

Cyngor Cymuned Llanelwedd Community Council

Llanelwedd Community Council does not own land, buildings or offices. When dealing with planning applications the matter of biodiversity is one of the main concerns looked at. The local knowledge which the Community Councillors have can contribute beneficial consideration to the issue of biodiversity on these applications and have raised matters in the past of which the County Council may not have been aware.

We serve approximately 330 adult residents. The precept for 2025-2026 is £3,000

Embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	taken into account biodiversity considerations when considering planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders and neighbourhood services matters.	Consideration of biodiversity demonstrated in decisions on planning applications. Site visits have been organised and where possible seek information from the owners/planners of the application
Raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	Working with the village school encouraged the community as a whole to volunteer in the context of nature/green spaces.	Chairman of the Community Council sits on the Friends of the School committee Builth Road run a gardening session on the 2 nd Sunday of each month with tools and equipment provided. It aims to promote health and wellbeing in an outdoor setting. Villagers are free to come and use the equipment and attend to the garden at any time.
safeguard principal species and habitats	Ensured no negative impacts on protected species	Each year the Community field (Approx 2 acres) and sections of the village are left to grow through April and May to allow insects and bees to pollenate as well as encouraging wild flowers to grow. Other projects include herb planters, fruit trees and planting of native hedgerows within the community. This is aimed at creating positive not negative impact on the area.

restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Changed mowing regimes by reducing the frequency of cuts to encourage wildflowers and other pollinator friendly plants, also providing cover for small mammals and reptiles.	One of the Community Cllrs organises the grass cutting of the churchyard in the community and has reduced the frequency of the mowing to help with the impact which may occur
tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	composting bin for our green waste.	Working with the school and the adjoining Jubilee Hall to encourage reducing pollution The Cllrs raise issues which may have an adverse effect such as water pollution. Flooding is an issue which arises in the Community. The Community Council has met with NRW and the MS Jane Dodds to discuss the matter

Review of s6 duty
The deep local knowledge of the Cllrs as to what is happening in their area is ideal as they are able to see the situations as they arise and can follow through. The Council owning no land, buildings or offices can mainly observe the situation and report circumstances to the County Council NRW or environment Department The village garden sessions and the Community Field are an ongoing projects and are working well