

Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the Biodiversity Committee meeting on the 20th February 2025

Present:

Cllr Val Simmons (Chair & Mayor)
Cllr Sophie Baker
Cllr Jackie Burnham
Cllr Mike Elgin
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Steve Wilson (Town Clerk)

Members were informed that the meeting was not being recorded

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Update from Chair

Current chair Cllr Val Simmons explained that due to personal circumstances she felt she could not continue as the Chairperson, she stated her commitment to remain an active member of the committee. Cllr Val Simmons proposed that Cllr Jackie Burnham becomes chair, seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**

4. Minutes of Biodiversity Meeting held on 13th March 2024

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

Cllr Arwel Roberts informed the committee that the flooding issues at the Bowls Club and Allotments had been resolved.

5. Review of Biodiversity Plan & Policy & General Discussion

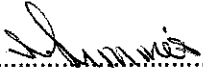
Councillors ran through the plan and concluded that the council had not made as much progress as planned. Councillors discussed the following items:

1. Potential biodiversity improvements for Admirals Field including:
 - 1.1. Planting of trees in the wet area adjacent to the path which would also help reduce the flooding.

- 1.2. Planting of pollinator friendly plants to encourage bees.
- 1.3. Creating a wildflower garden on the Bowls Club side of the field adjacent to the path.
- 1.4. Bulb planting around the perimeter of the field.
- 1.5. Shallow small pond.
- 2. To encourage all Councillors, attend a minimum of two biodiversity training events in 2025.
- 3. To invite DCC Countryside Officers Garry Davies and Jim Fitzpatrick to a site meeting on Admiral's Field to give expert advice on what to do and best how to do it.
- 4. To make improvements to the area around the Knights and at the library entrance.
- 5. Involvement of local groups in tree planting. The Beavers are going to plant some trees at Rhuddlan Nature Reserve.
- 6. To explore accreditations such as those from "Village and Town Greens"
- 7. To invite the "Willow Collective" and other local biodiversity groups to the Summer event on 2/8

8. Next Meetings

Scheduled to be held on 5th June 2025, 2nd October 2025 and 5th February 2026.

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