

CYNGOR TREF LLANELLI



LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL

Biodiversity and Environmental Development

Action Plan

2019-2021

Introduction

Section 6 of the Environment Act (Wales) 2016, sets out the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty under which, all local authorities 'must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in in the exercise of its functions, and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems'.

For Llanelli Town Council this means that, in all the Councils internal policies, activities and when managing our parks and playing fields, the Council should seek opportunities to maintain and enhance wildlife that are supported in the area and to manage the habitats (e.g. grasslands, trees, wetlands) so that they are in as natural and resilient a condition as possible.

The duty also supports the Town Councils wider responsibilities under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 in order that Wales benefits from a prosperous economy, a health and resilient environment and vibrant, cohesive communities.

The Town Council works in partnership with Llanelli Rural Council and Carmarthenshire County Council to manage and maintain the Llanelli Cemetery and the parks and playing fields in the Llanelli Town Area. The Council has a positive record of contributing to the local environment and promoting sustainability. The following action plan provides the detail of the proposed activities that he Town Council will undertake in the period 2019-2021 to support biodiversity and the Llanelli ecosystems.

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Llanelli Town Council Action Plan

Environment Act 2016 – Section 6

Locations / Activities Managed by 3rd party contractors

Location / Activity	Current Activities	Planned Activities	Timescale
Allotments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronation Road • Lower Trostre Road • Sunninghill Terrace 	Managed by allotment tenants. All tenants encouraged to manage their allotments in a sensitive manner.	1. Encourage growth of native vegetable and fruit varieties wherever possible along with plants that will support pollinators.	2020 Planting
Various footpaths across Town Council area	Litter picking and sensitive strimming / blowing of immediate footpath area. Surrounding space allowed to grow naturally to support biodiversity, pollinators and small animals.	1. Consider planting additional wild flowers to support pollinators.	1 st Quarter 2020
Community Centres	Limited weed killing at centres and buildings when required.	Review chemicals used.	2020-21
Town Centre	Provision of summer flower baskets.	1. Consider plant varieties that will encourage pollinators.	Summer 2021

Locations / Activities Managed by Town Council staff

Location / Activity	Current Activities	Planned Activities	Timescale
Litter Picking Carried out 5 days per week at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crown Park • Havelock Park • Morfa Park • Penyfan Park • Penygaer Playing Fields • Peoples' Park 	Litter picking is carried out by Town Council staff 5 days per week. This helps support biodiversity by removing litter and items that can cause a hazard to biodiversity and small animals. All litter collected is provided to a waste contractor that recycle the waste.	No changes currently planned.	Ongoing
Suppliers		Contact suppliers to request information on their environmental impact – contact energy suppliers to ascertain if renewable energy can be	2020-21

		utilised in contracts when renewed.	
Renewable Energy		Seek options for renewable energy generation at buildings.	2020-21
Water recycling	Water recycling undertaken with Sprinkler System at Stebonheath.	Seek options for utilisation of rainwater for sprinkler systems at Bowling Greens.	2020-21
Office activities	1.Single use plastics no longer used by the Council. 2.Paperless office wherever possible. 3.Low energy lighting and technology rolled out across estate. 4.Town Council Offices designated as water refill stations.	1.Consideration of IT requirements for Town Councillors in order to further implement paperless provision.	2020-21
Community Activities	1.Council Officers work closely with CCC and other Councils on the Pride in Your Patch arrangements.	1.Roll out bag it and bin it campaign across Town Council locations through Pride in Your Patch.	1 st Quarter 2020 1 st Quarter 2020
Stebonheath	1.First class sporting pitch maintained by qualified groundsman. 2.Surrounding area maintained to provide professional visible area.	1.Consider longer term upgrade of equipment to electric powered machinery / vehicles. 2.Review chemicals used.	2020-21

Locations / Activities Managed in Partnership with Llanelli Rural Council

Location / Activity	Current Activities	Planned Activities	Timescale
Crown Park	1.Grass cutting to play area and maintain football and cricket area to sporting standard. 2. Limited cutting of ball area, hedge line and surrounds of trees to promote biodiversity.	1. Maintain play, sporting and surrounding areas to standard expected by residents, football / cricket players. 2. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, ball, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow.	Quarter 1 2020

