

Penyrheol Trecenydd Energlyn Council
Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1
Section 6 The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty
Biodiversity Statement 2019

Introduction

PTE Community Council serves approximately 4443 households and the precept for 2019/20 is £61249.15, at a charge of £13.81 for Band D properties.

PTE Community Council does not own or manage any land or buildings. The Council comprises of 11 elected Members and one paid member of staff (Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer).

The Community Council recognises the importance of biodiversity. Biodiversity is recognised as underpinning human health and can contribute to physical and mental wellbeing. The widespread reduction in species across the UK, coupled with the impact of climate change, has had a major environmental impact.

Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 introduces a new duty on public authorities in Wales to maintain and enhance biodiversity and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems in the exercise of their functions. PTE Community Council, as a public authority, will comply with this duty in relation to the scope of its activities.

Biodiversity Plan

The Community Council has identified the following areas which will assist in its objective to enhance biodiversity:

- * To ask all grant applicants what steps they will be taking to incorporate biodiversity into their project. The barriers to this may be financial restrictions on the applicant.
- * To use local suppliers and to source products made from sustainable resources, whilst also taking into account cost.
- * To recycle materials wherever possible.
- * To form links with local organisations to discuss biodiversity projects and Youth Ambassador contact schools to discuss environmental/biodiversity projects.
- * To form a Biodiversity/Environmental Committee to discuss environmental issues/projects.
- * To carry out regular litter picking in the community.
- * To aim to work towards going paperless and sending paperwork via email.
- * To purchase new LED festive lights.

- * To ask CCBC to consider inserting water access points in parks.
- * To ask local community centre management committees to look into obtaining utilities from green companies/green tariffs.
- * To ask local community centres to price solar panels (cost to be taken into consideration).
- * To place biodiversity on main agenda every month.
- * To challenge planning applications to ensure that impact to the environment is being considered.

This biodiversity plan will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
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