

# Llanvaches Community Council

## Reporting on Section 6

### *Community and Town Councils*

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

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<b>Name of Community or Town Council:</b>	Llanvaches Community Council
<b>Group:</b>	2

#### **Introduction and Context**

Llanvaches Community Council is a small rural village located about midway between the market town of Chepstow and the city of Newport. The village lies just north of the A48 road and below Wentwood, with both Newport centre and Chepstow about 7 miles distant.

The vast majority of the local government services impacting biodiversity are provided by Newport City Council however the Community Council do lease two green spaces, Glebeland Football Field and Wentwood Drive Play area, which have an impact on biodiversity.

We serve 236 residents and the budget for 2025/26 is £11,752. Due to its small size, Llanvaches Community Council currently does not fall under the scope of the Well- Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 The Council but seeks to align its activities with its principles where possible.

We promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainable practises whenever possible.

#### **Action Report 2023 - 2025**

<b>NRAP Objective</b>	<b>Action carried out to...</b>		<b>Monitored by:</b>
<b>1</b>	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Ensure that all relevant Council decisions, where possible, considered biodiversity impacts.	Clerk/Council
	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	Share biodiversity information and promote national campaigns with all Councillors.	Clerk/Council
<b>2</b>	-safeguard principal species and habitats	Hedge cuts only carried out on the advice of the contractor to preserve nesting birds. Spring bulbs not removed from season to season from the village green.	Clerk/Council
<b>3</b>	-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Hedge cuts only carried out on the advice of the contractor to preserve nesting birds.	Clerk/Council

<b>4</b>	-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	Office supplies are sourced locally and recycled, printing is kept to a minimum. The Council is paperless where possible with electronic agendas, sustainable procurement in relation to ground maintenance and supports the reduction in the use of pesticides.	Clerk/Council
<b>6</b>	-support capacity and/or other organisations	Annual Grants to Gilgal, Tabernacle, Bethany Baptist and Llanvaches churches to help maintain churchyards.	Clerk/Council

<b>Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025</b>	
What has worked well?	Maintenance of the playing field are only carried out between March and October
What have the barriers been?	Limited direct influence due to size of community
What will you change?	Make local residents and other public bodies aware that the Community Council has a statutory duty and is doing more to enhance biodiversity by uploading information to the website and detailing the duty in the Annual Report.
How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?	The duty will be monitored through progress reporting and Community Council meetings as and when required.



Group	Description of organisation relative to biodiversity.  <b>Organisations:</b>	Minimum Actions	Examples	NRAP objectives for Action Reporting (see template Annex 1)
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that own or occupy an office building only and</li> <li>• whose functions are not directly connected to biodiversity and/or land management.</li> </ul>	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"> <li>• that own, occupy or manage land their own buildings and grounds,</li> <li>• whose functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management, or</li> <li>• that can influence those who own or manage land.</li> </ul>	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	• 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