



**Cyngor Cymuned Llanbradach a Phwllypant
Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council**

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ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016 PART 1

**Section 6 The Biodiversity and
Resilience of Ecosystems Duty**

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BIODIVERSITY STATEMENT/PLAN

Overview

Community and Town Councils are subject to the biodiversity and ecosystems resilience duty under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, known as the S6 duty.

To comply with the S6 duty we must prepare and publish a plan setting out what we are currently doing and proposing to do to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote resilience.

Complying with the S6 duty will help maximize our contribution to the Well being goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

The Statement/Plan is a framework for the Community Council's approach and below sets out our actions.

Introduction

Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council comprises of 9 Community Councillors, the majority of which are elected, serving 1,954 dwellings, one paid member of staff and approximately volunteers.

Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council have a small budget in the region of £36k.

The Community Council owns one small parcel of land at 17 De Winton Terrace.

Within the geographical area of the Community Council, which notably in 1913 had the largest colliery in South Wales, residents benefit from many natural resources including Coed Llanbradach, Cwm Las, Bluebell Woods and the Rhymney Riverside Walk which forms part of the Valleys Regional Park.

Did we meet our Action Plan ?

Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council will seek and continue to maintain and enhance biodiversity so far as consistent with the proper exercise of our functions and in doing so, promote the resilience of ecosystems:

Addressing Negative Factors (e.g., Pollution):

We actively tackle negative environmental factors, including pollution through supporting local businesses to help reduce carbon emissions.

Local Sourcing and Native Planting:

Whenever possible, we source materials locally and prioritize planting native bulbs and trees.

Recycling Efforts:

In accordance with recent legislation, we diligently sort, separate, and recycle materials when hosting events and holding meetings.

Energy-Saving Support:

We've contributed to energy-saving initiatives within our community by contributing funds for making the installation of UPV panels for Llanbradach AFC and Pwllypant Village Hall.

Paperless Approach:

Our agendas, minutes, and papers are distributed electronically, aiming to reduce paper usage.

Supporting Other Organizations:

We equip volunteer litter pickers with protective gear and have supported PALS (People Against Litter Society) by tailoring risk assessments and including them in our public liability insurance. Additionally, we've provided hi-viz fluorescent waistcoats, gloves, and litter pickers for our local primary school and children in Pwllypant.



Promoting Green Initiatives for Local Halls:

Llanbradach Community Centre:

We partially funded a battery for Llanbradach Community Centre to store energy generated from their solar panels.

Llanbradach AFC:

We supported our local Llanbradach AFC by assisting with funding sourcing and administrative support for their solar panel applications, which have now been successfully installed.

Pwllypant Village Hall:

We provided administrative support to Pwllypant Village Hall for their ongoing solar panel application.

Collaborating with the Local Authority (LA) on Green Initiatives:

We work closely with Caerphilly County Borough Council to implement green initiatives, including:

- Installing electric charging points.
- Adding solar panels to public buildings.
- Reducing mowing frequency.
- Encouraging grass meadow growth to provide cover for small mammals and reptiles.

Supporting Allotments:

We actively support local allotments by providing grants upon application.

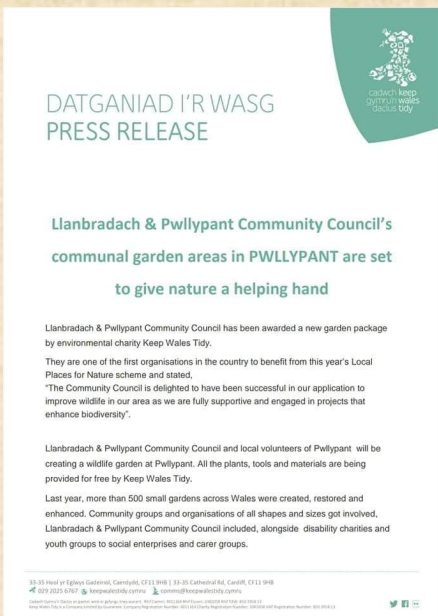
Grant Application Focus on Biodiversity:

Our grant application process encourages local organisations to describe how the grant will contribute to supporting biodiversity as part of their project

Collaboration with others

Working with the community to plant more native fruit trees and bushes in the locality to encourage GROW EAT COOK initiatives.

We have collaborated with other bodies such as Keep Wales Tidy to implement planting projects and installing habitats e.g. for birds, bats and hedgehogs. We installed 9 trees, 1 pear and over 50 hedging plants, wild clematis, a gooseberry and a flowering currant bush. Three planters were installed and the community and children helped to wheelbarrow soil into the planters a variety of herbs were planted.



