

Community & Town Councils Biodiversity Action Plan

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

Name of Community & Town Council:	Llanllawddog Community Council
Council type (Group 2 NRAP Objectives):	2
Introduction and Context	
<p>Llanllawddog is a small rural Community Council in the County of Carmarthenshire, a few miles to the north of the town of Carmarthen. The Community comprises the villages of Pontarsais and Rhydargaeau, straddling the A485 together with outlying areas. The population has increased from 706 (Census 2021) to 765 (Census 2022).</p> <p>The Council’s precept for 2026-27 has been set at £8,803. The Council is not subject to the Well-being of Future Generations (WFG) Act, but the Council is supportive of the intentions of the Act.</p> <p>The Community Council is made up of 8 Members and employs a part-time Clerk.</p> <p>In October 2024, the Council completed on a land transfer from a developer and now owns an area of land which the Council developed as a play area in the summer of 2025. The area of the play area measures 165 square metres. Following that land acquisition the Council is now a Group 2 organisation and must report on NRAP Objectives 1,2,3,4,5 and 6.</p> <p>The area attracts many visitors’ being walkers, dog walkers and cyclists from outside the area to enjoy the outdoor amenities. Part of the area is on the National Cycle Route Network. Green spaces and contact with nature provide a number of health benefits both mental and physical.</p> <p>Within Llanllawddog, there is a large area of commercial forestry owned by Natural Resources Wales.</p> <p>The National Security Global Biodiversity Loss Eco-System Security Report released in January 2026 demonstrates that the World is seeing biodiversity loss including crop failures intensified natural disasters and infectious disease outbreaks.</p>	

Within the Council’s area there is an area of common land known as Mynydd Ystyfflau Carn Common which has a shared boundary with Abergwili Community Council. The Common is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The Common is subject to a recent application by the County Council for consent to construct works on common land in accordance with the Commons Act 2006 Section 38. The purpose of the application is to improve biodiversity.

NRAP Objective	Biodiversity objectives	Action planned	Milestones	Completed by	Achieved	Monitored by:
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<p>There will be a standing item on each Council agenda on Biodiversity, with that agenda item scheduled early in the meeting to focus minds on Biodiversity.</p> <p>A budget for biodiversity and nature projects will be included in the annual budget in 2027-28.</p> <p>Address biodiversity concerns when commenting on planning applications and being supportive of applications which demonstrate biodiversity through conservation and providing new habitat.</p> <p>Address biodiversity issues from the outset when considering any potential land acquisitions. If a suitable piece of land is identified, at the heart of any project must be a net increase in biodiversity by adopting beneficial practices, avoiding chemical applications and improving sensitive habitats.</p> <p>To encourage groups to approach the Council for support which promotes habitat improvement</p>	<p>Agreed by Council</p> <p>By including it in the Budget setting in 2027-28</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>At every meeting</p> <p>January 2027</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Council</p> <p>Council</p> <p>Council</p>



		emphasising that requests for financial assistance are looked upon more favourably.				
	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<p>The Council will be supportive of suitable groups such as walking, cycling and rambling to encourage the importance of biodiversity.</p> <p>Promote on the Council's website and Facebook page nature friendly initiatives, erect a noticeboard in the play area displaying biodiversity information.</p> <p>Approach Peniel School Eco-Council to ascertain interest in constructing bird boxes and bug hotels.</p> <p>Post twice monthly on the Council's Facebook page articles of nature interest and from Carmarthenshire Nature Partnership.</p> <p>Add an extra tab on the website for Carmarthenshire Local Places for Nature Newsletters.</p> <p>All Members of the Council and Clerk be encouraged to attend One Voice Wales Biodiversity Training.</p>	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council
				May 2026	May 2026	Clerk
2	-safeguard principal species and habitats	Introduce biodiversity through planters, bug hotels, bird and bat boxes and invertebrate improvement areas.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council
3	-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	To encourage hedgehog and small mammal highways through permeable boundaries at the play area.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council

