

LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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COUNCIL MEETING

30th MARCH 2026

REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY PLAN UPDATE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to Members the Biodiversity Plan of the Community Council. The plan outlines how the council will meet its duty under Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. Which requires public authorities to seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems when exercising its function.
- 1.2 As a Community Council we play an important role in supporting local biodiversity through managing community land and working with partners to enhance the area for residents.
- 1.3 The plan aims to:
 - Protect and enhance local biodiversity
 - Promote sustainable land management practices
 - Increase awareness of nature and environmental stewardship within the community
 - Support the resilience of local ecosystems
 - Demonstrate compliance with the biodiversity duty placed on public authorities in Wales
- 1.4 The Community Council service a number of areas across Church Village, Efail Isaf, Llantwit Fardre and Tonteg which includes play areas, amenity land, woodland, green spaces.

1.5 These areas provide valuable habitats for birds, pollinators and native plants. As a Council we recognise that there needs to be a balance between community needs and recreational use and we hope the plan shows we are working in the right direction.

2. Key Objectives

The council has identified several key objectives to support biodiversity:

- **Enhance Habitats**
Improve existing green spaces by planting native species, creating wildflower areas, and protecting natural habitats.
- **Support Pollinators**
Encourage pollinator-friendly planting and reduce the use of pesticides where possible.
- **Promote Community Engagement**
Work with residents, schools, and local groups to raise awareness of biodiversity.
- **Sustainable Land Management**
Manage council-owned land in ways that support wildlife and ecological resilience.
- **Partnership Working**
Collaborate with organisations such as local environmental groups and the county borough council.

3. Monitoring and Review

The council will review progress on the Biodiversity Plan periodically and will report on actions taken to maintain and enhance biodiversity in accordance with the requirements of the **Environment (Wales) Act 2016**.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 To acknowledge the Biodiversity Plan set by the Council attached at Appendix 1
- 4.2 Agree to continue implementing the actions outlined in the plan over the next 12-month period