**LLANDOUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE BIODIVERSITY WORKING PARTY HELD REMOTELY ON TUESDAY 8 JULY 2025 AT 7.00pm.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs P. Carreyett

Councillor D. Mears (Acing Chair)

1. Hutchings

Mrs A. Hill

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor T. Llewelyn

Councillor Dr M. Misra

H. Kirk

1. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2025.**

**RESOLVED** that: The minutes be confirmed as a correct record.

1. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

Minute 2.2.8 – It was noted that the Clerk with Mrs Hill had purchased the plants for the street planter and with the assistance of the Council’s Caretaker Mrs Hill had arranged for their planting.

Minute 6 – After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk obtain a quotation for the supply and planting of a Silver Birch tree on the green space at the bottom of Penlan Rise. Upon receipt, the quotation be provided for Mrs Long to consider and accept prior to planting in memory of her late husband.

1. **WILDFLOWER SEED AND BULB PLANTING.**

Consideration was given to the preparation of designated sites for planting of seeds and bulbs and the timing of planting. After discussion, it was agreed that bulbs be planted in October 2025 and wildflower seeds planted in Spring 2026. There would be no need to scarify the designated sites in advance of the wildflower seed planting.

Mrs Hill would advise the Clerk on the wildflower seed to be purchased as well as bulbs which should include a variety of bulbs of a type that would provide ‘stand out’ displays.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. Mrs A. Hill to prepare a schedule of wildflower seeds and bulbs to be planted and to seek the views of Working Party members before the Clerk purchases the supplies.
2. The Clerk to arrange for a date for planting of bulbs in October 2025 and wildflower seed planting in March 2026.
3. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE BIODIVERSITY WEB-PAGE ON THE COUNCIL’S WEBSITE AND PREPARATION OF A5 POSTERS.**

The Clerk sought guidance from the Working Party on the locations for the A5 posters and the content of the separate page on the Council’s website which might require support from the website hosting company which could be a chargeable item.

It was agreed that laminated posters be located in the community as follows:

Allotments Association Notice Board

Council Noticeboards

Legion Club and Merrie Harrier Noticeboards

Tesco Noticeboard

Bird Sanctuary Fence

Play Area by School

Council website

It was considered that the new web page should contain links to other relevant organisations and the wording on the page would require further consideration preferably at an in-person meeting of the Working Party.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The Clerk be authorised to prepare the laminated A5 notices and arrange for their location as above.
2. The Clerk to obtain a quotation from the website host provider for the development of a new page on the website.
3. An in-person meeting of the Working Party be arranged for September 2025 to discuss in detail the content of the new web page.
4. **FUTURE BAT WALKS.**

Councillor Dr Misra had advised that he was in dialogue with Dan Brown about the organisation of a bat walk in either July or August. When a date and time had been agreed upon, he would organise a bat walk with the assistance of the Clerk.

1. **MANAGEMENT OF THE BIRD SANCTUARY.**

Councillor Dr Misra provided a written report advising that the bird feeders were being replenished on a weekly basis and that the hole in the fence had nettles growing in front of it and some other green growth was assisting in covering the hole in the fence. If the green growth could be encouraged, it would obviate the need to purchase a hedge plant. He suggested that a wood pile could be created in the sanctuary that might encourage more wildlife to access the sanctuary. Options for relocation of bird boxes had not yet been considered.

**RESOLVED** that: The report be noted.

1. **CORBETT ROAD ALLOTMENTS – UPDATE.**

No matters were reported.

1. **SECTION 6 BIODIVERSITY DUTY PLAN FOR 2025-2028.**

Consideration was given to the draft section 6 duty plan for 2025-2028 that had been prepared by the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that: That with the following amendment, the plan be approved and uploaded on the Council’s website.

Page 6 – In the line on Priority and Timescale the reference to October to be changed to March.

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The Clerk to arrange an in-person meeting for September 2025.