Dogs must not be left unsupervised at the community centre and must not be left in the sole care of anyone under the age of 18.
- Dogs should be kept away from entry ways so that users have a choice whether they want to come in to direct contact with the dog.



- All dogs coming onto community centre grounds must be properly vaccinated and treated for fleas and other parasites, regularly groomed, and checked for signs of infection or other illness.
- Dogs that are ill must not be allowed on community centre grounds until their health is restored.

Assistance dogs

Assistance dogs are permitted within the community centre in accordance with our duties under the Equality Act 2010.

Unsupervised assistance dogs must be secured in an appropriate crate when on the community centre site.

Owners are responsible for ensuring that assistance dogs are supervised and that waste etc. is removed as per the previous instructions.

Dogs being brought onto community centre grounds when picking up or dropping off.

It is recognised that dogs are an important part of family life for many in local communities, and as such are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking to and from an activity or event at the community centre. However, others may find the presence of dogs within the community centre grounds stressful, even frightening, particularly with younger children, and even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy environment.

Dogs may be brought onto community centre grounds for the purposes of dropping off or picking up somebody who is using the community centre. This is strictly limited to the following areas:

- The community centre car park
- The perimeter of the playing field and the bank surrounding the playing field
- The sheltered viewing area at the rear of the community centre

Dogs should not be exercised on the playing fields and are not allowed to be let off the lead to run.

Nominated dogs for educational activity or therapy purposes

Coast Community CIC recognises that groups or individuals may bring dogs into the Community Centre as part of the educational or therapy offer to users. Individuals intending to bring dogs for these purposes must include this information when making a booking and must accept responsibility for managing the dog in line with this policy. Coast Community CIC reserves the right to refuse a group or individual to bring dogs onto the premises or to refuse the booking as a whole.

Stray dogs on Community Centre grounds

If a stray dog is identified as being on community centre grounds, the appropriate authority will be notified, and the dog removed. Coast Community CIC will have no responsibility for the dog while on community centre grounds or after removal.

Compliance and Monitoring



Coast Community CIC reserves the right to monitor activities to ensure compliance with the 'dogs on premises' policy. Failure to adhere to these requirements may result in individuals being banned from accessing the centre or the surrounding area.

Conclusion

The safety and well-being of all users is paramount. By adhering to this policy, hirers and people dropping off or picking up somebody play a crucial role in setting an example, creating a comfortable environment for everyone.