

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

Report 2019

Llanddarog Community Council

Introduction and Context

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 is committed to biodiversity and natural areas. We promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainable practices whenever possible, as stated in our Biodiversity Policy (adopted in December 2019).

The Council is not subject to the Well-being of Future Generations reporting requirements due to its size of budget.

Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<p>Adopting a biodiversity policy in December 2019.</p> <p>Engaging with experts before taking decisions. Following advice from the County Council, we will re-plant trees to replace those affected by ‘ash dieback’ that we may have to remove. These trees were originally planted by us before 2016.</p>	<p>Minutes. Dec 2019</p> <p>Minutes November 2019</p>
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<p>Considering biodiversity when being involved in community litter pick events.</p> <p>Identifying Cllr M Rees as the Council’s ‘biodiversity champion’ in November 2019.</p>	<p>Minutes March/April 2019</p> <p>Minutes November 2019</p>

-safeguard principal species and habitats	We will give due consideration to biodiversity when reviewing our community grass cutting programme. Considered the recommendations of the County Council’s review of the maintenance provision of the highway hedges and verges.	Minutes (future discussion) Minutes – November 2019
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	To date no invasive species have been identified.	Ongoing – Clerk and Biodiversity Champion
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	We will utilise our Biodiversity policy to guide decision making.	Ongoing – decisions are evidenced in minutes.
-use improve and share evidence	We will post this report on our website to raise awareness.	Website
-support capacity and/or other organisations	We may offer financial support to other groups upon application – some of which would have the promotion of biodiversity as a key interest.	Minutes

Review of s6 duty

- What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will you change?

A significant amount of rubbish was collected during the litter-pick. Given that we have few opportunities to impact on biodiversity due to lack of ownership of any land (and responsibility for maintaining only a small amount of land), our focus has been on embedding biodiversity into our decision making. To this end, the Council has adopted a biodiversity policy and has identified a biodiversity champion.

We will change by responding to our Biodiversity policy which has targets in it.
- How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?

The Council policy framework is reviewed annually. This s6 plan, along with our Biodiversity Policy, will form part of this review.