

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6
The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty
Report 2019

Llangynog Community Council (Powys)

Introduction and Context

Llangynog Community Council provide a range of services to its local community which have an impact on biodiversity. These include:

Responsibility for a number of green spaces

- A Playing Field and Playground
- A Bowling Green
- A functioning Churchyard, Burial Ground, surrounding green space and Ancient Yew Trees
- A Pilgrim Church including, a redundant Burial Ground, surrounding green space and an Ancient Yew Tree

We are Directors of the North Montgomeryshire Community Interest Company Cluster consisting of eight Community Councils. The cluster is in the final stages of negotiation with Powys County Council to take over the responsibility for other areas of green spaces.

The responsibility will transfer on 1st January 2019 and Llangynog Community Council will become responsible for :

3,820m of Urban Grass Verges

37m² of extra grass area

34m² of shrub bed maintenance

The maintenance of existing areas of responsibility and these additional areas will form part of Llangynog Community Council's Section 6 The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty.

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

We serve approximately 350 residents. The precept for 2019-20 is £10,000

Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by: (for example)
Restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed the surrounding grass and hedges of the village green spaces (churchyards and playing field, carpark) to grow longer to encourage a diverse wildlife population, especially pollinating insects such as bees and butterflies. • Pleaching of the hedge at the bowling green to thicken the hedge and provide more cover and 	Area of habitat increased

	<p>increased habitat for a variety of birds and wildlife.</p>	
<p>Tackle negative factors: for example, reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchased a locally made bench for the village bus shelter. • Purchased sustainably sourced benches for the playground made from recycled plastic farm waste. • Use pesticides only where necessary such as to control invasive non-native species such as Japanese Knotweed. 	<p>Amount of pesticide applied</p>
<p>Use, improve and share evidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taken advice from NRW regarding use of herbicides on public verges 	<p>Use of expert advice</p>