

Cyngor Cymuned Cilymaenllwyd

Cilymaenllwyd Community Council

Biodiversity Policy

1. Policy Statement

Cilymaenllwyd Community Council recognises its duty under Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems. The Council is committed to ensuring that biodiversity considerations are embedded in all areas of its work and decision-making, wherever consistent with the proper exercise of its functions.

Cilymaenllwyd Community Council serves the communities of Efailwen, Glandy Cross, Pantycaws, Hebron, Login and Cwmiles. The Council works to improve quality of life locally by representing the community, delivering services, and supporting local groups and activities. In carrying out these functions, the Council recognises the importance of protecting and enhancing the natural environment and promoting biodiversity for the benefit of current and future generations.

This policy and the Council's Biodiversity Action Plan align with the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales, including actions to embed biodiversity in delivery, safeguard species and habitats, restore ecosystems, address key environmental pressures and make use of local biodiversity evidence.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Councillors, employees, volunteers, and contractors acting on behalf of the Council, and to all activities and decisions undertaken by the Council.

3. Our Commitments

The Council will:

- Consider biodiversity and ecosystem resilience in all decisions, developments, planning consultations and community projects.

- Incorporate sustainable procurement practices, seeking goods and services that minimise environmental impact.
- Protect and enhance local habitats, natural areas, and species through responsible land management.
- Safeguard important local habitats and species, and work to restore or create biodiversity-rich areas where opportunities arise.
- Tackle key pressures on local biodiversity, including pollution and invasive non-native species.
- Promote awareness and community participation in biodiversity activities, including school and youth engagement.
- Support and encourage local initiatives that enhance biodiversity, including wildlife surveys, habitat restoration, and volunteer involvement.
- Use and collect local biodiversity evidence to inform decision-making and monitor progress.
- Seek guidance and partnership working with relevant organisations (e.g. Welsh Government, Carmarthenshire County Council, West Wales Biodiversity Information Centre, local environmental groups).

4. Implementation

To support delivery of this policy, the Council will:

- Maintain and review a Biodiversity Action Plan, setting out priority actions.
- Ensure the Clerk and Councillors have access to up-to-date information and good practice guidance.
- Integrate biodiversity considerations into grant-giving and financial support for local groups and projects.

5. Monitoring and Review

- Progress will be monitored through regular Council meetings.
- The Biodiversity Action Plan and Section 6 Duty will be reviewed annually at the May meeting.
- Annual progress updates will inform the Council's Section 6 Annual Report, which will be made publicly available.

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