

BIODIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Biodiversity Committee held on Friday 24th October 2025 at The Sessions House.

MINUTES

Present

Cllr D. Richards, Cllr K. Peacock, Cllr D. Harrison, Cllr M. Howells, Cllr A. Snelgrove,
Cllr G. Howells,
Clerk, A. Morgan

1. To receive apologies

Cllr A. Ivin

2. Elect a chair for the Biodiversity Committee

Cllr D. Richards offered to chair the end of her Mayoral term.

3. Declaration of Interest

None

4. To review the Biodiversity Site Plan visit

Clerk, Angela Morgan presented the Biodiversity Site Plan designed by Rachel Carter (One Voice Wales) following her visit in September.

5. Discuss Sessions House Grounds Development – Sites A, B & C

Site Plan outlines areas for Biodiversity development in the Sessions House grounds.

Council agreed to adopt the wildflower plan for the south side of the Sessions House and native bulb planting for the front lawn along the railings and edges of lawn.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Rachel Carter to apply for funded packages

6. Discuss Pook Lane Developments

Councillors discussed the future possibility of a boardwalk along Pook Lane and the development of a wetland area by planting native bog/water loving plants. The land is HMP owned and maintained, but accessible to residents. Collaboration with HMP Usk will be necessary to assess the feasibility of this project. Funding will need to be obtained from sources such as Heritage Fund Wales, National Lottery and Keep Wales Tidy.

7. Previous Action Plan Review

Councilors reviewed the previous Biodiversity Report from February 2023.

Discussions were had about reaching out to environmental groups within the town to gain knowledge of their latest endeavors towards biodiversity.

ACTION: Councillors to individually contact groups within the town to attend their meetings.

8. Section 6

Section 6 needs to be completed by December 2025.

ACTION: Clerk to complete Section 6 Reporting by the deadline. Councillors to support report with information gained from attending groups and discussions with the towns' residents.

Correspondence

None



Mrs Angela Morgan
Town Clerk

Next meeting: Wednesday 26th November 3pm