

## **Llantrisant Fawr Community Council Biodiversity Policy**

The Community council has a statutory duty under Section 6 of the Environment Act (Wales) 2016 to seek, maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems.

The Council are a small authority with no land holdings or responsibility for land. The majority of local government services impacting biodiversity are provided by Monmouthshire County Council rather than at Community Council level.

In line with the requirements of the Environment Act 2016 the Community Council endeavours to include the consideration of biodiversity and eco systems in the setting of its' policies, plans and projects.

Llantrisant Fawr Community Council has agreed the following plan to support and enhance biodiversity:

- a) To take biodiversity into account when considering planning applications.
- b) To support hedge/tree planting by replacing felled trees in appropriate areas.
- c) To further support the Llangwm Village Scheme by providing plants to encourage much needed sources of foods for pollinators.
- d) To encourage and provide possible funding for community groups to become involved with local projects by identifying pockets of land which might be enhanced.
- e) To encourage Community members to litter pick their Hedgerows.
- f) Leaving standing and fallen dead wood where safe to do so, as habitat for invertebrates.
- g) The Community Council will consider reducing the number of grass cuts throughout the year if felt appropriate and request that the contractor leave uncut any areas of natural wildflowers.

(The Biodiversity Policy will be monitored throughout the year and the plan reviewed every 3 years.)

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