

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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The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2022

Name of Town or Community Council: Llandyrnog Community Council

Introduction and Context

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Environment Wales Act 2016 Part 1 – section 6 – The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty. The Community Council worked closely with One Voice Wales and Denbighshire County Council on delivering biodiverse actions within the ward.

Llandyrnog community is within the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape area which promotes a dark skies environment and as such planning and other considerations were taken in accordance with these bodies and published Supplementary Planning Guidance.

The administrative area of Llandyrnog Community council covers a large area of diverse habitat comprising farmland, hilltop moorland, a river valley, wooded areas and a number of dwellings of a range of ages, together with community buildings and land within the village itself.

The population was 1103 at the 2021 Census.

The Llandyrnog Community Council precept for the year 2025-26 was £12993 This amount was based on residential properties within the community and equated to a figure of £24.29 per household on and equivalent of Band D Council Tax.

The Community Council has responsibility for:

Land at Cae'r Nant – approx. 3.5 acres - used as a football field, children's play area and community space. This includes a wildlife bee-friendly planting bed and some areas planted with bulbs. The site is currently a mowed area and recently a tree was removed due to die back.

Land at Parc Ty'n Llan was given over to the community on completion of the housing estate on former farmland. This is currently a mowed area and used on an intermittent basis by local families.

The Cocoa Rooms , a community building dated back to 1885 which has no outside space but could be used to house habitat boxes.

The community council also worked closely with the County Council to promote the use of a small allotment area at Nant Glyd and worked closely with Ysgol Bryn Clwyd to improve biodiversity on their large primary school site off the B5429.

The community council sited two benched seating areas – one on the B5429 (opposite the Old Creamery – now a Proctor Johnson factory) and one on the crossroads of Groes Efa and Ffordd Las.

The community council provided planters on the roundabout entering the village on the B5429 and supported the local “Friendship Group” in planting and maintaining hanging baskets around the village .

The council set aside £3600 a year to maintain the land it owned as well as the Cocoa Rooms and upkeep of the church graveyard.

The council worked closely with other community groups to gain grants and provide support to maintain all of the biodiverse areas within the council’s area.

The council is subject to the Well Being of Future Generations Act and as such consulted with stakeholders within the community to improve all aspects of the ward. This included increasing biodiversity through the planned activities within the council’s business plan.

Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<p>We have included Biodiversity in decision making by :</p> <p>Considering it in planning decisions</p> <p>Consulting with the community on planting</p> <p>Working in partnership with the community garden</p> <p>Noting Biodiversity aspects in our business plan</p>	
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<p>We have raised awareness of the importance of biodiversity by:</p> <p>collaborating with the school on joint projects e.g. raised bed kits from keep Wales tidy</p> <p>Working with our local grounds maintenance contractor to look at biodiverse ways of grass management.</p> <p>Working with wider community groups and volunteers such as the W.I to encourage biodiverse practises.</p>	
-safeguard principal species and habitats	<p>We have worked to safeguard species and habitats by:</p>	

	<p>accessing Keep Wales Tidy grants to provide more habitat space at the school</p> <p>Managing grass and trees on the council owned property in a more biodiverse way</p> <p>Planting communal areas with insect friendly plants</p>	
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<p>We have restored and created habitats and resilient ecological networks by:</p> <p>Planting natural wild species by benches</p> <p>maintaining the bee friendly bed at Cae'r Nant</p>	
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<p>We have tackled negative factors and reduced pollution by:</p> <p>Litter picking regularly with volunteers</p>	
-use improve and share evidence	<p>What have begun to improve impact and share action by:.</p> <p>Sharing actions via our local magazine Llais Llandyrnog</p> <p>Working with partners at the school to share effective ways of using Keep Wales Tidy grants</p>	
-support capacity and/or other organisations	<p>we have supported capacity of other groups and organisations by:</p> <p>Working with the school on shared grants,</p> <p>Worked with the community garden to improve facilities</p> <p>working with the WI on hanging baskets</p>	
<p>Review of s6 duty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will you change? <p>What has worked well- community groups working together, people sharing information from training, consulting with residents , sharing grants with school and gardening club</p> <p>What have the barriers been- lack of information, limited time at meetings to plan, lack of funding- time it takes to apply for grants</p>		

What will you change- be more aware of what is required- focus on native species when planting, self-supporting plants to save water, create environments for local species- hedgehogs, swifts, bats, pollinator friendly planting, SUDS planters, balsam management, mowing specifically for nature. Inform residents of good ways to be biodiverse- and volunteering opportunities. work with school on using LERC app to note local biodiversity

- How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?
- The new section 6 action plan for 2026-2029 will be in place by the end of January 2026 and will be monitored three times a year by the biodiversity nominated councillors in consultation with other community groups.



Planting for a Bee friendly garden at Cae'r Nant



Planting the roundabout

Regular Litter Picking