		Investigate the feasibility of purchasing large tubs of planters to grow pollinator friendly species at the play area.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council
		Contact County Council to identify any parcels of land to investigate the feasibility of the planting of fruit trees and pollinator planting on grass verges.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council
		Apply for habitat boxes, bug hotels and bat boxes from One Voice Wales.	Application Made February 2026	Complete	Installed March 2026	Council
4	-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	The Council will not use pesticides, chemical sprays in its play area. The Council will ensure its contractors are aware of this requirement.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council
		The Council will encourage members of the to identify and report invasive species.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council
		Investigate feasibility of bike racks at the play area to normalise cycling as an alternative to driving.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council
		Approach the County Council for details of glyphosate usage, the frequency, quantities used and reason for use. If feasible to request its reduction.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council
		To investigate dark skies as a habitat with an aim to reduce light pollution.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council
5	-use, improve, and share evidence	Use former telephone box as a surplus food swap for the community growing group and book exchange.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council

6	-support capacity and/or other organisations	Work with Natural Resources Wales and Public Rights of Way Department of the County Council to encourage footpaths to be cleared.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council
		Work with Natural Environment and Sustainability Team of the County Council to raise awareness of local habitats on common land.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council
		To review annually the late cut of road verges with the Highways Department and to investigate the feasibility of increasing the areas left to nature.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council
		To work with the community growing group at the Village Hall.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council
		To investigate with the Walking Group the feasibility of a nature-based walk to identify interesting species.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council
		Invite the West Wales Rivers Trust to speak on river health.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council
		To keep in touch with Vincent Wildlife Trust on progress being made on the re-introduction of wild cats.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Council

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:	
Approved by Council on:	2 March 2026



Cynghorau Cymuned a Thref

Cynllun Gweithredu Bioamrywiaeth

Deddf yr Amgylchedd (Cymru) 2016 Rhan 1 – Adran 6 Y Ddyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth a Chydnerthedd Ecosystemau

Enw'r Cyngor Tref neu Gymuned:				
Math o gyngor (Grŵp 1,2, neu 3 ar gyfer amcan NRAP)				
Cyflwyniad a'r Cyd-destun				
<p><i>Disgrifiad byr o'r Cyngor, ei swyddogaethau a'r cyd-destun o ran:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>sut y gallai helpu bioamrywiaeth (trwy ei swyddogaethau rheoli tir, cyllid grant, gweithgareddau addysgol e.e.).</i> - <i>graddfa ofodol a lle (e.e. faint o dir mae'n ei gynnwys, poblogaeth, praesept?).</i> - <i>cyflawni gwasanaethau i'r cyhoedd (e.e. a yw gofynion Deddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol yn berthnasol iddo?).</i> 				
Amcan NRAP	Amcan Bioamrywiaeth	Camau arfaethedig	Graddfa amser	Wedi eu monitro gan:
1	-cynnwys bioamrywiaeth o fewn llunio penderfyniadau a chaffael			
	-codi ymwybyddiaeth o fioamrywiaeth a'i bwysigrwydd			
2	-diogelu prif rywogaethau a chynefinoedd			



3	-adfer & chreu cynefinoedd a rhwydweithiau ecolegol cydnerth			
4	-mynd i'r afael ag elfennau negyddol: lleihau llygredd e.e. defnyddio atebion yn seiliedig ar natur, mynd i'r afael â rhywogaethau goresgynnol			
5	-defnyddio gwella a rhannu tystiolaeth			
6	-cefnogi capasiti a/neu sefydliadau eraill			

Adolygiad blynyddol o'r Cynllun Gweithredu Bioamrywiaeth		Dyddiad yr adolygiad:	
Beth sydd wedi gweithio'n dda?			
Beth fu'r rhwystrau?			
Beth fyddwch yn ei newid?			

Dyddiad yr adolygiad nesaf:	
Cymeradwywyd gan y Cyngor ar:	



Group	Description of organisation relative to biodiversity.	Minimum Actions	Examples	NRAP objectives for Action Reporting (see template Annex 1)
	Organisations:			
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

