
TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



BIODIVERSITY PLAN 2023-24

Tongwynlais Community Council manages areas of land within the village that it owns and manages some areas of land owned by Cardiff Council. It has influence over land management and funds several local biodiversity projects.

TCC serves approximately 1421 electorates. The precept for 2023-24 is £24,500

Embed biodiversity into decision making & Procurement

- TCC employs a groundsman to maintain grass areas in the village, with some areas left to grow to encourage wildflowers
- TCC employs a litter picker to help reduce polluting factors
- Funds set aside in annual budget for supporting the Primary School Gardening Club.
- Funds set aside in annual budget to purchase of daffodil bulbs and planting equipment.
- Funds set aside in annual budget to purchase “Clean up after your dog” signs.

Raising Awareness of biodiversity & its importance

- TCC organised a community event to plant 1000 daffodil bulbs around the village.

Safeguarding Principal Species and habitats

- Tongwynlais has a variety of wildflowers, care is taken when planting daffodil bulbs, and when strimming grass banks not to damage these wild plants.
- Tongwynlais has a large area of ancient woodland at Fforest Fawr which is a site of specific scientific interest (SSSI). This area is managed by Natural Resources Wales where recent tree felling has taken place for larch disease to protect the native species of woodlands. TCC would take the safeguarding of this area into consideration against future developments.
- Tongwynlais has a nature reserve area by the Glamorganshire Canal which is managed by Natural Resources Wales. TCC would take the safeguarding of this area into consideration against future developments.
- TCC nominated a large oak tree in the picnic area near the Glamorganshire Canal nature reserve for the Woodland Trust Champion a Tree competition.

Restore & Create Habitats and resilient ecological networks

- TCC funds the Primary School Gardening Club project to create 50 hanging baskets for the village.
- TCC organised a community event to plant 1000 daffodil bulbs around the village.
- TCC own an area of land used for allotments and encourages allotment owners from the area to manage the land.

Tackle negative factors, e.g. Reduce Pollution, use nature-based solutions, Address Invasive Species

- TCC employs a litter picker.
- Japanese Knotweed on Community Council land is being monitored to prevent spread.
- TCC purchased several “Clean up after your dog” signs to help reduce dog fouling in the village.
- A nature reserve area by the Glamorganshire Canal is prone to fly tipping. TCC reports any incidents to Cardiff Council to ensure rubbish is removed quickly.

Use, improve and share evidence

- Information on the hanging basket project with the local Primary School has been shared with One Voice Wales for them to pass on the idea to other Community Councils.

Support of other organisations

- TCC funds various Primary School Gardening Club projects, including the provision of a polytunnel and funds to create 50 hanging baskets for the village.

Improvements to forward plan

- To continue with current projects
- To improve the Tongwynlais Gardens area.

How and when will this plan be reviewed?

- Reviewed Annually in October Community Council meeting prior to setting of next Financial Year’s budget, so that funds for future projects can be included.