



## LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Environmental & Biodiversity Policy

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#### Aim

Llanharan Community Council cares for the environment through its own practices and by encouraging others. The Council will endeavour to be as conscientious as possible about biodiversity, conservation, and the use of resources and recycling.

#### Policy

The Council will keep aware of the environmental regulations that apply to its business and ensure that its legal obligations are met.

The Council will operate suitable procedures and systems to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and look at ways to limit its environmental impact.

The Council will communicate this policy to the community through typical channels such as normal meetings, work planning and social media announcements, and will encourage suggestions of ways to reduce the environmental impact.

The Council will encourage measures to promote biodiversity in the community and will work towards compliance in all its actions with the Section 6 duty contained in the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

#### General

Maximise energy efficiency e.g. through use of low energy light bulbs and insulation of pipes

Where possible, source materials and services locally when this does not conflict with the duty to obtain best value.

Consider the durability and end of life disposal implications of products before purchasing



Encourage ways to reduce water consumption and checking for leaks

Promote and use local recycling initiatives

Encourage turning off machinery, electrical appliances and lights when not in use

Minimise travel and encourage car sharing and public transport

Encourage proper waste disposal to prevent pollution or harm

#### Office and administration

Minimise printing and recycle waste paper

Use both sides of paper whenever possible

Minimise promotional leaflets and recycle those that are not used

Encourage recycling of used ink cartridges and old mobile phones

Use email or telephone in preference to postage

#### Management and maintenance

Use recycled materials and environmentally friendly companies as appropriate

Use sustainable energy sources as appropriate

Assess chemicals used (e.g. cleaning/gardening) and ensure appropriate disposal

Minimise use of harmful pesticides

Compost and shred garden waste where possible.

Recycle Christmas trees as local facilities allow.

Promote composting of waste where possible

Use home recycling facilities effectively

Plant and manage trees using indigenous species as much as possible

Minimise use of peat-based composts

Create, enhance and protect wildlife habitats on Council land where appropriate.

Review ground maintenance regimes to improve biodiversity

Maintain the network of public rights of way to keep paths strimmed, clear of litter and in a reasonable condition in line with our legal obligations whilst acting in an ecologically sympathetic manner and maintaining the biodiversity of these routes where possible.

Carry out surveys where appropriate to monitor and support a healthy ecosystem.



Encourage the routine servicing and maintenance of equipment & plant to ensure efficient operation

Encourage the use of recycling facilities

Consider the adverse impact of planning and development proposals on diversity

#### [Council services and grant funding](#)

Provide and promote Allotment plots.

Consider providing grant funding to projects that promote the biodiversity of the area, particularly its wildlife reserves.

Consider providing grant funding for projects and organisations that facilitate and encourage the enjoyment, understanding and protection of the natural environment, for example outdoor classrooms and community gardens.

Support and publicise activities that promote local education and engagement with the environment as appropriate.

This is a non-contractual policy which will be reviewed from time to time.