

Biodiversity Action Plan – Community and Town Councils

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

This plan is based on the template from One Voice Wales and associated guidance.

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

Name of public authority	Llangors Community Council (LCC)
Group	2
<p>Introduction and context</p> <p>Llangors Community Council provides a range of services to its local community some of which have an impact on biodiversity. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsibility for a number of green spaces including St. Paulinus Churchyard in Llangors, the Triangle in Llangors (0.078 acre), land adjacent to the stream in Llangors (0.053 acre) and the Glebe Community Field in Llanfihangel Talyllyn (1.44 acres). The Glebe Community Field in particular provides opportunities for enhancing its biodiversity and ecosystem resilience as well as the promotion of educational activities to involving the wider community, especially children with sustainability and legacy in mind. • Funding – Llangors Community Council provide grants to some projects in the Council’s area such as maintenance of churchyards, other than Llangors, and maintenance of village halls. • Responding to planning applications <p>Llangors Community Council promotes sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainable practices whenever possible. Llangors Community Council is not subject to the Well-being of Future Generations Act.</p> <p>Llangors Community Council area encompasses Llangors, Llanfihangel Talyllyn, Llanywern, Talyllyn, Pennorth, Llangasty Talyllyn, and part of Cathedine. This area serves approximately 1000 residents. The precept for 2025/26 is £23,000.</p>	

NRAP Objective	Biodiversity objectives	Action planned	Timescale	Monitored by:
1	Embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take into account the impact of planning proposals on biodiversity and the local environment when considering applications and associated matters. 	Ongoing	LCC planning application decision (PAD) meeting minutes, LCC monthly minutes.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue monitoring of grass cutting regime in conjunction with contractors, to facilitate enhancement of biodiversity in identified non-cut areas and any other. 	Ongoing	LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors, informal conversations with local residents.
	Raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity activity/action/awareness days to be held at the Glebe to continue the work undertaken in 2025 with extensive planting and biodiversity enhancements. Engage with Llangors Church in Wales Primary School to look at how the new Welsh Curriculum addresses biodiversity and ecosystem reliance, and suggest how activities such as the Glebe Biodiversity Project can support children’s learning. Use the website, social media and in-person engagement to communicate effectively with the local community on biodiversity matters. Signage for no/low mow areas to spread understanding of allowing areas to grow as wildflower/long grass areas and the benefits to biodiversity. 	<p>2026 and ongoing</p> <p>2026 and ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Spring 2026 and ongoing management</p>	<p>LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors, social media and blog reports.</p> <p>LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors.</p> <p>LCC monthly minutes, analytics from website and social media, formal and informal conversations with residents.</p> <p>LCC monthly minutes, feedback from residents.</p>
2	Safeguard principal species and habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued management of neutral grassland at the Glebe field and non-cut grassland area. Continued LCC representation on Llangors Lake Advisory Group (LLAG) – contributing to the management of this Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) / Special Area of Conservation (SAC). Continued LCC representation on the Llangors Common Management Group (LCMG) with future plans to improve the biodiversity of the Common through external funding to cut back encroaching brambles and scrub. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Glebe specific reporting, LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors.</p> <p>LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors.</p> <p>LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors, County Councillor Sian Cox reporting.</p>
3	Restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<p><u>Glebe Playing Field</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued management of the hedge on the SE side of the field managed for wildlife, with hedge trimmings stacked as habitat piles. 	Ongoing	LCC monthly minutes

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued management of new native hedgerow, wildflower meadow, shrubs, flowers and bulbs and feature oak / wild cherry trees, that will be allowed to grow into parkland trees. <p><u>Llangors Churchyard</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans to create a long grass/wildflower conservation area at the year of the Churchyard which will be left to develop naturally. A small conservation area will be developed in the front of the Churchyard. Corners of churchyard and hedge and stream boundary are to be left for wildlife where appropriate. Continued use of bird feeders in the Churchyard (continued from Keep Wales Tidy Local Places for Nature Scheme – Summer/Autumn 2020). <p><u>Llangors 'Triangle'</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued management of the area as an area for long grass/wildflower conservation. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>April 2026 – to be reviewed at the end of cutting season 2026.</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors, Glebe specific reporting.</p> <p>LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors, matters relating to grass cutting tender specification.</p> <p>LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors.</p> <p>LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors.</p> <p>LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors, matters relating to grass cutting.</p>
4	Tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature-based solutions, address invasive species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue LCC representation on the Llangors Lake Invasive Species Group (LLISG) and periodic feedback to full Council meetings for updates. Continued efforts from members to engage in Speedwatch in the local community. Not only will this help to address safety concerns but also reduce pollution and noise pollution. Establish more frequent communication with grass cutting contractors on the management of specific areas and collect feedback where appropriate. Consider the impacts of daily activities of the Council that could help reduce negative factors, this includes but is not limited to: car sharing encouraged to meetings where possible, walking and cycling are also encouraged where possible, printing only what needs to be printed, print double sided documents to save on wasted paper, sourcing supplies 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>LLISG minutes, LCC monthly minutes.</p> <p>LCC monthly meetings, County Councillor Sian Cox reporting.</p> <p>LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors.</p> <p>LCC monthly minutes, feedback from members.</p>

		from certified B-Corp organisations where possible and suitable.		
5	Use, improve and share evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce regular reports on the impact of biodiversity work undertaken • Share reports with local interest and volunteer groups where appropriate • Continue soil and species testing (beginning 2025) 	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing	LCC monthly minutes and supporting documents. LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors. LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors.
6	Support capacity and/or other organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants to Pennorth Chapel, Llanfihangel and Llanywern churches to help maintain churchyards and encourage areas to be left for wildlife where appropriate. • Consideration of grant funding in relation to biodiversity projects in the local community. • Engage and seek active links with local interest, volunteer groups and other organisations when hosting biodiversity activity days or similar, including but not limited to: Llangors Lake Advisory Group, Llangors Commoners Management Group, Llangors Lake Invasive Species Group, Brecon Beacons Local Nature Partnership and Wildlife Trust for South and West Wales. • Continued support of Natural Resources Wales' campaign to rid the Llangors Lake catchment area of invasive species. • Raise feedback and concerns from local residents on matters relating to biodiversity and environmental considerations with the full Council at meetings. 	Annually Annually Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing – as/when raised	LCC monthly minutes and feedback from those receiving grant funding. As above. LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors. LLISG minutes, LCC monthly minutes. LCC monthly minutes, reports from Councillors.

Annual Review of the Biodiversity Action Plan		2026
What has worked well?		
What have the barriers been?		

What will you change?	
How and when will the S6 duty be monitored and the S6 plan reviewed?	

Annual Review of the Biodiversity Action Plan	2027
What has worked well?	
What have the barriers been?	
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Annual Review of the Biodiversity Action Plan	2028
What has worked well?	
What have the barriers been?	

What will you change?	
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All members of the Community Council are responsible for the monitoring of this report.

Reviewed and approved at the meeting of Llangors Community Council on: _____

Signed by Chairperson: _____

Print Name: _____