

# 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:** Llanllawddog Community Council

**Group:** 2

#### Introduction and Context

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).

The Council's precept in 2024-25 was £8,481. The Council is not subject to the Well-being of Future Generations (WFG) Act.

The Community Council is made up of 8 Members and employs a part-time Clerk.

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.



<b>Action Report 2023 - 2025</b>			
<b>NRAP Objective</b>	<b>Action carried out to...</b>		<b>Monitored by:</b>
<b>1</b>	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	The Council reviewed its banking services in 2023, whereby the Clerk was requested to undertake research of ethical banks on options for the Council moving its business to a bank with ethical aims. The Council at that time banked with one of the big five high street banks who have often been criticised for some of their investment practices, most notably their investment in fossil fuels, tobacco, oil and even arms production. Ethical banks have greener investment and lending policies. The Council in September 2023 changed its banking to Unity Trust Bank PLC as it supports the communities it serves, helping to contribute to economic, community and social change. Unity Trust also specialises in providing sector specific support to Community Councils.	Council and Clerk/RFO
	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	The Clerk disseminates biodiversity information and training opportunities received to Councillors as soon it is received and is added to the correspondence log on each Council agenda. This includes emails from the One Voice Wales Biodiversity Team, Opportunities for Biodiversity Grants such as "Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme" and Keep Wales Tidy webinars.	Clerk
<b>2 &amp; 3</b>	-safeguard principal species and habitats  -restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	In the early part of 2024, the Council approached Carmarthenshire Council requesting a late cut of verges in the Council's area in late summer or autumn. The aim of the initiative was to improve biodiversity. By delaying cutting to late Summer or early Autumn, it could enhance wildflowers and pollinating insects. Cutting early in the season tended to eliminate late flowering plants; a later cut allows more plant species to shed their seed and help invertebrates. A later cut would see a ribbon of wildflowers running throughout the area on roadsides and verges	Council / Clerk / Lead Member



		<p>supporting crucial pollinators like bees and butterflies. The County Council was at first reluctant to agree to a blanket late cut, but two Ecologists living within the community and one of the Councillors surveyed verges which could benefit from a late cut. The County Council then agreed following the survey work undertaken was then supportive of increasing their schedule of ‘late cut verges’ and seeing more wildflower verges along the highway network and further improving biodiversity within Carmarthenshire and instructed their contractor to update their plans and the County’s schedules. The exception to the late cut of verges was at junctions to safeguard pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and motorists. Residents were notified of the late cuts through the Council’s Facebook page. The late cut of verges within the Council’s area continued in 2025, and the Council will remind the County Council early in each year to maintain this practice.</p>	
4	<p>-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species</p>	<p>There has been a proliferation of Himalayan Balsam growing alongside the Gwili River and which is a very invasive species. The Council in partnership with the West Wales Rivers Trust in the summer of 2024 organised a Himalayan Balsam Blitz which was well supported by community volunteers. This exercise was repeated in the summer of 2025 with the Councillor who leads on Biodiversity matters organising the event. This will be repeated each year.</p> <p>The Council in 2024 embarked on quarterly community litter picks. The litter picks are publicised on the Council’s Facebook page and are attended by Councillors and the Clerk and volunteers from the community. The Council uses the Carmarthen Town Council Hub for the litter pick equipment.</p>	<p>Lead Member / Volunteers</p> <p>Council / Clerk</p>
5	<p>-use improve and share evidence</p>	<p>The Clerk shares the availability of biodiversity training to Councillors</p>	<p>Clerk</p>



<p><b>6</b></p>	<p>-support capacity and/or other organisations</p>	<p>The Clerk maintains a good relationship with One Voice Wales.</p> <p>This report will be published on our website and on the Wales Biodiversity Partnership website.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
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Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025	
What has worked well?	<p>The late cut of verges initiated with the County Council in 2024 has worked well improving biodiversity and enhancing the growth of wildflowers and pollinating insects. This initiative has been received positively by residents and will be repeated each year.</p> <p>The Council held its first Himalayan Balsam Blitz in 2024 which was repeated in 2025 and has received a good deal of volunteer support. The Council intends repeating the Balsam Blitz each summer.</p> <p>Quarterly litter picks have been a success.</p> <p>Moving to an ethical bank has made it easier to speak to bank staff as they have a smaller number of customers and the Council is made to feel more valued.</p>
What have the barriers been?	There have been no barriers identified.
What will you change?	<p>The Council in 2026 will move to monthly community litter picks.</p> <p>The Council will create a Biodiversity section on the Council’s website.</p> <p>The Council will work with One Voice Wales Biodiversity Team to install habitat boxes.</p>
How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?	We are in the S6 reporting year of 2025. A Biodiversity Action Plan will be written in 2026, and will be kept under review with Biodiversity becoming a standing item on agendas.



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

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