

# **PANEL GWEITHREDU HINSAWDD CYNGOR TREF MACHYNLLETH** **CLIMATE ACTION PANEL OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL**

Gwysir chi i fynychu cyfarfod o Banel Gweithredu Hinsawdd Cyngor Tref Machynlleth yn ystafell John Edwards ar **Ddydd Llun, Mawrth 6<sup>ed</sup>** am 5.30yh.

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Climate Action Panel of Machynlleth Town Council in the John Edwards Room on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of March** at 5:30pm.

Agenda	
<b>1.</b>	<b><u>YMDDIHEURIADAU / APOLOGIES</u></b>  I dderbyn ymddiheuriadau fel y cawsant eu adrodd i'r Clerc cyn y cyfarfod.  To receive apologies as reported to the Clerk before the meeting.
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>DATGANIAD O FUDDIANT / DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u></b>  I dderbyn unrhyw ddatganiad o fuddiant / To receive any declarations of interest.
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>MATERION EJNI / ENERGY MATTERS</u></b>  I dderbyn adroddiad ysgrifenedig gan y Clerc.  To receive a written report from the Clerk.
<b>4.</b>	<b><u>BIO AMRYWIAETH / BIO DIVERSITY</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Polisi Bio Amrywiaeth / Bio Diversity Policy</li><li>• Gwrych ar diroedd y Plas / Hedge on Plas grounds.</li><li>• Trefi Bee Friendly Towns</li></ul>
<b>5.</b>	<b><u>HYFFORDDIANT I GYNGHORWYR A SWYDDOGION / STAFF AND OFFICER TRAINING</u></b>  To receive an update from Councillor Norma McCarten on discussions with other CAT and other Community Councils.  To receive information on the Climate and Nature Forum which will be held on 14 <sup>th</sup> of June at the Pavilion, Llandrindod.
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD NESAF / DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</u></b>  Penu dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf / To set a date for the next meeting

<b>Committee</b>	Climate Action Panel
<b>Subject</b>	Energy Matters
<b>Date</b>	06/03/23
<b>Author</b>	Town Clerk

All council energy contracts have been reviewed. (**Atodiad A**). The contracts currently within their renewal window are low usage and are under the threshold at which utility companies will offer a “green” tariff. Council has delegated to the Clerk authority to agree a contract and that will be done within a fortnight.

The boiler at the Plas is increasingly inefficient and is now regularly breaking down. Quotes have been obtained to replace with much more efficient boilers, the price of a new heating plant will be in the £40,000-£50,000 range. The Clerk and Facilities Manager have been exploring possible grant funding to carry out this work and have received confirmation of a grant of £4,000 from Bro Ddyfi Community Renewables. A larger application to the lottery is in the process of being prepared. In their confirmation letter (**Atodiad B**), Bro Ddyfi Community Renewables specifically mentioned that they were excited that we were considering installation of PVs.

Details of our current electricity contracts have been passed to Jon Andrews of Smart Energy Systems so that he can update the financial viability calculation / business case for PV installation. Once that report is received it will be placed before the Climate Action Panel.



**ATODIAD A**

All rates shown are inclusive of any DD discounts.  
rates do not include Climate Change Levy or VAT.

Account name	Address	Post code	PC	MTC	U.F.	MPAN/MAPR	Contract end date	Supply	Day usage	Night usage	Supplier	Day rate p/kWh	Night rate p/kWh	FTS p/kWh	Capacity charge p/kVA/day	Ssd Chg p/day	Annual bill
	Kennels Cottage	SY20 9ET	01	801	101	1300010087947	31/05/2023	Electricity	1	1	Total Energies	15.1728				22	£90.45
	Market Feeder Pillar	SY20 8DY	03	801	D01	1300000200089	31/05/2023	Electricity	3600	1	Total Energies	16.1716				23	£86.13
	Maehynlleth Town Council	SY20 8DT	04	009	D02	1300010093922	30/06/2025	Electricity	8664	1	Total Energies	41.37				657	£8,740.42
	Public Conveniences	SY20 8AG	04	008	D01	1300010095594	03/06/2023	Electricity	1	1	Total Energies	17.8727				23	£94.25
	Town Clock	SY20 8AG	03	801	D01	1300010092111	31/05/2023	Electricity	2892	1	Total Energies	16.1716				23	£503.12
	The Offices Plas	SY20 8ER	03	801	D02	1300010095576	31/05/2024	Electricity	4652	1	SSE	34.091		0.72		99.74	£1,983.46
	FAO Olive Thomas Calrica Plas	SY20 8ER	00	900	G02	1300035436929	30/04/2024	Electricity	53856	16080	SSE	18.272		13.228		165.73	£13,425.66
	Maehynlleth Town Council	SY20 8ER	00	900	G02	8813062504	02/06/2025	Gas	294929		SEFE	4.9294				65	£14,477.48
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Current prices

## Bro Dyfi Community Renewables Ltd

Unit 2, Dyfi Eco Park, Machynlleth, SY20 8AX  
admin@bdcr.org.uk  
www.bdcr.org.uk



Dewi Jones  
Clerk  
Machynlleth Town Council  
Y Plas  
Machynlleth  
SY20 8ER

27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Dewi,

We are pleased to confirm that we have approved your application for funding towards the cost of a new heating boiler for The Plas, Machynlleth.

