

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

**Reporting on Section 6 – Reporting Template for Town and Community
Councils**

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Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6**The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2022****Name of Town or Community Council: LLANGADOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL****Introduction and Context**

- Llangadog Community Council is in South Wales, with a precept of £21,000 (financial year 2023/24). There are just over? Residents on the electoral role in the villages of Llangadog, Bethlehem and Gwynfe.
- The majority of the Community council's influence on biodiversity will be through decisions agreed at the Council Meetings, so that we ensure the promotion and protection of the eco-system within the Communities.
- Llangadog Community Council is responsible for a number of green spaces which includes the maintenance and upkeep of the Common/Cemetery/Village Green and local playground.
- Maintenance and upkeep of public footpaths within the areas of Llangadog, Bethlehem and Gwynfe which also includes a bus shelter.
- We provide financial contributions towards community help events.

Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	1. The impact on biodiversity is now considered part of our review of all planning applications from CCC and Brecon Beacons. Objections are raised as and when LCC feel that there are issues related to biodiversity	Clerk & Full Community Council
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	1. Work with local groups to promote biodiversity / ecological sustainability within the local areas. This also includes the farming community. 2. Promote any local initiatives through the local Community website. 3. Re-inforce current initiatives and awareness campaigns. 3. Encourage Councillors to consider attending training events.	Community Councillors receiving feedback from local residents. Records of attendance. Record in Minutes.
-safeguard principal species and habitats	1. Ensure hedgerows are protected especially if included in any part of a planning application. 2. Ensure no negative impacts on any protected species ie bats 2. Ensuring hedgerows are managed in	Community Councillors. CCC Record in

	<p>winter and avoid any work during the bird nesting season (March to August).</p> <p>3. Ensure bats are protected during planning application.</p> <p>4. Check areas that can erect bat / bird boxes or build a bug hotel which could be provided for local groups or school children to erect)</p>	Minutes
Restore & Create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<p>1. Continue to manage the wild flower on the Common.</p> <p>2. Arrange bulb planting of wildflowers along hedgerows and verges.</p> <p>3. Identify areas of grassland (ie Common) where grassland can grow longer and grow wild flower species to increase the number of flower visiting insects to help pollination.</p> <p>4. Leaving small area (Common) to grow wild.</p> <p>5. Ensure that the River Towy is not compromised</p>	Community Councillors can identify areas of habitat which have been created / or areas to improve.
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<p>1. Use legal pesticides only when necessary and ensure any maintenance contractor are trained in this area.</p> <p>2. Compost which is used is peat free.</p> <p>3. Local litter picker groups ensure that keep the lanes free of litter and support the local wildlife.</p>	Community Councillors and CCC.
-use improve and share evidence	<p>1. Liaise with Community gardeners and any local groups to inform them of best practice, especially on the Common, cemetery and playground.</p> <p>2. Liaise with local School to start projects on wild flowers/wildlife within the Common and other grassland areas.</p>	Community Councillors and activity support from local residents and school.
-support capacity and/or other organisations	<p>1. Manage and enhance the wild life on the Common.</p> <p>2. Support from local groups / residents for bulb/tree planting.</p> <p>3. Ask local residents to avoid any hedge cutting on land between April and August.</p> <p>4. Landowners to adopt more bio friendly mowing regimes to allow low growing species to increase visiting insects to help in pollination.</p> <p>5. Where possible give guidance to any other groups who may require guidance.</p>	<p>Community Councillors.</p> <p>Posting information on Community Website.</p> <p>Support with a donation if appropriate.</p>

Review of s6 duty

- **What has worked well?**

Organisations working more closely together on environmental issues

Maintenance of the Common, Village Green, Cemetery and Playground are only maintained between March and October.

- **What have the barriers been?**

Volunteers are required to maintain and look and enhance habitats.

More expertise required to identify changes that are needed and best practice.

- **What will you change?**

Liaise with other organisations as required.

Make local residents and other public bodies aware that the Community Council has a statutory duty and is doing more to enhance biodiversity.

- **How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?**

The duty will be monitored through progress reporting and Community Council meetings as and when required.

In April 2025 we will have full revision of the Community Council's Strategy & Action Plan and update.

Promote our policy on the Community Website when making decisions on behalf of the Community.