

Under section 6 of the Environment Wales Act, Aberporth Community Council has a requirement to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of functions in relation to Wales, and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems, so far as consistent with the proper exercise of those functions.

Our duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity follows the Nature recovery Action Plan for Wales (NRAP) guidance, by producing a plan that supports the guidance given within the NRAP plan. The key elements of the plan include;

Embed diversity into delivery, and raise awareness of its importance

Safeguard special sites and species

Restore and create habitats

Tackle key pressures, such as pollution and invasive non-native species

Use and collect biodiversity evidence

2023/24 Biodiversity Action Plan

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|  | Date set | Proposed action | Owner | Due by | Expected outcome |
| 1 | January 2023 | To review all activities, Policies, Processes and Sub-Committees to ensure that biodiversity is considered within all activities of  the Council. | Clerk | ongoing | To embed the consideration of  biodiversity and eco friendly activities in all Council policy and procedures |
| 2 | January 2023 | To work towards the Council  being plastic free. | Full Council | ongoing | Reduction of waste and use of reusable and sustainable resources |
| 3 | January 2023 | To work towards the Council  being paper free, or where  paper is required, to ensure that it is bought from sustainable sources. | Full Council | ongoing | Reduce and minimise use of paper |
| 4 | January 2023 | Village clean up days. To  encourage participation in the  clean-up and a pride in the  villages.  To extend the Tidy Town groups to support biodiversity projects | Tidy Town Groups  Maint Comm | Ongoing | Educate and engage the  participation of the community to keep pride in our village, beaches  and our green spaces |
| 5 | January 2023 | To review childrens play facilities and areas, and look to enhance and encourage the provision of spaces for environmentally friendly play. | Wellbeing Comm | Y1 | To develop a joint play strategy with Aberporth Village Hall Management and Parcllyn Playing field committee.  To have a plan in place to encourage play in open environments. |
| 6 | January 2023 | Review the use of weed killer by Community Council to ensure the most effective but least environmentally damaging compounds to be used. | Maint  Comm | Ongoing | To be using the least  environmentally damaging sprays and products.  Ensure contractors are informed on council biodiversity procedures. |
| 7 | January 2023 | Ensure maintenance schedules and contracts consider biodiversity in relevant areas. | Maint Comm | Ongoing | Consider biodiversity and eco friendly activities within our maintenance schedules  Ensure that all planting enhances biodiversity; flowers introduced are pollinators and will support the Wales Biodiversity Partnership guidelines |
| 8 | January 2023 | To work to reduce dog fouling in the area | Maint comm | Ongoing | Reduction in dog fouling in the area |
| 8 | January 2023 | To look at ways to engage with the community in how we can all contribute to enhancing biodiversity within the villages. | Full Council |  | Update website with biodiversity information.  Achieve Bee Friendly Community status  Introduce Bat and bird boxes  To understand and maintain the  hedgehog population  Look at opportunities for partner projects with Ysgol Gynradd Aberporth. |
| 9 | January 2023 | To look at opportunities with Tidy Wales to access funding and community projects | Full Council | Y1 | Green community award |
| 10 | January 2023 | Liaise with the local area  officers and One Voice Wales to find out what  projects are being developed in Ceredigion and gain advice on enhancement opportunities for the ward of Aberporth. | Full Council |  | Rachel Aukland, Ceredigion  Rachel Carter OVW Local Places for Nature Officer  Ceredigion Nature News  Pethau Bychain |
| 11 | January 2023 | To work with the horticultural  society on ways in which we can include biodiversity within the society annual show. | Full Council | Horticultural show currently on hold whilst hall is closed. Review as appropriate. | Carry forward idea to deliver an annual prize based on the individuals commitment to encouraging  biodiversity and habitat  enhancement |
| 12 | January 2023 | Publish the actions taken so far, and the plan for 2024-2025. | Clerk | Review January 2024 | Plan to be published on the website following agreement at full Council meeting. |