



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6: The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Plan 2020 to 2025

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.
- 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 2020/21 is £126,254.

Action Plan

(Action Points are based on the objectives in the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales 2015)

Action points	Actions to be 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. A requirement to consider biodiversity and resilience of the ecosystem in recommendations to Full Council will be written into the Terms of Reference of the Environment Committee - The R&MCC Planning Committee considers the impact on the environment in Radyr & Morganstown in responding to planning applications or consultations on planning matters. A requirement to consider biodiversity and resilience of the ecosystem will be written into the Terms of Reference of the Planning Committee.
Raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The R&MCC Publicity Group will publish information on environmental issues in Radyr & Morganstown on the R&MCC website and social media. The website and social media will also be used to encourage community involvement in environmental initiatives organised by outside bodies. - Responses to planning applications and planning consultations submitted by the Council should aim to 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 will maintain natural woodland at Radyr Woods and Dan y Bryn Woods, safeguarding the biodiversity of the woods and protecting habitats for wildlife. - R&MCC will maintain public parks and green spaces at Windsor Gardens, Pentwyn Park, Granny Park and Ffordd Las in a manner that supports biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems. - Detailed five-year action plans for each area managed by R&MCC set out specific plans for planting and maintenance of indigenous species and protection of habitats in woodland areas and a wider variety of planting in parks and other open spaces.

<p>Restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R&MCC will 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. - Detailed five-year action plans for each area managed by R&MCC will see a programme of new planting across the community, informed by the need to support biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems.
<p>Tackle negative factors, e.g. reduce pollution, use nature-based solutions, address invasive species</p>	<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. These issues will be considered in R&MCC responses to public consultations and engagements with Welsh Government and Cardiff Council on measures to improve road safety and the quality of the environment across the community. - R&MCC recognises the importance of treating Japanese Knotweed on its land. Our five-year plans include annual treatment of Japanese Knotweed in those areas where it has been identified. - R&MCC will monitor its land for invasive and dangerous species and will notify landowners when such species are noticed in other open spaces. - R&MCC have engaged with Natural Resources Wales on the removal of plastic and rubbish from the banks of the River Taff and will continue to monitor and engage on this problem. - R&MCC will promote local litter picking initiatives in the community through its website and social media. - R&MCC staff will recycle office waste and minimise the use of paper for printing as far as is consistent with Council duties.
<p>Use improve and share evidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members of R&MCC will 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.
<p>Support capacity and/or other organisations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R&MCC will budget for grants to local organisations to support community initiatives. In considering grant applications, the Council will take into account the need to support biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems.

Annual Review of Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

Progress against this plan, including the steps outlined in the five-year area plans, will be reviewed by Environment Committee each year and a report will be made to the Annual Meeting of Council, including any recommendations for changes to plans. Council will adopt the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Plan at the Annual Meeting.

Attachments:

Five-year area plans

- Radyr Woods
- Dan y Bryn Woods
- Pentwyn Park
- Windsor Gardens
- Granny Park
- Open space at Ffordd Las
- Open space at Willow Tree Close
- Land at Guide Hut, Bryn Derwen
- Old Church Rooms Gardens

Other areas/environmental issues in Radyr & Morganstown and action to be taken.