BDCR can contribute £4,000 towards the total costs, payable on evidence of the new boiler having been commissioned, at which point we would require your bank details and a receipt for the payment.

We are also excited to hear that you are considering installation of PVs... please keep us informed of your progress. If we have any further funding available in the future this is something that we might be able to contribute to.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J MacDermot'.

Jacinta MacDermot  
Treasurer

<b>Committee</b>	Climate Action Panel
<b>Subject</b>	Bio Diversity
<b>Date</b>	06/03/23
<b>Author</b>	Town Clerk

The Bio Diversity Policy submitted by this Panel was adopted by Full Council without amendment.

The Rugby club have removed a hedge on grounds they lease from the Town Council, the Town Council had no recourse as landlord to prevent this action but urged Powys through the planning system to issue a hedgerow retention notice. Powys declined to do so.

The Rugby club have since committed to replacing the hedge and have asked for input from the Town Council on its location and composition. Following discussions with Fern Towers of Gerddi Bro Ddyfi the Clerk recommended to Council that her suggestions form the basis of our response. Those recommendations have now been passed to the rugby club. **(See Atodiad A,B,C)**

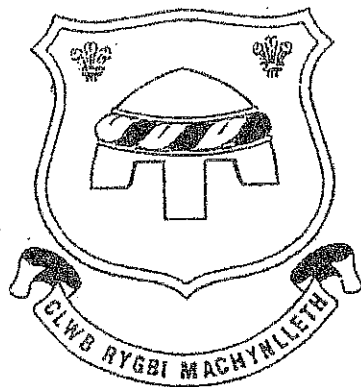
Work has only just begun on the Bee friendly Towns application, it is hoped that we Panel members can look over the criteria **(Atodiad Ch)** before the meeting and provide relevant information to help the Clerk complete the application.

CLWB RYGBI

Ysgrifenydd  
Secretary

Machynlleth  
Powys

01654 702719



MACHYNLLETH

Plas Grounds  
Machynlleth  
Powys  
SY20 8EL  
01654 702006



Dear Sir/maedam.

Thank you for your letter regarding the removal of the hedge which is located near the rugby pitch.

We respect your decision to oppose its removal and understand why, we at Machynlleth RFC realise the need to help and protect our wildlife, and the environment we would like

to re-assure you that we do intend to replace the hedge with suitable species of trees or hedgerow. We would also like to work in collaboration with the town council to decide on which species would be suitable.

We would also like to point out that the replacement maybe located in a suitable location to be decided by the town council and Machynlleth RFC.

Yours Sincerely  
" "

Non Secretary  
Machynlleth RFC



Hi Dewi,

I've attached a picture with a red squiggle on it, representing where it would be ideal to have a hedge. Although only small, the two patches of woodland at either side support loads of wildlife - we counted lots of bats in them during the BioBlitz. So having a hedge to connect these woodlands would act as a brilliant wildlife corridor, encouraging creatures to travel between them and forage along them, therefore extending their habitat range.

As for species, a mixed hedge would be good, filled with species that can be easily layed, as this will prolong the hedge's life and keep it a manageable size for the club. I'm sure our volunteers would love to help with such work in future (though they probably wont need to do this for 7 years or so!).

Handily, I went to a hedge laying course on the weekend, which informed me of the best species for laying. These include: hawthorn, elm, hazel, oak, field maple, holly.

Apparently Maria at the Forestry Hub has loads of trees that need planting asap, so they might be worth getting in touch with. I don't have a contact myself but will

