

# Llanbadarn Fawr Community Council Biodiversity Report 2022 Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6 The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

## Introduction and Context:

Llanbadarn Fawr Community Council seeks to have regard for the conservation of Biodiversity when undertaking its functions.

The Community Council has a range of activities and services within the community which have a positive impact on biodiversity. These include:

- Providing planters within the community to grow flowers suitable for pollinators
- Maintaining a flower planting programme
- Considering the impact of planning applications on local biodiversity and the wider environment
- Giving grants to help towards community projects
- Through its own actions creating opportunities to develop and improve habitats for birds, insects, mammals and plants
- Maintain flower beds and manage grass cutting on Crossgates roundabout

The Council promotes sustainability and biodiversity by:

- Using local materials, local suppliers and craftsmen whenever possible
- Ensuring our projects considers Biodiversity and Sustainability in the early stages of development

Llanbadarn Fawr Community Council serves approximately:

The precept for 2022-23 was £ 6,741.33

## Actions Carried Out

### *1. Embed Biodiversity into decision making at Community Council Meetings by:*

- Considered biodiversity when reviewing planning applications
- Ensured biodiversity was considered when identifying and planning new projects

### *2. Raised awareness of biodiversity and its importance by:*

- Encouraged articles in News & Views magazine to raise public awareness of the environment
- Posted details of actions taken by the Council to help biodiversity on the website
- Promotion of environmental initiatives
- Used notice boards and information boards to display this report.
- Encouraged and support the community to continue volunteering to maintain council managed green spaces with a respect for nature.

### *3. Safeguarded principal species and habitats by:*

- Increased planting to support butterflies, bees, and other pollinators

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### *4. Maintained existing and created new habitats by:*

- Managing roundabout flower beds
- Planting 4 new roadside planters with successional flowering plants to provide nectar over long periods
- Replace specimen 'Drovers Tree' with new planting.

### *5. Tackle Negative Factors by:*

- Noting and promoting legislation, in particular in respect of planning.

### *6. Listen to others to improve and share results by:*

- Circulating nature information advice
- Engaging with Powys County Council Countryside Services

### *7. Support and reward community efforts by:*

- *Noting and discussion community action and minutin this*

### *Review of S6 Duty*

- Arrange for councillors to receive Biodiversity information
- Identify potential biodiversity opportunities around the area
- Prioritise projects by cost, resources needed and how easy it would be to complete Include funding for biodiversity projects when setting precept

### *What Has Worked Well*

- Siting roadside community planters
- Planting bulbs and seasonal bedding plants in the planters located

### *What Have the Barriers Been*

- Raising of funds
- Lack of volunteers
- Lack of understanding/uptake of Biodiversity opportunities

### *What Changes are Planned:*

- More proactive action (including both practical projects and information sharing).

### *How Will it be Monitored and When will it be Reviewed*

- Biodiversity to be included on agenda of Annual Council Meeting.
- Actions to be reviewed on an annual basis with progress recorded in the annual Community Council report.