

CYNGOR TREF LLANELLI



LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL

Biodiversity and Environmental Development

Action Plan

2024 - 2026

Introduction

Section 6 of the Environment Act (Wales) 2016, sets out the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty under which, all local authorities ‘must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in in the exercise of its functions, and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems’.

For Llanelli Town Council this means that, in all the Councils internal policies, activities and when managing our parks and playing fields, the Council should seek opportunities to maintain and enhance wildlife that are supported in the area and to manage the habitats (e.g. grasslands, trees, wetlands) so that they are in as natural and resilient a condition as possible.

The duty also supports the Town Council’s wider responsibilities under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 in order that Wales benefits from a prosperous economy, a healthy and resilient environment and vibrant, cohesive communities.

The Town Council works in partnership with Llanelli Rural Council and Carmarthenshire County Council to manage and maintain the Llanelli Cemetery and the parks and playing fields in the Llanelli Town area. The Council has a positive record of contributing to the local environment and promoting sustainability.

The Town Council approved the 2021-23 Biodiversity and Environmental Development Action Plan in December 2021. The following 2024-26 action plan provides details of the proposed activities that the Town Council will undertake in the period 2024-26 to support biodiversity and Llanelli ecosystems.

Llanelli Town Council Action Plan – 2024-2026

Environment Act 2016 – Section 6

Locations / Activities Managed by 3rd party contractors

Location / Activity	Current Activities	Planned Activities	Timescale
<p>Allotments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronation Road • Lower Trostre Road • Sunninghill Terrace 	<p>Managed by allotment tenants. All tenants encouraged to manage their allotments in a sensitive manner.</p> <p>All allotment tenants encouraged to grow native vegetable and fruit varieties wherever possible along with plants that will support pollinators. The use of herbicides and insecticides has been discouraged.</p>	<p>1. Further encourage reduction in use of herbicides / insecticides and the increased use native vegetable and fruit varieties wherever possible along with plants that will to support pollinators.</p>	<p>2025 Planting Season</p>
<p>Various footpaths across Town Council area</p>	<p>Litter picking and sensitive strimming / blowing of immediate footpath area. Surrounding space allowed to grow naturally to support biodiversity, pollinators and small animals.</p> <p>Annual planting of wildflowers where felt to be appropriate.</p>	<p>1. Consider planting additional wild flowers to support pollinators.</p>	<p>2nd Quarter 2024</p>
<p>Community Centres</p>	<p>Limited weed killing at centres and buildings when required.</p>	<p>1. Review chemicals used.</p>	<p>2024</p>
<p>Town Centre</p>	<p>Provision of summer flower baskets and bike / bench planters.</p>	<p>1. Review plant varieties that will encourage pollinators.</p>	<p>Summer 2024</p>

Locations / Activities Managed by Town Council staff

Location / Activity	Current Activities	Planned Activities	Timescale
<p>Litter Picking Carried out 7 days per week at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clos yr Ysgol • Crown Park • Havelock Park • Llanerch Field • Morfa Park • Nightingale Park • Penyfan Park • Penygaer Playing Fields • Peoples' Park 	<p>Litter picking is carried out by Town Council staff 7 days per week. This helps support biodiversity by removing litter and items that can cause a hazard to biodiversity and small animals. All litter collected is provided to a waste contractor that recycle the waste.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of Grounds Maintenance staff activities. 2. Possible increase in areas under control through asset transfer during next 12 months. 	Ongoing
Suppliers		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review suppliers to request information on their environmental impact – contact energy suppliers to ascertain if renewable energy can be utilised in contracts when renewed. 	2025
Renewable Energy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EV Chargers installed at Selwyn Samuel Centre. 	<p>Seek options for renewable energy generation at buildings. Install Solar Panels at new Penyfan Modular Building.</p>	2024-25
Water recycling	<p>Water recycling undertaken with Sprinkler System at Stebonheath.</p>	<p>Seek options for utilisation of rainwater for sprinkler systems at Bowling Greens.</p>	2024
Office activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of single use plastics decreased. 2. Paperless office wherever possible. 3. Provision of remote meetings leading to lower mileage by Town Councillors. 4. Fairtrade products used where possible. 		Ongoing
Community Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council Officers work closely with CCC and other Councils. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roll out dog mess project across Town Council green spaces, 	2024

