

**Cyngor Cymuned
Llandrillo
Community Council**

Biodiversity Policy

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Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

Biological diversity or “biodiversity” is the variety of life forms, including plants, animals, microorganisms and the ecosystems of which they are a part. Biodiversity encompasses all living things and, importantly, the functions and processes that link and sustain them. At a visual level, we see biodiversity in our local landscapes, natural systems, vegetation and wildlife

Safeguarding biodiversity in Llandilo is a key feature of sustainability and crucial to the quality of life for the local community as it contributes to wellbeing and health, local economy and the environment. Unfortunately, we are all aware of the significant threat that biodiversity is under.

Community Councils along with other public bodies have a duty to conserve biodiversity and there are statutory duties they must carry out.

Llandrillo Community 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 events and campaigns to improve the area.

Our targets for 2021/22 are to:

1. Review our grass mowing regime in Llandilo to encourage wildflowers and other pollinator friendly plants while also providing cover for small mammals and reptiles. We will work with our contractors and volunteers to promote these objectives.
2. We will consider biodiversity issues when awarding any grants or donations.
3. We will replace any trees we have to remove for safety reasons eg ash dieback during the year
4. Facilitating collaboration with partnerships that tackle challenges impacting upon the local environment such as litter and fly-tipping, deliberate grass fires, antisocial behaviours of illegal off-road bikes and quads.
5. Creating opportunities that seek to reduce the communities carbon footprint.
6. Purchases and labour are sourced locally where possible.
7. Increase the use of communications technology e.g electronic provision of Community Council correspondence.
8. Procurement to ensure biodiversity is embedded into the Council’s policies.
9. Biodiversity is to be taken into account when considering planning applications.
10. Help residents and councillors understand the impacts of developments on conservation areas and listed buildings through training and awareness
11. Aim to safeguard and improve Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation.

12. Raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance.
13. Encourage and support litter picking activities that will encourage the “Reduce; Re-use; Recycle” ethos.
14. Promote activities on the Council web site and social media and highlight the positive value of the biodiversity of the area such as the many diverse species and the risks they and their habitats face.
15. Raise awareness about the public's' rights relating to common land, and forestry land highlighting acceptable and unacceptable activities
16. Ensure the area set aside in the cemetery as a Wild Area continues to be used as such to provide a haven for wildlife.
17. Transport is responsible for 80 per cent of harmful roadside emissions. Typical measures to reduce emissions from local sources include traffic management and encouraging the uptake of cleaner vehicles. Therefore, the Community Council is supporting the installation electric vehicle charge points in the community.
18. Councillors' car share when attending training and/or meetings where appropriate.
19. Councillors attend training sessions as close to the area as possible/electronically, reducing unnecessary travel.
20. The Community Council is in the process of installing a Speed Indicator Device to reduce the speed of traffic through the village.
21. The Community Council will continue to support and deliver further speed watch activities through a programme of education, publicity and training to increase the skills and knowledge of local road users on the communities' roads and lanes reducing harmful pollution and making the areas safer to live, work and visit.
22. Community Councillors will support and assist in creating a long-term strategy and delivery for protecting, preserving and enhancing the local environment and also support capacity and/or other organisations.
23. Ensuring the safety and well-being of residents by promoting community safety and participating in the local Neighbourhood Watch activities.
24. The Council will work on identifying additional opportunities to embed biodiversity and ecosystems into Council activities.