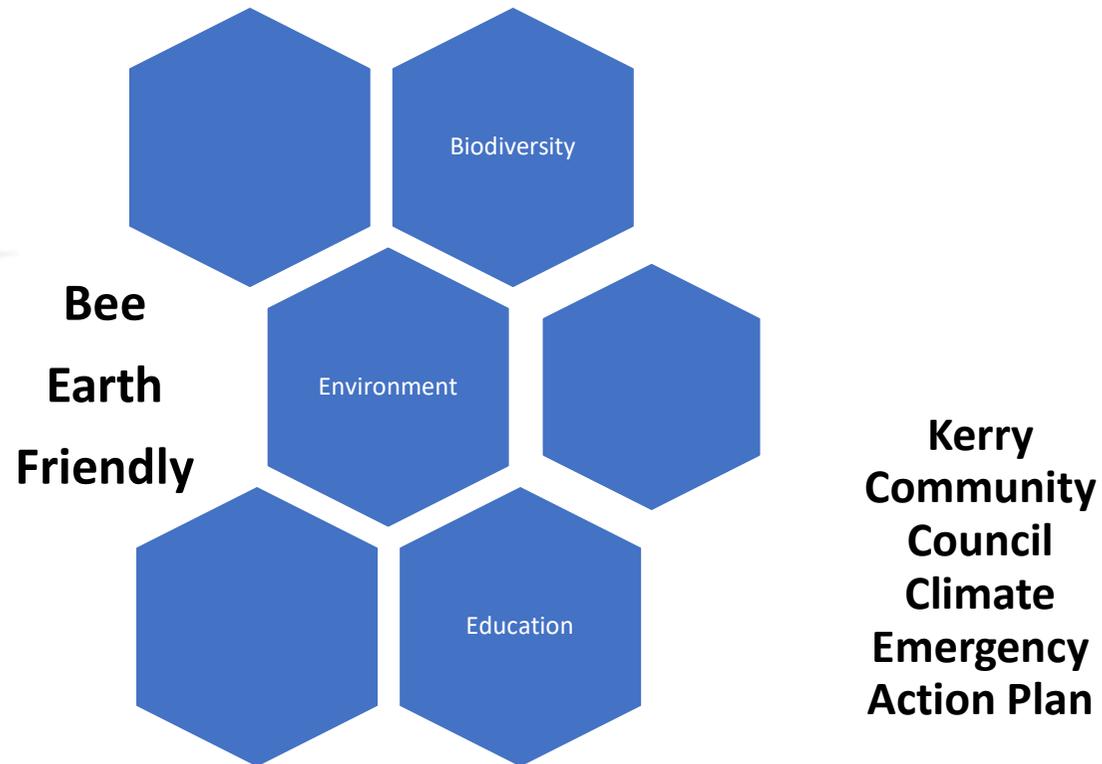




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Serving the Villages of Kerry, Sarn & Dolfor.*



Introduction

Kerry Community Council covers the three villages of Kerry, Dolfor and Sarn. The area is 88.4 sq km and has an estimated population (2018) of just over 2000.

The council comprises two members from Dolfor, three from Sarn and eight from Kerry.

In January 2021 Kerry Community Council declared a climate emergency and agreed to develop a draft action plan to set targets and agree concrete actions.

Why did Kerry Community Council (KCC) Declare a Climate Emergency?

To show support for the Welsh Government's and Powys CC Climate Emergency declaration

To indicate to KCC stakeholders that we take climate change seriously and adopt practices that enable us to review our areas of mandate with the climate/biodiversity/environment as one of our priorities.

Action Plan (notes)

The action plan being proposed has taken into account the following factors;

1. The community council human resources available and the councillors' commitments to other projects/committees
2. The need to engage with the community and what we can deliver
3. The fact that macro "Climate Emergency" initiatives will be driven by international bodies and governments and implemented via legislation

<u>No</u>	<u>Proposed Action</u>	<u>Responsible Person</u>	<u>Resources Required</u>	<u>Potential Challenges</u>	<u>Desired Outcomes</u>	<u>Adopted by KCC Y/N</u>
1.	Support Powys County Council/ Welsh Gvt with their climate change objectives as applicable to our area.	Biodiversity Councillor	Time to review information, as appropriate.	None foreseen at this time	Enabling the smooth rolling out of initiatives across the region	Y
2.	Work with local group/s i.e., PACE (Powys Action on the Climate Emergency)	Biodiversity Councillor plus reserve	Time to attend meetings and report back to KCC	None foreseen at this time	For KCC play an active part in the group, be aware of the local initiatives other town/community councils are undertaking/ to share ideas and utilise the training available through the group/s.	Y
3.	Review Assets under Management to see where improvements/enhancements could be made for the local environment/ biosphere. Update AUM risk register to highlight any failings regarding “green” issues.	Councillor/s responsible for the asset	This could result in more funds required for maintaining an asset if more “green” options are chosen.	Financial constraints may mean that compromises are required.	Ensuring that our AUM are maintained with a sustainable future in mind.	Y
4.	Seek funding for sustainable projects, as appropriate e.g., Keep Wales Tidy - Butterfly Garden – Kerry Cemetery	Biodiversity Councillor & Biodiversity sub committee	Time to assess potential projects and complete applications	Covid restrictions have made completing projects difficult as unable to involve the wider community	Community involvement on local projects that improve the local environment/ biosphere.	Y
5.	Grant funding for local groups with a “green” bias project or to review grant requests for project funding to ensure that sustainability has been considered.	Grant review sub-committee	Time to review the applications.	None foreseen at this time	Grant applicants to consider the sustainability of their projects and support for community groups looking to make a positive change to the environment.	Y

6.	Educational/ Information articles on KCC website/ Facebook groups/ Newsletters/ Kerry News to encourage community action i.e., wild areas in gardens/ native tree and/or plants Encourage feedback/photos.	Biodiversity Councillor/ Social Media Councillors	Time to collate/resource/ fact check suitable articles	None foreseen at this time	To encourage personal responsibility for the environment. Added benefit driving more traffic to our social media.	Y
7.	Planning applications review to ensure that sustainability has been consider, as appropriate with planning legislation	Planning committees	Time as part of the planning review process	None foreseen at this time	To be in line with "Maximising Environmental Protection and Limiting Environmental Impact" Planning Policy Wales Feb 21	Y
8.	Tenders for contracts should include a section for sustainability/ "green" processes.	All Councillors	Time as part of the review process although a "greener" contractor maybe more expensive	None foreseen at this time	To embed the principles of sustainability throughout the tender/procurement process thereby ensuring that not only value for money products and services are selected but reviewed in with a consideration of the social, ethical, environmental and economic impacts of the contract.	Y

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