



Cyngor Tref Aberteifi :: Cardigan Town Council

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2023

Introduction and Context:

Cardigan Town Council are committed to enhance biodiversity so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of their functions and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems. The council will follow the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales by following the six main objectives.

- Embed the consideration of biodiversity and ecosystems into our business and action planning, including any policies, plans, programmes, and projects as well as our day-to-day activities.
- Safeguard species and habitats of principal importance and improve their management.
- Increase the resilience of our natural environment by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation.
- Tackle key pressures on species and habitats.
- Improve our evidence, understanding and monitoring.
- Put in place a framework of governance and support for delivery.

Cardigan Town Council serves the area of Cardigan and its population of around 3,113 residents. It has 14 councillors, covering the Mwldan (6 councillors), Rhyd-y-Fuwch (4 councillors) and Teifi (4 councillors) wards of Cardigan. The precept received by the council for 2023-24 is £85,735.05.

Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Established a Biodiversity Sub-Committee to increase responsibility and monitoring within the council. Review all activities, processes, and policies to ensure biodiversity is considered within all activities of the council.	Clerk and Biodiversity Sub-Committee.

<p>-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance</p>	<p>Verbally in all meetings keep highlighting the importance and value of biodiversity. Work closely with local ecologist working for West Wales Local Environmental Record Centre for advice. Promote Teifi in Bloom competition. Give awards to school garden activities and bug watch projects.</p>	<p>Clerk Biodiversity Sub-Committee. Yusef Samari Residents Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi Ysgol Gynradd Aberteifi</p>
<p>-safeguard principal species and habitats</p>	<p>Teifi Mwldan Species Summary – update it where possible.</p>	
<p>-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks</p>	<p>Prepare for the creation of a 2-meter-wide green border to replace old fence at King George V – begin a new mowing regime to encourage wilding. Further develop the Keep Wales Tidy places for nature package recently installed at Pentop play area. New mowing regime in place to encourage wilding. Fun days to be advertised on new Friends of Pentop Facebook page for residents to involve in planting and maintenance of the garden. Encourage native pollinator friendly planting. Feasibility study being done for the development of a wetland park on land adjacent to Rhodfa'r Felin.</p>	<p>Clerk Councillors Handyman Pentop Residents Cynnal y Cardi</p>
<p>-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species</p>	<p>Use peat free compost. Encourage use of dog poo bins on social media pages and verbally in the town. Weekly litter pick meetings (Sunday mornings). Use approved weed killer. Reduce the amount of printing done by the clerk, use electronic versions of paperwork where possible.</p>	<p>Clerk Councillors Handyman</p>
<p>-use improve and share evidence</p>	<p>Social media platforms. Local press. Schools. Signage in wilding areas with new mowing regimes.</p>	<p>Clerk and Biodiversity Sub-Committee.</p>
<p>-support capacity and/or other organisations</p>	<p>Support and encourage the plans set out in the Strategy for Greening 6 towns in Ceredigion – Cardigan is one of the</p>	<p>Clerk Councillors Residents</p>

	towns. The report looks at opportunities in Cardigan following a green infrastructure assessment commissioned by CCC (Mwldan wetland is one of these opportunities) Attend sessions and support: Nature Wise Forest Garden Bluegreen Cymru group	
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Review of s6 duty

- What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will you change?
 Creation of an active Biodiversity Committee.
 Forged strong links with local ecologist volunteering as an advisor.
 Obtained and installed Keep Wales Tidy Food package.

- How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?
 Plan will be reviewed and updated in December 2023.

TRYSTAN PHILLIPS (Mayor) Date

ELERI MASKELL (Clerk) Date