

NEW RADNOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BIODIVERSITY REPORT - DECEMBER 2019

New Radnor Community 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 three years, on the actions which they have taken to meet this duty. (This first report is due to be published by the end of 2019 covering the period 2016-2019)

A public authority, in complying with the Section 6 duty, 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 New Radnor Community Council.

The Community Council

The Community Council does not currently manage any land or property and therefore its scope is limited however the Council is aware of the necessity of bearing in mind the need to maintain and enhance biodiversity and will do as and when possible.

The Council has therefore agreed the following -

- A commitment to engage with local primary school (via those Members that are also school governors) to encourage it to create habitats for birds and other wildlife.
- To continue to liaise with organisations such as Natural Resources Wales to reduce incidences of pollution, fly tipping and flooding and to immediately report any issues coming to the Council's attention.
- To consider the net benefit of biodiversity when considering planning applications so that development does not cause significant loss of habitats or populations of species.
- To consider supporting any local organisation which wishes to promote biodiversity.

Agreed at the December 2019 Council Meeting. To be reviewed and monitored each year at the Annual Meeting.