

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

Rosemarket Community Council Report 2019

The Rosemarket Community area consists of approximately 250 dwellings comprising the Rosemarket Village, and areas in the immediate surrounding area. Its budget from precept was £9000 in the 2019/20 financial year. It is subject to the provisions of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act.

The Rosemarket Community Council controls, either solely or jointly, the following areas of publicly-accessible land :

Westaway Park.

An area of 0.25 Ha of levelled, grassed recreational land, situated within the Village built-up area, and used by the public as general amenity land.

The Beacon.

An area of approximately 1.1Ha of common land situated on the northern edge of the Village. It has two distinct areas – the Upper Beacon, a grassed recreational area with a children’s play area, and the Lower Beacon, a largely undeveloped area of common land.

The Community Council, being aware of its responsibility to encourage biodiversity in its decision-making processes and land management, has undertaken the following steps to date :

- 1) Consideration of how the Community Council can further enhance biodiversity has been established as a regular monthly agenda item. As the agenda is published online and in the community noticeboards, it is hoped that this will raise awareness of this issue in the local Community.
- 2) Grass-cutting on the Lower Beacon area has been confined to rough cuts approximately two-three times per year, to encourage development of a more ‘natural’ habitat, encouraging native flora and fauna, while simultaneously enabling use of the land by the public for access purposes.
- 3) Consideration is currently being given to the possible acquisition of a further triangle of land in the Village, opposite the existing Village Hall. One possible future use of this area may be for a tree-planting scheme organised by the Community Council.

The Rosemarket Community Council Plan to promote biodiversity in its area will be progressively developed and enlarged over coming months and years, via consideration at its regular monthly meetings, especially in relation to decision-making when considering grounds maintenance contracts.

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