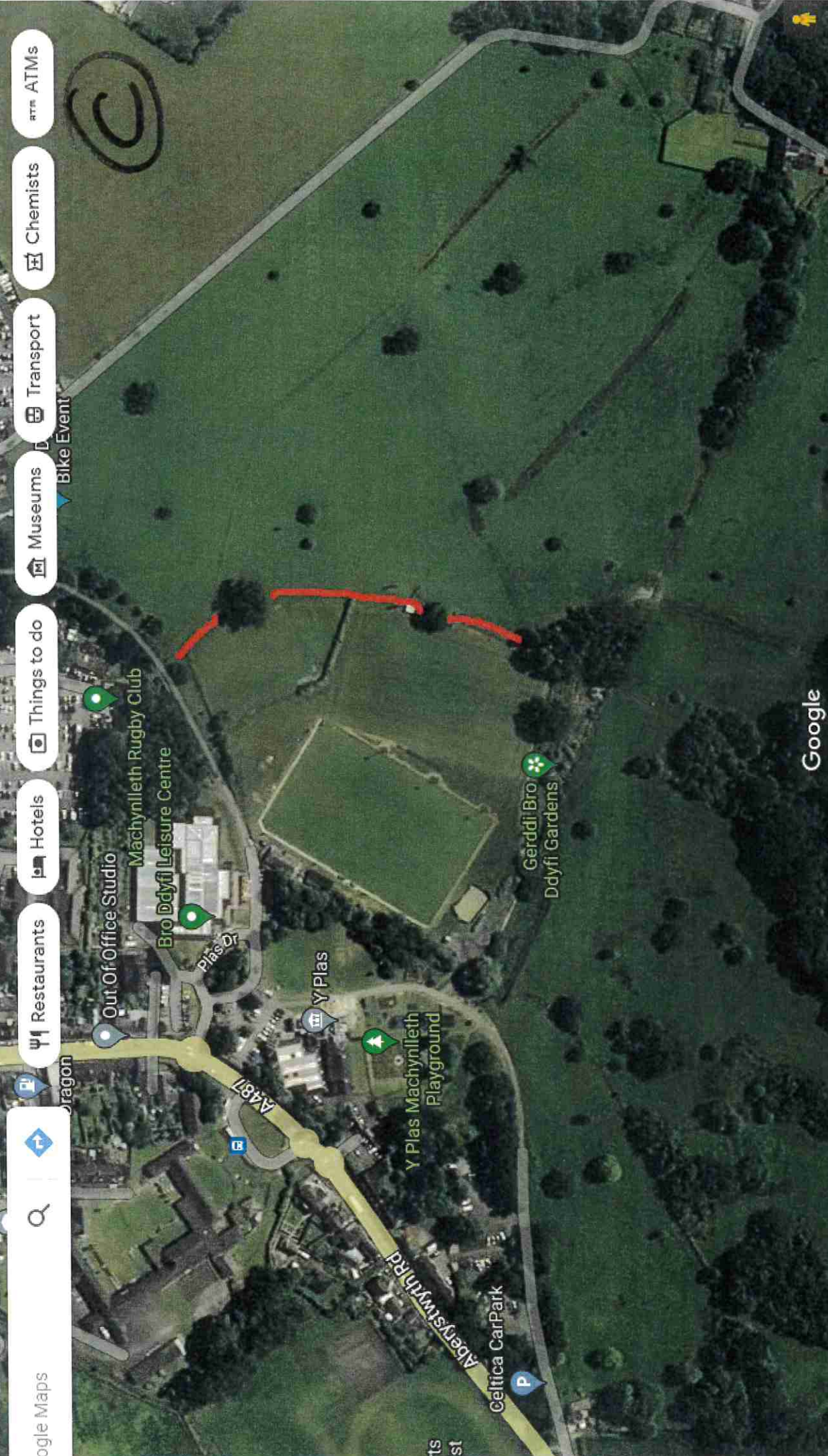
Happy to answer any more questions as they arise, hope this is sufficient for now!

Diolch yn fawr,

Fern

Gerddi Bro Ddyfi Gardens  
My usual working days are Tuesday and Thursday /  
Fy niwrnodau gwaith arferol yw dydd Llun a dydd Iau.





- Restaurants
- Hotels
- Things to do
- Museums
- Transport
- Chemists
- ATMs

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# Bee Friendly Towns



*Your guide to creating a  
bee haven where you live*

From floral planters to wildflower patches, and bug hotels to beehives; below are the nine foundational requirements for a Bee Friendly Town. Help the bees. Help the planet.

## Plant up roundabouts

Create patches of pollinator-friendly flowers in front of signage such as on roundabouts and by town welcome signs

## Welcome wildlife at home

Go pesticide-free, use no peat compost, leave areas of lawn uncut, put up floral hanging baskets or window boxes – be creative in the ways you support bees and other pollinators on your plot

## Create a Bee Friendly School

Encourage wildlife spaces and educational bee-themed activities and workshops

## Enjoy a Bee Friendly Pub

Encourage your local to do their bit – perhaps they could install hives or have Bee Friendly Trust collections points at the bar, for example

## Make a Bee Friendly Station

Install floral planters on railway station platforms

## Support guerilla planting

Scatter wildflower seeds along pavement cracks or plant up neglected areas such as those around bins and in car parks

## Put up homes for wildlife

Give nature a home by positioning bug hotels and bird boxes around the town

## Host a bee-themed event

Celebrate World Bee Day in May with a bee-themed event to unite the community. You could organise a lantern procession, a Window Wonderland or a fete.

