

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2022

Name of Community Council: Llangrannog Community Council

Introduction

Llangrannog is a small Community Council (CC) in Ceredigion, with a precept of £10,000 (financial year 2022/23). There are **608** residents on the electoral roll in the Parish of Llangrannog which comprises the villages of Pontgarreg, Blaencelyn, Pentregât and Llangrannog.

Most the Community Council's influence on biodiversity will be through observations provided during consideration of planning applications at our Community Council meetings. This will ensure the promotion and protection of the eco-system with the Community. If biodiversity opportunities are identified we will seek to work closely with Ceredigion County Council to identify biodiversity on public and community spaces.

Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The impact on biodiversity is part of the consideration of all planning applications presented to Llangrannog CC• It's also a factor during the consideration of financial assistance and the granting of contracts for work	Llangrannog CC Clerk
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote any initiatives via the Community Council's website page from other stakeholders such as CCC and WG• Continue with and re-inforce existing initiatives and awareness campaigns as appropriate	Llangrannog CC Clerk
-safeguard principal species and habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure hedgeregrows /grass etc are cut during the correct time due to bird nesting• Litter picking equipment available in the Ward (on request)• Request that pesticides are not used in the Ward	Llangrannog CC Clerk
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure hedgerows are protected, especially as part of any planning applications, with restoration of any hedges / trees removed or damaged during construction	Llangrannog CC Clerk
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and remove invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam etc (none to date)	Llangrannog CC Clerk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the groups who carry out regular litter picking to keep the lanes free and support wildlife. • Individuals also carry out litter picks 	
-use improve and share evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the Welfare Committee to undertake projects on wild flowers / wildlife that lives in the Community Garden etc (provide financial assistance if required) 	Llangrannog CC Clerk
-support capacity and/or other organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support requests from local organisations for bulb planting. This could include bulb planting alongside hedges, verges and under the trees (none received to date) 	Llangrannog CC Clerk

Review of s6 duty

- **What has worked well?**

Grass and Hedgerows have been cut in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 that prohibits the destruction or disturbance of nesting birds.

Ceredigion County Council and landowners have also allowed grass to grow to encourage wildflowers and insect species, this is welcomed by Llangrannog Community Council, if the land does not obstruct the highway.

- **What have the barriers been?**

Llangrannog Community Council do not own land, therefore are only able to comment and encourage landowners and stakeholders to be influenced by biodiversity.

- **What will you change?**

Llangrannog Community Council will continue to support initiatives as previously stated and encourage landowners/stakeholders to plant wild flowers etc

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

S6 will monitored by all Councillors as they are able to report on issues that arise in the Ward to the Clerk or County Councillor. The plan will be reviewed annually and reviewed in accordance with amended legislation.

Date adopted: 6th of March 2023

Date of review: December 2023