

Reporting on Section 6 Community and Town Councils

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6 The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025

Name of Community or Town Council: Llangyfelach

Group: Group 1

Introduction and Context

Llangyfelach Community Council was formed in 1979 and consists of 9 Councillors. It covers an area of 1711 hectares (2011 Census). The Ward is situated approximately 9km North-West of Swansea City Centre. It is bisected by the M4, with Junction 46 being a gateway to Llangyfelach.

Llangyfelach Community Council is a Group 1 Council under the Nature Recovery Action Plan (NRAP) classification. The Council does not own or manage any land or property. Its primary functions relate to representing the local community, supporting local initiatives, and providing small grants.

The Council covers a population of approximately 2,500, with a precept of £30,000. The Council is not subject to the Well-being of Future Generations (WFG) Act but seeks to align its activities with its principles where possible.

Although the Council's direct influence on land management is limited, it can still play a significant role in promoting biodiversity through its decision-making, community engagement, and support for local projects, potentially via its Grants & Donations Policy.

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As a Group 1 Organisation, Llangyfelach Community Council must report on Objectives 1, 4 & 6 of the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales (NRAP).

Action Report 2023 - 2025

NRAP Objective	Action carried out to...		Monitored by:
1	Embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Ensure that all relevant Council decisions considered biodiversity impacts, even if indirect (e.g., supporting pollinator-friendly planting in grant-funded projects).	Council / Clerk
	Raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	Share biodiversity information and promote national campaigns with all Councillors.	Council / Clerk
		Added a Wildlife page to the Community Council Christmas Newsletter.	Council
4	Tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based	Share information with all Councillors relating to Swansea Council, Welsh Government, UK Government & other	Clerk

	solutions, address invasive species	Organisations positive Biodiversity actions.	
		Supported Litter Picking & provided litter grabbers.	Council
6	Support capacity and/or other organisations	Collaborate with local & Wales wide projects and events to support biodiversity.	Council

Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025

What has worked well?	<p>Llangyfelach Community Council adopted the current Biodiversity & Environment Development Action Plan on 8 December 2022.</p> <p>The Council supported and listened to members of the public within the Community and provided signposting to biodiversity initiatives managed by Swansea Council.</p> <p>Increased awareness of biodiversity issues for all Councillors.</p> <p>Successful promotion of national biodiversity campaigns.</p>
What have the barriers been?	<p>Limited direct influence due to lack of land ownership.</p> <p>Reliance on voluntary community action.</p>
What will you change?	<p>Seek to work closer with Swansea Council to help to promote their excellent efforts.</p> <p>Consider creating a Biodiversity section on the Council's website.</p>
How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?	<p>It will be monitored by those identified in the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) 2025.</p> <p>It will be reviewed by Council in October / November annually.</p>



Group	Description of organisation relative to biodiversity. Organisations:	Minimum Actions	Examples	NRAP objectives for Action Reporting (see template Annex 1)
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> that own or occupy an office building only and whose functions are not directly connected to biodiversity and/or land management. 	Actions related to buildings management, procurement, sustainability, awareness raising, training, or in partnership with other organisations	Commissions, DVLA	NRAP objectives 1, 4, 6
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> that own, occupy or manage land their own buildings and grounds, whose functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management, or that can influence those who own or manage land. 	As per Group 1 above PLUS grounds management, cascading funding criteria, providing education and training	Public Health Wales, Universities, Sport Wales	NRAP objectives 1, 4, 6 as above NRAP objectives 2, 3, 5 relating to own grounds
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> that own or manage land beyond their own grounds, whether their functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management or not. 	As per Groups 1 and 2 above PLUS land management to maintain and enhance biodiversity, and promote the resilience of ecosystems.	Dŵr Cymru, Local Authorities, NRW, Welsh Government	All NRAP objectives

The **Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales (NRAP)** sets out six objectives for reversing the decline of biodiversity which should be used to help develop and guide actions to comply with the section 6 duty:

The **6 objectives** to maintain and enhance biodiversity are:

- Objective 1:** Engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity throughout decision making at all levels
- Objective 2:** Safeguard species and habitats of principal importance and improve their management
- Objective 3:** Increase the resilience of our natural environment by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation
- Objective 4:** Tackle key pressures on species and habitats
- Objective 5:** Improve our evidence, understanding and monitoring
- Objective 6:** Put in place a framework of governance and support for delivery