		<p>parks and seek opportunities to work with local schools on these issues.</p>	
	<p>2. Numerous planting projects undertaken with Community Volunteers and School Connect project – Tree planting project with primary schools – Learning into nature continues.</p>	<p>2. Learning into nature project to continue for the third year supported by Connect, Llanelli Community Green Network and Llanelli Community Partnership.</p>	<p>2024/25</p>
	<p>3. Work with local schools supporting activities in relation to the environment and biodiversity in schools / community settings.</p>	<p>3.A Officers to support 3 school garden developments. 3.B Support Llanelli Goods Shed Environmental project.</p>	<p>2024 onwards</p>
	<p>4. Work with Community Organisations on Environmental and Biodiversity issues</p>	<p>4. Develop a BME environmental project with the Multicultural Network. 4.A Work closely with the Multicultural Network to develop an educational project to break down barriers to participation in environmental activities. 4.B Develop and support the community green network</p>	<p>2024 /2025</p>
	<p>5. Community / sensory Gardens. Work commenced on Sensory Garden at Penygaer Playing Fields</p>	<p>5. A Develop a community garden in Penyfan as part of the whole park approach. 5.B Develop a community / sensory garden / tree planting in Penygaer as part of the whole park approach.</p>	<p>April 2024 onwards</p>

	<p>6. Developed and supported the Pharmer Bee project.</p> <p>7. Creation / maintenance of the Llanerch River Walkway project. 8.A Llanerch River Walkway created. 8.B Trees planted and wildflower beds created. 8.C Interpretation project panel installed. 8.D Maintenance of the walkway with a number of community planting days</p> <p>8. Creation of the Bryn Yard community Garden 9.A Trees and wildflowers planted. 9.B Maintenance of the garden with a number of community planting days 9.C Project Interpretation panel installed at the Bryn Yard.</p>	<p>6. Support the further development of the Pharmer Bee project with Penrhos school and Pentre Awel project.</p> <p>7. Plant additional trees when appropriate and seek additional opportunities for further development.</p> <p>8. Seek additional opportunities to develop the garden.</p>	<p>2024 onwards</p> <p>2025 onwards</p> <p>2024 onwards</p>
Stebonheath	<p>1.First class sporting pitch maintained by qualified groundsman. 2.Surrounding area maintained to provide professional visible area. 3. Rainwater used for sprinkler tanks.</p>	<p>1.Consider longer term upgrade of equipment to electric powered machinery / vehicles. 2. Review chemicals used. 3. Review renewable energy options for stadium.</p>	2024-2025

Locations / Activities Managed in Partnership with Llanelli Rural Council

Location / Activity	Current Activities	Planned Activities	Timescale
Crown Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grass cutting to play area and maintain football and cricket area to sporting standard. 2. Limited cutting of ball area, hedge line and surrounds of trees to promote biodiversity. 3. Maintain Crown Park Environmental project in a sensitive manner. 4. Maintain pollinator garden. 5. Additional tree planting where possible. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain play, sporting and surrounding areas to standard expected by residents, football / cricket players. 2. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bal, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow. 3. Plant wildflowers in areas of surrounding path area and ball. 4. Plant additional trees where appropriate in park area. 5. Continue to seek opportunities to work with Ysgol Penrhos in relation to biodiversity activities. 	2025
Havelock Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grass and hedge cutting to bowling green. 2. Maintenance of surrounding path grassed, tree and bush area. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain play, bowling green and surrounding hedge to standard expected by residents and bowls players. 2. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes, and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow. 3. Plant additional trees where appropriate. 4. Consider opportunity to use rainwater for bowling green sprinkler system. 5. Look to develop relationship with Morfa School in relation to biodiversity activities. 	2025
Morfa Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grass cutting to maintain area surrounding skate park and play area. 2. Maintain surrounding bush and tree area to prevent 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain skate and play areas to standard expected by residents. 2. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive 	2024

