

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: |
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| 1 | Embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement | <p>The Council has tried to ensure that all relevant Council decisions considered biodiversity impacts, even if indirect (e.g., supporting pollinator-friendly planting in grant-funded projects).</p> <p>The Clerk shared Biodiversity correspondence on a monthly basis with all Councillors. This helped raise awareness thereby assisting Council to consider biodiversity in decision making.</p> | Council / Clerk |

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| | | <p>Examples of biodiversity consideration includes:</p> <p>Including a Wildlife page in the Christmas Newsletter 2025.</p> <p>Deciding not to install a permanent footpath to the Remembrance Memorial. Should this prove to be a problem, Council agreed to consider purchasing a Portable Path solution as it would not have a permanent impact.</p> <p>The Clerk attended the One Voice Wales Section 6 Report, Biodiversity training and sought assistance from the One Voice Wales Biodiversity Team to compile this report.</p> | |
| | Raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance | <p>Shared biodiversity information and promoted national campaigns with all Councillors.</p> <p>Whenever such information became available, it was emailed to all Councillors and added to the correspondence log on each Council agenda.</p> <p>This included emails from the One Voice Wales Biodiversity Team, Opportunities for Biodiversity Grants such as “Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme” and Keep Wales Tidy webinars.</p> | 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 solutions, address invasive species | <p>Shared information via email with all Councillors relating to Swansea Council, Welsh Government, UK Government & other Organisations positive Biodiversity actions. This information was also added to the Correspondence item on each Council agenda.</p> <p>Examples included emails from the One Voice Wales Biodiversity Team, Opportunities for Biodiversity Grants such as “Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme” and Keep Wales Tidy webinars.</p> | Clerk |

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| | | Supported Litter Picking & provided litter grabbers. | Council |
| 6 | Support capacity and/or other organisations | Collaborated with local & Wales wide projects and events to support biodiversity. This was done by circulating information via email to all Councillors and also placing it on each Council agenda. | Council |

Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025

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| 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 by sharing relevant information via email and adding it to the Correspondence Item on each Council agenda.</p> <p>Successful promotion of national biodiversity campaigns.</p> |
| What have the barriers been? | <p>Lack of embedded knowledge within the Council. Councillors & the Clerk need access to training. The Council recently authorised the Clerk to attend the One Voice Wales Biodiversity Training.</p> <p>Reliance on voluntary community action.</p> |
| What will you change? | <p>The Council will seek to upskill the Councillors by promoting attendance at Biodiversity Training sessions.</p> <p>The Council will work with One Voice Wales, Swansea Council, Welsh Government etc. to learn and find best practice ways to help promote biodiversity.</p> <p>The Council will appoint a Biodiversity Councillor Champion.</p> <p>The Council will create a Biodiversity section on the Council's website.</p> |
| How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed? | <p>A new Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) 2025 will be published in November 2025. The actions within it will be monitored by all Councillors following guidance and advice from the Biodiversity Councillor Champion.</p> <p>The BAP will be reviewed annually by Council and may update actions as required.</p> |

| Group | Description of organisation relative to biodiversity. Organisations: | Minimum Actions | Examples | NRAP objectives for Action Reporting (see template Annex 1) |
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| 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 reversing the decline of biodiversity and guide actions to comply with the

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

Objective 1: Engage and empower the public to protect and enhance biodiversity

Objective 2: Safeguard and improve the environment

Objective 3: Increase the resilience of ecosystems and reduce degradation

Objective 4: Tackle climate change

Objective 5: Improve the environment

Objective 6: Put in place measures to deliver the plan