

CYFFYLLIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SECTION 6 BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS REPORT 2025

Introduction

Under Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, public authorities in Wales must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems when carrying out their functions.

Cyffylliog Community Council recognises the importance of protecting and enhancing biodiversity and promoting the resilience of ecosystems within the local community.

Council Land and Assets

Cyffylliog Community Council owns and manages the community cemetery. The cemetery contains mature trees which provide habitat and shelter for birds, insects and other wildlife. The Council considers biodiversity and environmental impacts when making decisions relating to the management and maintenance of this land.

Actions Undertaken

- Maintained the cemetery in a manner that balances the needs of visitors, safety requirements and environmental considerations.
- Avoided the routine use of chemical weed sprays within the cemetery, relying on alternative maintenance methods wherever practicable.
- Retained and maintained mature trees within the cemetery where appropriate, recognising their value to local biodiversity.
- Considered the impact of maintenance activities on local wildlife and habitats.
- Promoted environmentally responsible management of Council-owned land.

Future Objectives

- Continue to minimise the use of chemicals in the maintenance of Council-owned land.
- Introduce areas of pollinator-friendly and wildflower planting within the cemetery where appropriate.
- Install bird nesting boxes to encourage and support local bird populations.
- Identify further opportunities to enhance biodiversity within the cemetery.
- Continue to consider biodiversity and ecosystem resilience when making decisions relating to Council land and activities.

Monitoring and Review

Cyffylliog Community Council will continue to review opportunities to improve biodiversity and ecosystem resilience and will report on progress through future Section 6 reports.

Approved by Cyffylliog Community Council on: _____

Signed: _____
Chair

Signed: _____
Clerk