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PRESS RELEASE**

Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council's communal garden areas in PWLLYPANT are set to give nature a helping hand

Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council has been awarded a new garden package by environmental charity Keep Wales Tidy.

They are one of the first organisations in the country to benefit from this year's Local Places for Nature scheme and stated, 'The Community Council is delighted to have been successful in our application to improve wildlife in our area as we are fully supportive and engaged in projects that enhance biodiversity'.

Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council and local volunteers of Pwllypant will be creating a wildlife garden at Pwllypant. All the plants, tools and materials are being provided for free by Keep Wales Tidy.

Last year, more than 500 small gardens across Wales were created, restored and enhanced. Community groups and organisations of all shapes and sizes got involved. Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council included, alongside disability charities and youth groups to social enterprises and carer groups.

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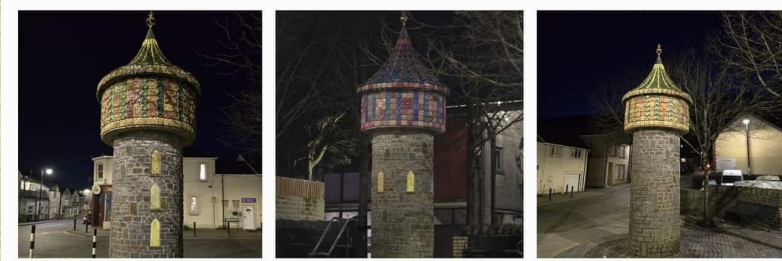


Some bug hotels were attached to the railings near our fruit trees in Pwllypant and the remaining were gifted to our Wingfield Allotment Association



During March and April 2024 there was a hive of activity in the village. Transport for Wales (TfW) and partners were instrumental in cleaning our village, litter picking, removing leaf debris and power washing which has made a huge impact. Habitat boxes were also gifted, which were distributed amongst local residents for their garden areas and allotments.

Several planters were also gifted by TfW and installed throughout the village and members of the community have kindly and enthusiastically taken it upon themselves to plant them up.



Raise Awareness of Biodiversity and its Importance

We engage and encourage the community to volunteer on nature projects by advertising litter picks, planting days and river bed cleaning through displaying posters on our noticeboards and posts on our social media.



Garden/ Hanging baskets/Planters

A popular initiative amongst our community is our annual front garden/ window box/ hanging basket competition whereby we encourage residents to get planting in an ethical way using peat free compost and native pollinator friendly flowers.



We also worked with Keep Wales Tidy to plant native daffodil bulbs and gifted some to our schools and local football club.



Safeguarding Principal Species and Habitats

We adhere to the following:

Plant native bulbs

Safeguarding principal species and habitats including Local Wildlife Sites / Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs)

Ensuring no negative impact on protected species

Work with LA's Ecologist Officer

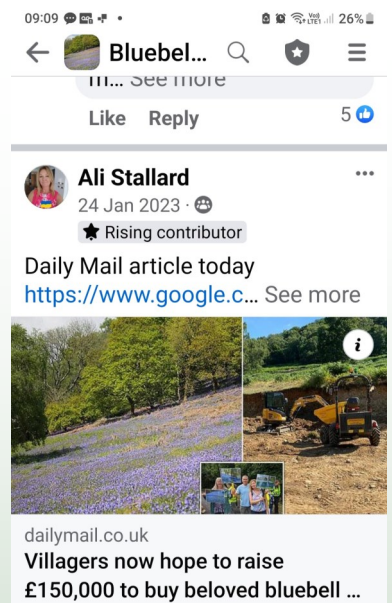
There have been a number of incidences of unauthorized development within the area.

Bluebell Woods

Fortunately due to the vigilance of members of the public, councillors, senedd members, local and national press it was possible to stop further environmental damage and the LA has served the developer with an instruction to return the site to its original condition.

Although this was extremely environmentally damaging, some positives did emerge whereby significant community engagement took place and substantial fundraising occurred.

In addition a new charitable organisation was established, LARC (Llanbradach Area Regeneration and Conservation).



This emphasizes the importance of continued monitoring of potential environmental damage.



More recently land was purchased by a developer adjacent to the river and unauthorised development commenced without planning permission. Trees were uprooted and habitats, wild life, flora and fauna were destroyed under several tonnes of builders rubble and plastic. Councillors and local residents reported the damage to our LA. The developer was instructed to stop work with immediate effect and instructed to submit a planning application form.



What happens next?

The Community Council appreciates Biodiversity is a continuous process of investment, community engagement and awareness.

We will continue to work on existing opportunities and identify new ones to embed biodiversity and eco systems into all our activities where possible.

The Act stipulates that we must publish our report every three years but it can be revised at any time.