

Scleddau Community Council/ Cyngor Cymunedol Scleddau

Biodiversity and Environment Policy

Parks and other 'green' assets Under the Environment Act (Wales) 2016

All local authorities 'must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the proper exercise of their functions and in doing so promote the resilience of ecosystems'. This means that, when managing our parks for people to enjoy, town (and community) councils should also be seeking opportunities to maintain and enhance the wildlife that these areas support and manage the habitats (e.g. grassland, trees, wetlands) so that they are in as natural and resilient a state as possible. The duty also supports our wider remit under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 so that Wales benefits from a prosperous economy, a healthy and resilient environment and vibrant, cohesive communities. Scleddau Community Council continue to contribute positively to the local environment and promoting sustainability.

Areas to be considered by Council for future action and inclusion.

The Council does not own/manage any within the wards but will continue to work collaboratively with Pembrokeshire County Council and be ready to take any potential opportunities that arise through the transfer of assets or tasks devolved from PCC in the future. It is also suggested that any additional acquisition of land (such as play areas or footpaths, for example) should include a specific action linked to this duty.

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Chair 13/01/2020