

# Llangyfelach Community Council

## Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) 2026

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

<b>Name of Community &amp; Town Council:</b>	Llangyfelach
<b>Council type (<a href="#">Group 1, 2 or 3 for NRAP Objectives</a>):</b>	Group 1. See our NRAP Objectives below.
<b>Introduction and Context</b>	
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 &amp; Donations Policy. <a href="http://www.llangyfelachcommunitycouncil.org.uk/policies">www.llangyfelachcommunitycouncil.org.uk/policies</a></p> <p>As a Group 1 Organisation, Llangyfelach Community Council must report on Objectives 1, 4 &amp; 6 of the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales (NRAP). The relevant NRAP objectives aim to maintain &amp; enhance biodiversity:</p> <p>Objective 1: Engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity throughout decision making at all levels.</p> <p>Objective 4: Tackle key pressures on species and habitats.</p> <p>Objective 6: Put in place a framework of governance and support for delivery.</p> <p>The Council will also seek to work with Objectives 2, 3 &amp; 5 too as opportunities arise.</p>	



NRAP Objective	Biodiversity objectives	Action planned	Time scale	Monitored by:
1	<b>Embed biodiversity into decision making &amp; procurement</b>	Ensure all relevant Council decisions consider biodiversity impacts, even if indirect (e.g., supporting pollinator-friendly planting).	Ongoing	Council / Clerk
		To add a biodiversity element into the Council's Grants & Donations Policy whereby the Council can support local projects.	March 2026	Council / Clerk
		Continue to be a paper light organisation. Actions to date include Paperless Bank Statements, Weblinks to agendas.	As opportunities arise	Council / Clerk
		Ensure that the Clerk's Pension Scheme supports ethical and environmental safeguards.	January 2026	Council / Clerk
	<b>Raise awareness of biodiversity &amp; its importance</b>	<p>To create a Biodiversity / Citizen Science page on the Council's Website. It will seek to raise Biodiversity &amp; Environmental Awareness &amp; promote the LERC (Local Environmental Records Centres Wales) App. The LERC Wales App enables you to get involved with biological recording. Contribute your species sightings with GPS acquired coordinates, descriptions and other information, thus providing scientists with important new biodiversity information that contributes to nature conservation, planning, research and education.</p> <p>The webpage will provide biodiversity information and promote national campaigns (e.g., No Mow May, Hedgehog Awareness).</p>	March 2026	Clerk



2	<b>Safeguard principal species and habitats</b>	Encourage local groups and residents to report sightings of protected species and habitats to relevant authorities. The LERC App will be promoted for this.	As opportunities arise	All Councillors
3	<b>Restore &amp; create habitats and resilient ecological networks</b>	Support and promote community-led initiatives (e.g., wildflower planting, community gardens) through small grants or publicity.	As opportunities arise	Council
4	<b>Tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species</b>	Work with Swansea Council's Llangyfelach Ward Councillor to promote litter picks including purchasing litter pickers etc.	As opportunities arise	Council / Clerk
		Share information on the Council's website regarding invasive species and how to report them.	As opportunities arise	Clerk
5	<b>Use, improve, and share evidence</b>	Share local biodiversity data (from residents or local groups) on the Council's website.	As opportunities arise	Council / Clerk
6	<b>Support capacity and/or other organisations</b>	Collaborate with local schools, wildlife groups, and neighbouring councils to support biodiversity projects and events.	As opportunities arise	Council
		Maintain good relations with One Voice Wales and its Biodiversity Team. Promote training for Councillors.	As opportunities arise	Council / Clerk



Annual review of the Biodiversity Action Plan		Date reviewed:	
What has worked well?			
What have the barriers been?			
What will you change?			

Next review due:	October – November (Annually)
Approved by Council on:	13 November 2025

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"> <li>that own or occupy an office building only and</li> <li>whose functions are not directly connected to biodiversity and/or land management.</li> </ul>	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"> <li>that own, occupy or manage land their own buildings and grounds,</li> <li>whose functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management, or</li> <li>that can influence those who own or manage land.</li> </ul>	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"> <li>that own or manage land beyond their own grounds, whether their functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management or not.</li> </ul>	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