

# CYNGOR TREF **LLANIDLOES** TOWN COUNCIL

Neuadd y Dref  
Llanidloes  
Sir Drefaldwyn  
Powys  
SY18 6BN  
Ffôn 01686 412353



Town Hall  
Llanidloes  
Montgomeryshire  
Powys  
SY18 6BN  
Tel. 01686 412353

## LLANIDLOES TOWN COUNCIL

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

Llanidloes Town Council is committed to reducing the decline of biodiversity in its area and realises the importance of biodiversity conservation and enhancement for our communities' health and wellbeing and enables behaviour change towards a sustainable lifestyle.

#### Environment (Wales) Act 2016

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

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

A public authority, in complying with Section 6, 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 Llanidloes Town Council.

#### **Land Under Management**

The Town Council owns and manages the following areas of land-  
The Recreation Ground – including the Playground  
The Severn Porte

The Riverside Walk (next to Skatepark)  
The area around the Football Field  
Allt Goch Woods

*The Recreation Ground:* An open space, currently home to the Cricket, Bowling and Tennis Clubs. The Clubs are responsible for their areas. The Children's play area and grass area around is the responsibility of the Town Council and is cut on a weekly basis during the Summer and checked regularly for Health and Safety. The bank which runs along the road side is cut on a monthly basis. Hedges are cut annually

*The Severn Porte:* A grassy area with trees surrounding. Grass is cut weekly during the summer. Information boards and clear pathways encourage walkers to appreciate the site. Owl and Bird boxes on the site.

*The Riverside Walk:* A grassy area with trees alongside. Grass walkway is cut fortnightly during the summer. Grass area near to the trees is left to encourage wildlife. Trees near the river are left to wildlife.

*Victoria Avenue Children's Park and Parkland:* Football field is the responsibility of the Football Club. The Children's Play area is mown regularly and checked for Health and Safety issues. The area around the football field has grass and trees. The grass is mown fortnightly during the summer months. The trees are checked regularly for damage and Health and Safety and are pollarded when considered necessary. An orchard will be planted this spring and will be pruned annually.

*Allt Goch Woods:* A community woodland on the outskirts of the Town, comprising Oak, Sycamore, Beech, Birch, Rowan and many other species of Trees. The woodland provides a diverse habitat for wildlife. Access to the woods is accessible to all. Forest Schools regularly take place in the woods. The woodlands have undergone extensive management over the last 25 years with a number of trees felled and thinned out in 1990, prior to replanting. General visitor facilities were improved between 1991 and 1996. A compost toilet was installed in the past 5 years under a scheme carried out by Coed Cymru. A bird and bat habitation/ringing scheme was carried out in 2019, this proved very popular and is now being rolled out again for 2020. We recognise a problem with Grey Squirrels but have chosen not to carry out eradication.

*General:* Planting of bulbs in flower pots around the Town as well as the Roundabout to encourage wildlife and tourism.

All the above areas link closely to form a "green belt" to the edge of Llanidloes.

The Council will aim to :-

- Raise awareness of biodiversity and its importance
- Safeguard principle species and habitats
- Restore and Create habitats and resilient ecological networks
- Tackle negative impacts such as pollution, invasive species
- Support other organisations

### **Ongoing Projects and Aims**

1. Seek funding to inform and encourage appreciation of wildlife on the natural areas of the sites.
2. Safeguard existing species and habitats
3. To continue to provide local species bulbs/plants for planting locally
4. To continue to encourage Forest Schools in the woods and to raise awareness of wildlife and appreciation of the natural area.
5. To encourage Members to attend training/conferences on biodiversity issues

### **New Projects and Aims**

1. Discussion with County Council on management of verges and promotion of wildflowers
2. Provision of local variety bulbs for planting by volunteers around the Town
3. Grant applications to improve access and knowledge of local wildlife, encourage visitors to sites
4. Provide additional bat and bird boxes as funding permits
5. Consider action to support pollinators and to be bee friendly
6. To continue to look for opportunities to encourage biodiversity
7. Consider providing support to local groups and organisations

Draft Prepared	29.01.20
Draft Presented to Council	24.02.20
Adopted by Council	24.02.20