## Share seeds

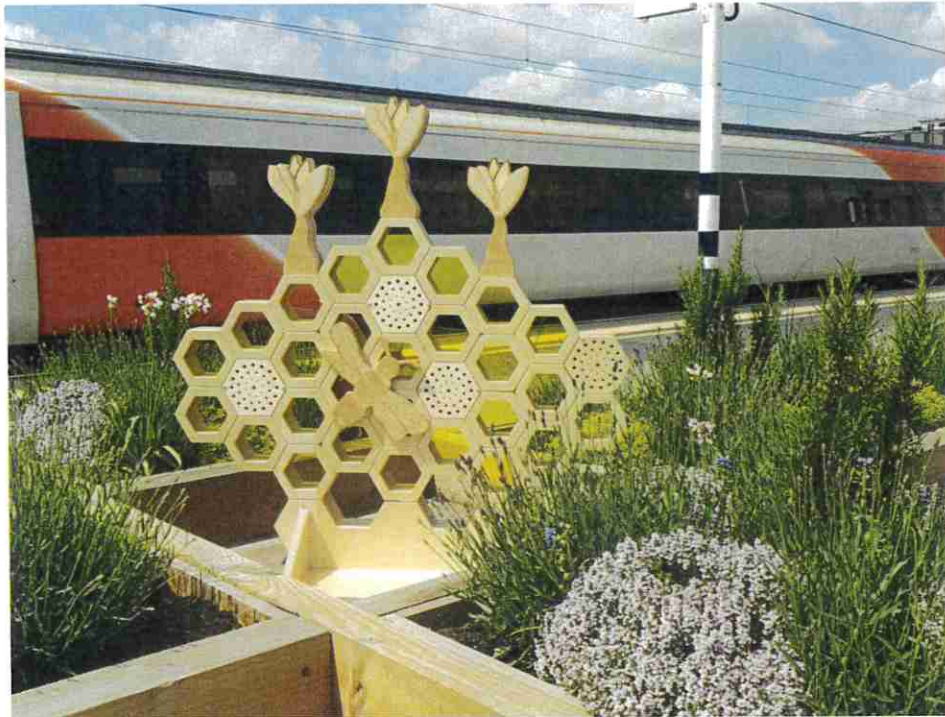
Set up a seed exchange point where members of the community can find forage-rich flower seeds for bees

Contact [emma@beefriendlytrust.org](mailto:emma@beefriendlytrust.org)  
to find out more



## **BEE FRIENDLY AWARDS**

*In association with the Bee Friendly Trust*



The Bee Friendly Trust launched its Bee Friendly Awards in 2021, to encourage communities around the UK to celebrate bees and pollinators where they live. By following simple guidelines, our villages, towns and cities can be transformed into nature spaces and habitats.

Bee Friendly status is awarded annually in May. The 2023 winners will be announced on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023.



# BEE FRIENDLY AWARDS APPLICATION FORM 2023

We, the village, town, city, community group, business, parish, office of [insert name]

....., apply for Bee Friendly status.

Contact name: .....

Address: .....

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..... Post code: .....

Contact number: .....

Contact email: .....

## Bee Friendly Awards checklist *(please tick all that apply)*

- We have planted up patches of land such as roundabouts with Bee Friendly plants
- We have a Bee Friendly School or College in our town
- We have made our local railway station Bee Friendly
- We have put up homes for wildlife
- We have set up a seed and Bee Friendly plant exchange point
- We have promoted pesticide-free gardening
- We have a Bee Friendly pub
- We have celebrated guerrilla planting
- We have committed to running a community event to promote pollinators



What have you done to earn Bee Friendly status? Please refer to the Bee Friendly Awards guidelines and give specific examples (500 words max).

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How are young people being involved with your Bee Friendly activities?

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What steps are in place to ensure the longevity of your projects and Bee Friendly activities?

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What is interesting or unusual about your approach to achieving Bee Friendly status?

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We would like to apply for a £300 award to commission a piece of Bee Friendly art. Our chosen local artist is .....

The art would go on public display at .....

**Please provide up to 10 supporting images that best represent your Bee Friendly activities.**

I confirm that everything listed in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge,

Signature ..... Date .....

Name .....

Please return this form to [emma@beefriendlytrust.org](mailto:emma@beefriendlytrust.org) by midday on Fri, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**Thank you for your application and GOOD LUCK!**

**The Bee Friendly Trust Team**