

## Disserth & Trecoed Community Council

### REPORT UNDER BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY (Part 1, Section 6, Environment (Wales) Act 2016)

Disserth & Trecoed Community Council is committed to reducing the decline of biodiversity in its area and realises the importance of biodiversity conservation and enhancement for our community's health and wellbeing and enables behaviour change towards a sustainable lifestyle.

Under the Environment (Wales) Act (2016) all public bodies in Wales are required to;

1. Maintain and enhance biodiversity when carrying out their responsibilities and in doing so promote the resilience of ecosystems
2. Demonstrate an ecosystem approach by applying the principles set out in the Act
3. Prepare and publish a plan outlining how they intend to fulfil the duty
4. Publish a report, every three years, on the actions which they have taken to meet this duty

A public authority, in complying with the Section 6 duty, must have regard to:

- The Section 7 list of habitats and species of principle importance for Wales.
- The State of Nature Report published by Natural Resources Wales.
- Any area statement which covers all or part of the area in which the authority exercises its functions, once these are produced.

Complying with the Section 6 duty will also help Public Authorities subject to the Well-being of future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 to maximise their contributions to the Well-being goals. At present this is not a statutory obligation for Llandrindod Wells Town Council.

- Objective 1: Engage and support participation and understanding **to embed biodiversity throughout decision making at all levels**
- Objective 2: **Safeguard species and habitats** of principal importance and improve their management
- Objective 3: **Increase the resilience\* of our natural environment** by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation.
- Objective 4: **Tackle key pressures** on species and habitats

- Objective 5: Improve our **evidence, understanding and monitoring**
- Objective 6: Put in place a framework of **governance and support** for delivery

### **Council Land & Facilities**

The Community Council does not own any land

### **Energy and Water Management**

The Council is committed to responsible energy management and will promote energy efficiency throughout its community. Examples of which are:

- 1.1 Encouraging residents and businesses to ensure that electrical equipment and unnecessary lights are switched off when not in use.
- 1.2 Encouraging residents and businesses to close windows and external doors when heating is on.
- 1.3 Encouraging residents and businesses to minimise the use of electric heaters.
- 1.4 Encouraging residents, to use water efficiently.
- 1.5 Where possible utilise water butts fed by down pipes as a non-drinking water source.

### **Recycling & Conservation**

The Community Council will:

- 2.1 Encourage the recycling of wastepaper and cardboard and where possible plastics and glass.
- 2.2 Promote and encourage recycling across the community.
- 2.3 Use Recycled Paper products where feasible.
- 2.4 Minimise pollution and prevent where possible.

### **Biodiversity & Green Spaces**

The Community Council will:

- 3.1 Seek to protect and where possible enhance the quality of the communities natural environment and open spaces.
- 3.2 Support the conservation of trees, hedgerows, ponds and streams.
- 3.3 Consider the conservation and promotion of local biodiversity in all activities but particularly with regard to the management of land.
- 3.4 Seek to manage its green spaces in a manner that promotes and protects biodiversity.

## **Awareness, Lobbying & Partnerships**

The Community Council will:

4.1 In all relevant communications promote awareness of, and information on environmental issues within the community.

4.2 Where appropriate, act as a voice for the local environmental concerns to those agencies given the statutory powers to tackle problems.

4.3 Ensure that all individuals involved in the organisation are aware of their responsibilities in implementing this environmental policy

4.4 Where appropriate work with its partners to minimise the effects of noise and light pollution on the communities.

The Community Council will:

5.1 Seek to minimise environmental damage caused through the transportation of goods on its roads.

5.2 Ensure that the use of pesticides/herbicides are minimised in others land management and horticultural activities by encouraging the land management owners to have a like policy.

## **Action Plan**

1. Seek grant funding for additional projects
2. Award grants to local groups supporting bio-diversity projects
3. Encourage Installation of Bird & Bat Boxes on sites
4. Support installation of Swift Boxes
5. Give support to Radnorshire Wildlife Trust to develop projects
6. Encourage County Council to plant wildflowers in suitable areas
7. Monitor public rights of ways, their hedges or other boundaries, trees, streams and grassland.
8. Encourage local land owners to be eco-friendly
9. Encourage and support local schools and youth groups to engage in bio-diversity projects
10. Involve local people in planting indigenous trees in town owned or managed land

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