	<p>anti-social behaviour in the area.</p> <p>3. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow.</p>	<p>manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow.</p> <p>3. Look to develop relationship with Morfa School in relation to biodiversity activities.</p>	Ongoing
Penyfan Park	<p>1. Grass cutting to maintain play areas, football and surrounding area to standard expected by sporting clubs and residents.</p> <p>2. Limited cutting of hedge rows and surrounds of trees to promote biodiversity.</p> <p>3. Maintain newly planted tree and planted areas in the park.</p> <p>4. Planting projects undertaken with Bigyn and Stebonheath Schools.</p>	<p>1. Maintain play, sporting and surrounding areas to standard expected by players.</p> <p>2. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow.</p> <p>3. Undertake planting projects in areas of surrounding path area.</p> <p>4. Plant additional trees where appropriate in park area.</p> <p>5. Consider area for future grant funded project work with schools and Community Groups.</p> <p>6. Continue to seek opportunities to work with Ysgol Stebonheath and Bigyn School in relation to biodiversity activities.</p> <p>7. Create planted area alongside new Modular Community Centre.</p>	2024-25
Penygaer and Llanerch Playing Fields	<p>1. Grass cutting to maintain football, rugby and surrounding area to standard expected by sporting clubs and residents.</p> <p>2. Limited cutting of hedge rows and surrounds of trees to promote biodiversity.</p> <p>3. Limited cutting in area of Lledi riverbank along path to promote biodiversity.</p>	<p>1. Maintain sporting and surrounding areas to standard expected by football and rugby players.</p> <p>2. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow.</p> <p>3. Plant additional trees where appropriate in area beyond bridge and along river.</p> <p>5. Continue to seek opportunities to work with Ysgol Dewi Sant, Penygaer</p>	2025

	<p>4. Maintain newly planted tree and planted areas.</p> <p>5. Creation of planted river walkway area.</p> <p>6. Creation of sensory garden area.</p>	<p>School and Heol Goffa School in relation to biodiversity and sensory garden activities.</p> <p>6. Maintain river walk area.</p> <p>7. Maintain sensory garden area.</p> <p>8. Develop Sensory Garden play equipment facility.</p>	
Peoples' Park	<p>1. Grass cutting to maintain play area, bowling green, football, rugby and surrounding areas to standard expected by sporting clubs and residents.</p> <p>2. Limited cutting of hedge rows and surrounds of trees to promote biodiversity.</p> <p>3. Limited cutting in area of Twyn pond and along path to promote biodiversity.</p> <p>4. Maintain pollinator garden and wildflower bed.</p> <p>5. Maintain planted tree and planted areas in the park.</p>	<p>1. Maintain play, sporting and surrounding areas to standard expected by residents, bowls, football and rugby players.</p> <p>2. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow.</p> <p>3. Plant additional trees where appropriate in pond area.</p> <p>4. Continue to seek opportunities to work with Pentip and Old Road Schools in relation to biodiversity activities.</p> <p>5. Consider opportunity to use rainwater for bowling green sprinkler system.</p>	2024
Bryn Yard	<p>1. Grass cutting to maintain surrounding area to standard expected by residents.</p> <p>2. Limited cutting of hedge rows and surrounds of trees to promote biodiversity.</p> <p>3. Creation of Community planting area.</p>	<p>1. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow.</p> <p>2. Maintain community planting area.</p> <p>3. Plant additional trees where appropriate in green space area.</p> <p>4. Consider area for future grant funded project work.</p>	2025
Machinery Use	Petrol / Diesel machinery / vehicles.	Review machinery long term to consider electric powered machinery / vehicles.	2025

Parc Howard (maintained by CCC with Parc Howard Collaboration Group and the support of Parc Howard Association volunteers)

Location / Activity	Current Activities	Planned Activities	Timescale
Duck Pond	1.Maintained and kept to good level of water.	1. Encourage additional biodiversity and wildlife. 2. Work with County Council to seek opportunities for remedial works in relation to water loss.	Ongoing
Front of Museum	1. Well maintained flower beds and surrounding grassed areas as expected by resident.	These are areas expected to provide a pleasing look and will remain as so.	N/A
Field area	1.Well maintained grassed amenity area as expected by residents.	These are areas expected to provide a pleasing look and will remain as so.	N/A
Front tree and bush area (Felinfoel road)	1.Well maintained amenity area as expected by residents.	These are areas expected to provide a pleasing look and will remain as so.	N/A
Tree area from main entrance towards memorial garden	Area allowed to grow to promote biodiversity.	1. Monitor area for possible maintenance requirements. 2. Plant additional trees where appropriate in the area, including designating areas for memorial trees.	Ongoing
Area to rear of Museum	1.Well maintained grassed and hedged area as expected by residents.	These are areas expected to provide a pleasing look and will remain as so.	N/A
Gorsedd stones and area to rear	1.Grassed area to be maintained. 2.Hedge area to be allowed to grow to promote biodiversity.	1.Monitor area for possible maintenance requirements. 2.Possibility of planting wildflowers. 3. Plant additional trees where appropriate in the area, including	Ongoing

		designating areas for memorial trees.	
Paddling Pool and Bowling Green	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bowling Green maintenance funded by Town Council. 2. Paddling pool staffing funded by Town Council. 	1. Consider opportunity to use rainwater for bowling green sprinkler system.	Ongoing