		<p>3. Plant wild flowers in areas of surrounding path area and ball.</p> <p>4. Plant additional trees where appropriate in park area.</p> <p>5. Look to develop relationship with Ysgol Penrhos in relation to biodiversity activities.</p>	Quarter 2 2020
Havelock Park	<p>1. Grass and hedge cutting to bowling green.</p> <p>2. Maintenance of surrounding path grassed, tree and bush area.</p>	<p>1. Maintain play, bowling green and surrounding hedge to standard expected by residents and bowls players.</p> <p>2. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow.</p> <p>3. Plant wild flowers in areas of surrounding path area.</p>	Quarter 1 2020
Morfa Park	<p>1. Grass cutting to maintain area surrounding skate park and play area.</p> <p>2. Maintain surrounding bush and tree area to prevent anti-social behaviour in the area.</p>	<p>1. Maintain skate and play areas to standard expected by residents.</p> <p>2. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow.</p> <p>3. Plant wild flower in areas of surrounding path area.</p>	Quarter 1 2020
Penyfan Park	<p>1. Grass cutting to maintain play areas, football and surrounding area to standard expected by sporting clubs and residents.</p> <p>2. Limited cutting of hedge rows and surrounds of trees to promote biodiversity.</p>	<p>1. Maintain play, sporting and surrounding areas to standard expected by players.</p> <p>2. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow.</p> <p>3. Plant wild flowers in areas of surrounding path area.</p> <p>4. Plant additional trees where appropriate in park area.</p> <p>5. Look to develop relationship with Ysgol</p>	<p>Quarter 1 2020</p> <p>Quarter 2 2020</p>

		Stebonheath in relation to biodiversity activities.	
Penygaer Playing Fields	<p>1. Grass cutting to maintain football, rugby and surrounding area to standard expected by sporting clubs and residents.</p> <p>2. Limited cutting of hedge rows and surrounds of trees to promote biodiversity.</p> <p>3. Limited cutting in area of Lledi riverbank along path to promote biodiversity.</p>	<p>1. Maintain sporting and surrounding areas to standard expected by football and rugby players.</p> <p>2. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow.</p> <p>3. Plant wild flowers in areas of riverbank.</p> <p>4. Plant additional trees where appropriate in area beyond bridge and along river.</p> <p>5. Look to develop relationship with Ysgol Dewi Sant and Penygaer School in relation to biodiversity activities.</p>	Quarter 1 2020
Peoples' Park	<p>1. Grass cutting to maintain play area, bowling green, football, rugby and surrounding areas to standard expected by sporting clubs and residents.</p> <p>2. Limited cutting of hedge rows and surrounds of trees to promote biodiversity.</p> <p>3. Limited cutting in area of Twyn pond and along path to promote biodiversity.</p>	<p>1. Maintain play, sporting and surrounding areas to standard expected by residents, bowls, football and rugby players.</p> <p>2. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow.</p> <p>3. Plant wild flowers in areas of surrounding path and pond area.</p> <p>4. Plant additional trees where appropriate in pond area.</p> <p>6. Look to develop relationship with Pentip and Old Road Schools in relation to biodiversity activities.</p>	<p>Quarter 1 2020.</p> <p>Quarter 2 2020</p>
Machinery Use	Petrol / Diesel machinery / vehicles.	Review machinery long term to consider electric powered machinery / vehicles.	2020-21

Parc Howard (maintained by CCC with Parc Howard Collaboration Group)

Location / Activity	Current Activities	Planned Activities	Timescale
Duck Pond	1.Maintained and kept to good level of water.	Encourage additional biodiversity and wildlife.	Ongoing
Front of Museum	1. Well maintained flower beds and surrounding grassed areas as expected by resident.	These are areas expected to provide a pleasing look and will remain as so.	N/A
Field area	1.Well maintained grassed amenity area as expected by residents.	These are areas expected to provide a pleasing look and will remain as so.	N/A
Front tree and bush area (Felinfoel road)	1.Well maintained amenity area as expected by residents.	These are areas expected to provide a pleasing look and will remain as so.	N/A
Tree area from main entrance towards memorial garden	Area allowed to grow to promote biodiversity.	1. Monitor area for possible maintenance requirements. 2. Plant additional trees where appropriate in the area, including designating areas for memorial trees.	Ongoing
Area to rear of Museum	1.Well maintained grassed and hedged area as expected by residents.	These are areas expected to provide a pleasing look and will remain as so.	N/A
Gorsedd stones and area to rear	1.Grassed area to be maintained. 2.Hedge area to be allowed to grow to promote biodiversity.	1.Monitor area for possible maintenance requirements. 2.Possibility of planting wildflowers. 3. Plant additional trees where appropriate in the area, including designating areas for memorial trees.	2 nd Quarter 2020

