

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2019

Name of Community Council: Llangennith Llanmadoc & Cheriton

Introduction and Context

Llangennith Llanmadoc & Cheriton Community Council provide a range of services to its local community which have an impact on biodiversity. These include:

- Responsibility for a number of green spaces.
- Funding - we give grants for projects in the Council's area. This impacts on biodiversity through cascading funding criteria.
- We promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainable practices whenever possible.

We serve approximately 900 residents. The precept for 2019-20 is £7,900.00

Action Report:

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<p>Reflected the commitment to biodiversity and natural areas</p> <p>Taken into account biodiversity considerations when considering planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders.</p>	<p>Yearly common land inspections. Regular maintenance of land.</p> <p>Consideration of biodiversity demonstrated in decisions on planning applications as seen in minutes.</p>
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<p>Set up task group to look at bio-diversity issues within the community.</p> <p>From next financial year, a budget has been highlighted to increase awareness of bio-diversity and fund projects.</p>	<p>Task group reporting and minutes.</p> <p>Budget monitoring, and grant applications.</p>
-safeguard principal species and habitats	<p>Contributed to the management of protected sites and species, including Local Wildlife Sites/Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) Managed land around them to buffer and join them up as part of resilient ecological networks</p> <p>Ensured no negative impacts on protected species</p>	<p>Common land inspections. Maintenance of ponds. Footpath problem reporting and maintenance. Minutes. Common land inspection - wild areas left around commons and on verges – minutes.</p> <p>AONB & SSSI – Statutory protection and monitoring and reporting.</p>
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<p>Changed mowing regimes by reducing the frequency of cuts to encourage wildflowers and other pollinator friendly plants, also</p>	<p>Minutes</p>

	<p>providing cover for small mammals and reptiles.</p> <p>Five yearly tree inspection survey and maintenance when necessary.</p>	Report and minutes
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<p>Sustainable procurement policy which includes ensuring office supplies such as paper and cleaning products are sustainably sourced (e.g. locally and/or made from recycled material).</p> <p>Monitoring noise pollution.</p> <p>Prevention of parking on common land.</p>	<p>E-mailing minutes, reducing paper usage.</p> <p>Reporting on monthly basis.</p> <p>Minutes.</p>
-use improve and share evidence	Report all bio-diversity improvements to local residents.	Through minutes and local newsletter
-support capacity and/or other organisations	Worked in partnership with Local Wildlife Trust and footpath management.	Minutes

Review of s6 duty

- What has worked well?
Yearly common land inspections, five yearly tree surveys, yearly grass cutting and pond maintenance.
- What have the barriers been?
Problems with parking on Common land.
- What will you change?
Bio-diversity task group set up, a proportion of the budget has been put aside for this project. A three year action plan will be drawn up.
- How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?
Monitored on 3 monthly basis, plan reviewed yearly.