BIODIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Biodiversity Committee held on Wednesday 26th November 2025 3pm at The Sessions House.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Chair: Cllr D. Richards,

Cllr K. Peacock, Cllr M. Howells, Cllr A. Snelgrove, Cllr G. Howells

Clerk: A Morgan

1. To receive apologies

Cllr D. Harrison, Cllr A. Ivin

2. To approve minutes of <u>Friday 24th October 2025</u>

APPROVED

3. Matters arising from the above minutes

None

4. Declaration of Interest

None

5. To receive an update on One Voice Wales Funding

Funding was approved by OVW for Bulb Planting Package. Rachel Carter, Biodiversity Officer came with 200 bulbs for the grounds and helped site and plant them with Kay, Diane, Merion and Angela. A record of bulb planting has been kept.

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

A Wildflower package has also been granted to UTC from OVW which will be planted to encourage the development of a wildflower meadow at the right-hand side of the Sessions House (Site B). Rachel Carter will be in touch in January to begin planning the next steps.

OVW will also be providing UTC with bespoke information boards for the wildflower area.

7. To receive an update of environmental groups in the community

<u>Usk In Bloom</u> meet every Wednesday. Around 9,000 bulbs have been planted down Conigar Walk and opposite the school.

<u>Usk Together for the Climate</u> have a PEG (Please Eat the Garden) at the Hub, an outside larder where the public can collect free freshly grown fruit and vegetables.

<u>Usk Environmental Group</u> take care of Jane's Meadow at Owain Glyndwr Field, the central part of Maryport St South Carpark and the large bed at the end of Conigar Crescent on Porthycarne St.

8. Previous Action Plan Review

Discussed by committee and will inform the next Action Plan and Section 6

9. Section 6 considerations

This needs to be completed and submitted in December 2025. ACTION: Clerk to write report following OVW guideline

Matters of Information

Ownership of Allotment at Sessions House unknown ACTION: Clerk to request land registry search

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Town Clerk

Next meeting: tbc