



Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the Biodiversity Committee meeting on the 13th March 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Present:

Cllr Val Simmons (Chair & Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Jackie Burnham
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Steve Wilson (Town Clerk)
Paul Smith (Clerical Assistant/Minute Clerk)

Members were informed that the meeting was not being recorded

1. Apologies

Cllr Mike Kermode

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Biodiversity Meeting held on 12th March 2023

The Minutes had been confirmed as a true record. **Resolved**

The Clerk took Members through the various actions that had been discussed highlighting those which have been completed such as the MUGA LED floodlights and particularly the postponement of investigating a biodiverse area in front of the library whilst a potential museum project is being considered.

In addition the meetings future projects were discussed to indicate progress.

Cllr Arwel Roberts noted the flooding issues on Admiral's Field in the lower left hand corner near the allotments. He suggested that the planting of trees and shrubs in this area might relieve this flooding by the trees capillary action of removing the excess waters, and inviting DCC's biodiversity officer to look at the potential of his suggestion. Cllr Roberts also suggested Mr Peter Barton-Price as an advisor on this potential project. **Resolved.**

4. Update from Chair

Cllr Val Simmons had attended the Managing Green Spaces training which she had found very useful.

5. Review of Biodiversity Plan & Policy

a. Completed Actions from 2023 had already been noted in the discussion on Item 3 above with the added note that there are 2 Councillors who are members of the Rhuddlan Nature Reserve to assist their development and management.

b. To Update the biodiversity plan and agree future actions. The Committee read through the circulated 2024 plan and agreed the following actions to complete:-

- Council introduction to biodiversity training by June meeting
- Continue biodiversity committee meetings
- Deliver carbon & nature literacy training by the end of the year
- Place Council's biodiversity actions on the website
- To agree a biodiversity strategy by the end of the year
- Promote the recording of species with DCC and Ysgol Y Castell.
- Continue links with conservation groups.
- Consider our waste recycling strategy
- Always think of sustainable procurement

The Clerk stated he would now draft the future actions into our biodiversity plan and send it to the Welsh Government as required by law. **Resolved**

6. Councillor Training 2024

The committee agreed that training should be provided for Councillors 3 times a year in April, July, and September 2024, at 6.30pm previous to the regular Full Council meeting. The topics would be awareness of biodiversity, pollinators, and carbon literacy. This to be arranged face to face in the Hwb or virtually on Zoom by external providers. **Resolved**

7. Next Meeting to be agreed

Signed.....Cllr Val Simmons (Chair)