

Llanddarog Community Council Biodiversity Policy

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Llanddarog Community Council is working to respond to local needs to improve the standard of life in the villages we serve – Llanddarog, Mynyddcerrig and Porthyrhyd. We do this by promoting community development and social activities, including supporting a number of sporting, cultural and community groups which play a prominent part in the life of the community.

The Council seeks to take responsibility for the well-being of the local neighbourhood and works at a local level. It is a local government tier which is closest to the people, being a tier below the County Council. Their work falls into three main categories:

- a) representing the local community
- b) delivering services to meet local needs
- c) striving to improve quality of life in the community

The main functions undertaken by the Council include:

- Maintaining open spaces;
- Considering planning matters;
- Working in conjunction with County Highways on traffic calming measures and highway improvements;
- Working with the police to safeguard the community;
- Dealing with local issues raised by the community;
- Maintenance and energising of footway lighting;
- Providing financial assistance for Christmas trees and lights;
- Providing financial assistance for various local voluntary organisations;
- Providing financial assistance for Charities in the community;
- Providing and maintaining public seating and notice boards;
- Appointing representatives to numerous local and outside bodies;
- Nominating representatives to the local primary school;
- Bus / waiting shelters;
- Recognising achievement by providing an annual Young Person's Award;
- Recognising achievement by providing an annual Community Award; and
- Commissioning studies and working in partnership.

The Council is committed to biodiversity and natural areas. We promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainable practices whenever possible. These include acting as a consultee on planning applications and promoting litter picking events.

Our targets for 2020 are to:

- 1 Review our grass mowing regime in Llanddarog to encourage wildflowers and other pollinator friendly plants while also providing cover for small mammals and reptiles. We will work with our contractor to promote these objectives;
- 2 To consider biodiversity issues when considering grant making / donations;
- 3 We will consider biodiversity issues when making the young people / community awards;
- 4 We will replace any trees that we have to remove for safety reasons / ash dieback during the year.