CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

BIODIVERSITY POLICY

1. OUR AREA & OUR AIMS

Ystalyfera Community Council aims to improve biodiversity in its wards. In doing this, the Council hopes to increase the number of insects, wildlife and wildflowers in the area. Areas include Ystalyfera, Godre'r Graig, Cilmaengwyn, Pant Teg and Lower Cwmtwrch.

The Ystalyfera Community Council area has the benefit of being semi-rural and has a large expanse of green fields and trees.

2. COUNCIL MANAGED SITES

The Council manages a number of sites that are ideally suitable for the development of biodiversity initiatives:

- GODRE'R GRAIG COUNTRY PARK - a traditional country park with grassed areas, trees, and shrubs all around. It is a haven for all types of wildlife including birds, insects, squirrels, hedgehogs, and lots more. It has natural wildflowers, and it is Council's plan to encourage native wildflower growth in order to attract a greater variety of insects.

- ALLTYGRUG PARK - an open space with a small playing field and children's play area. The perimeter of the park is lined with trees. These are homes for a variety of birds, insects, and wildlife. Council plan to encourage the growth of native wildflowers on the verges surrounding the park to encourage bees and other small insects.

- FARTEG PARK - an open space with a small playing field and children's play area. There are some trees at one end of the park. These are homes for a variety of birds, insects, and wildlife. Council plan to encourage native wildflower growth on the verges surrounding the park to encourage bees and other small insects.

- PLAYAREAS – PENYRALLT PARK & PARC Y GNOLL - Council plan to encourage native wildflower growth around the perimeters of these sites to encourage insects.

- COMMUNITY HALL GROUNDS – Council plan to encourage insects and birds to the grounds by installing bird boxes and an insect house in conjunction with Ramblers Cymru.

3. ACTION PLAN

a. To manage trees and woodland to support wildlife habitats in areas managed by Council.

b. To manage and regenerate wooded areas and hedgerows in areas managed by Council.

c. To encourage growth of native wildflowers to enhance the appearance of Council-managed facilities in the villages.

d. To develop opportunities for increasing the bee population in the community.

4. MONITORING

The Council's Project Group oversees the Biodiversity Policy and makes plans for future biodiversity projects.

Biodiversity Policy amended and agreed at Council Meeting 16/03/2023