

LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL

Biodiversity and Environmental Development Action Plan

2026-2029



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

Council type (Group 1, 2 or 3 for NRAP Objectives): 2

Introduction and Context

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 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 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 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.

Actions taken to help biodiversity should be guided as far as possible by the 6 objectives of the Nature Recovery Action Plan (NRAP) which have been identified to contribute to reversing the decline of biodiversity in Wales. Therefore, each example includes a reference to which objective/s they are aligned to.

The 6 objectives are:

- 1:** Engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity throughout decision making at all level.
- 2:** Safeguard species and habitats of principal importance and improve their management.
- 3:** Increase the resilience of our natural environment by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation
- 4:** Tackle key pressures on species and habitats
- 5:** Improve our evidence, understanding and monitoring
- 6:** Put in place a framework of governance and support for delivery.

Location / Activity	Current Activities	Planned Activities	Meets NRAP Objectives	Timescale
Allotments: Coronation Road Lower Trostre Road Sunninghill Terrace	1.Managed by allotment tenants. All tenants encouraged to manage their allotments in a sensitive manner. 2.All allotment tenants encouraged to grow native vegetable and fruit varieties wherever possible along with plants that will support pollinators. 3.The use of herbicides and insecticides has been discouraged.	Further encourage reduction in use of herbicides / insecticides and the increased use of native vegetable and fruit varieties wherever possible along with plants that will to support pollinators	1, 2, 3, 4	2026/29 Planting Seasons
Various footpaths across Town Council area	1.Litter picking and sensitive strimming / blowing of immediate footpath areas. 2.Surrounding space allowed to grow naturally to support biodiversity, pollinators and small animals. 3.Annual planting of wildflowers where felt to be appropriate.	Consider further planting additional wildflowers to support pollinators	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	2026/29 Planting Seasons
Community Centres	1.Limited weed killing at Community Centres and buildings when required.	Review chemicals used.	5, 6	2026/29
Town Centre	Provision of summer flower baskets and bike / bench planters.	Review plant varieties that will encourage pollinators.	2, 3, 4	Summer 2026

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Clos yr Ysgol Crown Park Havelock Park Llanerch Field Morfa Park Nightingale Park Penyfan Park Penygaer Playing Fields Peoples' Park	1.Litter picking is carried out by Town Council staff 7 days per week. 2.Litter picking helps support biodiversity by removing litter and items that can cause a hazard to biodiversity and small animals. 3. All litter collected is provided to a waste contractor that recycles the waste.	1.Review ongoing provision of litter picking by Town Council staff. 2.Work to support community litter picking in schools to increase knowledge. 3. Litter Picking carried out 7 days a week at all locations.	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	2026/29
Renewable Energy	Maintain the Solar Panels installed at Selwyn Samuel Centre and Bigyn Community Centre	1. Seek options for renewable energy generation at buildings. 2. Seek funding and options for EV chargers at Town Council facilities.	6	2026/29
Water recycling	Water recycling undertaken with Sprinkler System at Stebonheath.	Consider options for utilisation of rainwater for sprinkler systems at Bowling Greens.	6	2026/29
Office activities	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.	1. Use of single use plastics to be further reduced where possible 2. Paperless office wherever possible. 3. Provision of remote meetings leading to lower mileage by Town Councillors. 4. Fairtrade products used where possible.	6	Ongoing

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Community Activities	1. Council Officers work closely with CCC and other Councils. 2. Officers maintain numerous planting projects undertaken with Community Volunteers along with School projects. 3. Continue to work with local schools supporting activities in relation to the environment and biodiversity in schools / community settings. 4. Work with Community Organisations on Environmental and Biodiversity issues 5. Community / Sensory Gardens. Maintain Sensory Garden at Penygaer Playing Fields and Bryn Yard. 6. Work closely with Local Places for Nature Officer at Carmarthenshire County Council	1 Learning into nature project to continue supported by Llanelli Community Green Network and Llanelli Community Partnership. 2. Officers to support school garden developments. 3. Officer to support Llanelli Goods Shed Environmental projects. 4. Work closely with the Multicultural Network to develop an educational project to break down barriers to participation in environmental activities. 5. Support the Llanelli Green Spaces Network. 6. Continue to develop the community garden in Penyfan as part of the whole park approach, in partnership with Local Places for Nature.	1,2,3,4,5,6	2026/29
Crown Park	1. Grass cutting to play area and maintain football 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. Increase the use of the Cut and Collect machine across agreed park areas to create a wild meadow increasing nature and biodiversity.	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.	1,2,3,4,5, 6	2026/29

