



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6: The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Report 2019

Introduction

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council provides a range of activities and services to the community which have an impact on biodiversity and resilience of the ecosystem including:

- We manage two areas of natural woodland, Radyr Woods and Dan y Bryn Woods, and public open spaces at Windsor Gardens, Pentwyn Park, Granny Park and land at Ffordd Las and Willow Tree Close.
- We provide funding for community planters at five locations in the community and summer-flowering hanging baskets along the main shopping area in the community.
- The Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications, representing Radyr & Morganstown on planning issues that affect the community including biodiversity and resilience of the ecosystem.
- We respond to consultations from the Welsh Government and Cardiff Council on matters that affect our community, including those affecting our environment. We also work with them, and other organisations, to develop a vibrant, attractive, clean and safe environment.
- Through grants and other funding, the Council supports many local organisations, facilities and events, including those that support the management of our open spaces in an environmentally sustainable way.
- We own the Old Church Rooms in Radyr which provides a venue for community events and private functions and hosts the Community Council office. The Old Church Rooms has a Twinning Garden which commemorates a friendship pact between Radyr & Morganstown and St Philbert de Grand-Lieu.

Radyr & Morganstown is home to approximately 6,500 people (2011 census). The precept for 2019/20 is £124,347

Action Report

(Based on the objectives in the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales 2015)

Action points	Actions carried out by Radyr & Morganstown Community Council
Embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The R&MCC Environment Committee is tasked with monitoring all matters relating to the quality of the environment in Radyr & Morganstown and making recommendations to Full Council for action by the Community Council - in collaboration with the County Council, Welsh Government or other public bodies - to promote an attractive, clean and safe environment for residents. - The R&MCC Planning Committee considers the impact on the environment in Radyr & Morganstown in responding to planning applications or consultations on planning matters.
Raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The R&MCC Publicity Group publish information on environmental issues in Radyr & Morganstown on the R&MCC website and social media. The website and social media are also used to encourage community involvement in environmental initiatives organised by outside bodies. - Responses to planning applications and planning consultations submitted by the Council raise awareness of any detrimental impact on the environment in Radyr & Morganstown and the surrounding area.
Safeguard principal species and habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R&MCC maintain natural woodland at Radyr Woods and Dan y Bryn Woods, safeguarding the biodiversity of the woods and protecting habitats for wildlife. - R&MCC maintain public parks and green spaces at Windsor Gardens, Pentwyn Park, Granny Park and Ffordd Las.
Restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R&MCC promote the creation of natural habitats for wildlife through leaving fallen or cut branches and trunks in suitable locations in woodland as part of its programme of tree maintenance works. - R&MCC plant a Chairman's Oak each year in order to support the resilience of Radyr Woods. A Liquidambar tree has recently been planted in Windsor Gardens and Weeping Willow in Pentwyn Park. - R&MCC fund community planters in five locations across Radyr & Morganstown, with planting refreshed in each season, to support biodiversity and contribute to an attractive environment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R&MCC funded the planting of snowdrops and wildflowers by local primary schoolchildren. - RMCC fund summer flowering hanging baskets in the main shopping area in the community.
Tackle negative factors, e.g. reduce pollution, use nature-based solutions, address invasive species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R&MCC has considered air quality and pollution in the development of policy on road safety throughout Radyr & Morganstown. The R&MCC Road Safety Advisory Working Group has researched the relationship between average speeds and pollution in developing its recommendations to Council. - R&MCC monitor and treat Japanese Knotweed. - R&MCC have engaged with Natural Resources Wales on the removal of plastic and rubbish from the banks of the River Taff. - R&MCC have promoted litter picking initiatives in the community through our website and social media. - R&MCC staff recycle office waste and minimise the use of paper for printing as far as is consistent with Council duties.
Use improve and share evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members of R&MCC actively monitor the quality of the environment in Radyr & Morganstown and report issues that arise to the Community Council, Cardiff Council and Welsh Government as appropriate.
Support capacity and/or other organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R&MCC provide grants to local organisations to support community initiatives that benefit the environment in Radyr & Morganstown, including grants to the Friends of Radyr Woods and to the PTAs of local primary schools.

Review of s6 duty

The s6 duty will be reviewed by the Environment Committee in January 2020 with the aim of presenting an updated s.6 plan on biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems in Radyr & Morganstown at the Annual Council Meeting on 7 May 2020.

Environment Committee will report on outcomes against the plan on an annual basis.