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		3. Continue to improve wildflowers in areas of surrounding path area and ball. 4. Continue to seek opportunities to work with Ysgol Penrhos in relation to biodiversity activities.		
Havelock Park	1. Grass and hedge cutting to bowling green. 2. Maintenance of surrounding path grassed tree and bush area.	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 opportunities to use rainwater for bowling green sprinkler system.	1,2,3,4,5,6	2026/29
Morfa Park	1. Grass cutting to maintain area surrounding skate park and play area. 2. Maintain surrounding bush and tree area to prevent anti-social behaviour in the area. 3. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow.	1. Maintain skate and play areas to standard expected by residents. 2. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow.	1,2,3,4,5,6	Ongoing 2026/29

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Penyfan Park	1. Grass cutting to maintain play areas, football and surrounding area to standard expected by sporting clubs and residents. 2. Limited cutting of hedge rows and surrounds of trees to promote biodiversity. 3. Maintain newly planted tree and planted areas in the park. 4. Increase the use of the Cut and Collect machine across agreed park areas to create a wild meadow to increase nature and biodiversity.	1. Maintain play, sporting and surrounding areas to standard expected by players. 2. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow. 3. Maintain planting projects in areas of surrounding path area. 4. Plant additional trees where appropriate in park area. 5. Continue to seek opportunities to work with Ysgol Stebonheath and Bigyn School in relation to biodiversity activities. 6. Maintain created planted area alongside new Community Centre. 7. Increase the use of the Cut and Collect machine across agreed Park areas to create a wild meadow to increase nature and biodiversity.	1,2,3,4,5, 6	Ongoing 2026/29
Penygaer and Llanerch Playing Fields	1. Grass cutting to maintain football, rugby and surrounding area to standard expected by sporting clubs and residents. 2. Limited cutting of hedge rows and surrounds of trees to promote biodiversity.	1. Maintain sporting and surrounding areas to standard expected by football and rugby players. 2. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive	1,2,3,4,5,6	Ongoing 2026/29

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	3. Limited cutting in area of Lliedi riverbank along path to promote biodiversity. 4. Maintain newly planted tree and planted areas. 5. Maintain planted river walkway area. 6. Maintain planted sensory garden area.	manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow. 3. Plant additional trees where appropriate in area beyond bridge and along river. 5. Continue to seek opportunities to work with Ysgol Dewi Sant, Penygaer School and Heol Goffa School in relation to biodiversity and sensory garden activities. 6. Maintain river walk area. 7. Maintain sensory garden area. 8. Maintain Sensory Garden play equipment facility.		
Peoples' Park	1. Grass cutting to maintain play area, bowling green, football, rugby and surrounding areas to standard expected by sporting clubs and residents. 2. Limited cutting of hedge rows and surrounds of trees to promote biodiversity. 3. Limited cutting in area of Twyn pond and along path to promote biodiversity. 4. Maintain pollinator garden and wildflower bed. 5. Maintain planted tree and planted areas in the park.	1. Maintain play, sporting and surrounding areas to standard expected by residents, bowls, football and rugby 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 in pond area. 4. Continue to seek opportunities to work with Pentip and Old Road Schools in	1,2,3,4,5,6	Ongoing 2026/29

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		relation to biodiversity activities. 5. Consider opportunities to use rainwater for bowling green sprinkler system.		
Bryn Yard	1. Grass cutting to maintain surrounding area to standard expected by residents. 2. Limited cutting of hedge rows and surrounds of trees to promote biodiversity. 3. Community planting area created and maintained.	1. Maintain surrounding path grassed area, bushes and trees in a sensitive manner, leaving certain limited areas to grow. 2. Maintain community planting area.	1,2,3,4,5,6	Ongoing 2026/29
Machinery Use	Petrol / Diesel machinery / vehicles.	1. Review machinery long term to consider electric powered machinery / vehicles 2. Increase the use of the Cut and Collect machine across all park areas.	1,2,3,4,5,6	Ongoing 2026/29