

BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN 2025 - 2028

VISION

“To ensure that the biodiversity of Llangoed & Penmon is actively maintained and enhanced through responsible management of land and the general environment of the Community”.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Under Section 6 of the Environment Wales Act, Llangoed & Penmon Community Council (as a Welsh Public Body) *“has a requirement to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of functions, and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems, so far as consistent with the proper exercise of those functions.”*

The duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity follows the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales (NRAP) guidance. The key elements of the plan include.

- Safeguarding special sites and species
- Restoring and creating habitats
- Tackling key pressures, such as pollution and invasive non-native species
- Using and collecting biodiversity evidence

BACKGROUND

The area of Llangoed & Penmon is fortunate to be located within an outstanding area of Ynys Môn, recognised by being partially within the Anglesey AONB and crossed by the Wales & Anglesey Coastal footpaths. Within the Community area, the Coed Aberlleiniog Trail is designated as Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for its woodland features, and the nearby Menai Strait is classified as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) for its marine interest.

The area surrounding the Castle at Aberlleiniog is designated as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) and there are several registered common land that is in the ownership of the Community Council.

Outside these “jewels in the crown” the landscape of small fields, native hedgerows, and areas of broadleaved woodland, provide valuable connections between these key areas. In the settlements of Glanrafon, Llangoed and Penmon, gardens, paddocks, playing fields, churchyards and public open spaces provide other areas where wildlife can and does flourish. The verges and hedgerows of the local lanes are also important. Scattered amongst this patchwork there are areas of semi-natural grassland, open water and marshy ground which contribute to the network of wildlife habitats.

DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

Over the last 70 years there has been a rapid loss of wildlife habitat and species, caused by intensive agriculture and insensitive development.

We now have an urgent need to reverse this loss, ensuring that future development creates biodiversity gain and that our existing natural resources are managed in new and imaginative ways.

Reflecting ongoing revision of the Welsh Government’s planning and land management policies, reflecting the WG Environment Act and Well-being and Future Generations Act, all new developments within the Community Council area should demonstrate that they will lead to biodiversity gain. New Public Open Space must be designed to function as realistic wildlife habitat as well as providing traditional use for recreation and relaxation.

WORK PLAN

New or existing biodiversity projects, require manpower (often voluntary) and adequate financial resources to achieve positive outcomes.

Possible financial resources may include:

- Local authority rates precepts
- Local authority grants
- Welsh Government grants
- Natural Resources Wales grants
- Heritage Lottery Funds

- Local Charitable foundations
- Private donations/ local fund-raising initiatives
- Personal work undertaken on private land.

Some possible and on-going projects which would ensure biodiversity gain in the Llangoed & Penmon Area include:

- Coed Aberlleiniog LNR habitat & access work
- Development and maintenance of wildlife areas within Ysgol Llangoed playing fields and beyond
- Development and maintenance of wildlife areas within Eglwys St Cawrdaf, Eglwys Penmon & Capel Ty Rhys churchyard
- Roadside verge grassland management & re-seeding
- Positive habitat management adjacent to all surrounding Common Land and the Wales Coastal footpath network
- Management of wetland, semi-natural grassland, and open water bodies within the community for the benefit of wildlife

PARTNERS & WAY FORWARD

It is recognised that none of these aspirations can be achieved without an active partnership of a wide group of organisations and individuals within the Community.

The key individuals include:

- Llangoed & Penmon Community Council.
- Llangoed Village Hall
- Cyngor Sir Ynys Mon
- Menter Môn
- Grŵp Natur Seiriol
- Seiriol Alliance
- Ysgol Llangoed
- Local Farmers & landowners
- Individual householders
- Visitors to the community
- North Wales Wildlife Trust

If this Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan is going to succeed it is essential that all sectors within the Llangoed & Penmon Area are involved and are given opportunity to contribute and comment of these ideas.

Opportunities to explore joint working with other Community Councils within the Seiriol Ward of Ynys Môn CC to share manpower and financial resources should be developed. The achievements of the former Cwlwm Seiriol project needs be built on. It is anticipated that the creation of the newly created Grŵp Natur Seiriol will maintain this momentum, with hopefully wide public support across the Seiriol Ward of Ynys Môn CC.

PROPOSED WORK PLAN

	Date Agreed	Proposed action	Owner	Expected Outcome
1.		Communicate with residents' ways in which we can work as a community to enhance biodiversity and natural habitats.	Community Council	Produce online newsletter/ updated Community Council website with information on biodiversity in the village. Gauge public perception and explain possible solutions. Convene public meeting(s) where the draft strategy is launched. Seek ideas. Display possible projects in map form
2.		All Common Land Habitat and Access Work	Grŵp Natur Seiriol/ local volunteers/ YMCC AONB team/Seiriol Alliance	Continue with on-going work. Plan for on-going continuity following end of the Cwlwm Seiriol project funding
3.		Engage with Ysgol Llangoed on ecological and biodiversity projects.	Ysgol Llangoed/Community Council /volunteers	To enhance the work to educate children and enhance biodiversity on school premises. Build on

				work done with school garden and existing nature area.
4.		Investigate funding and support available from Ynys Môn CC and Welsh Government (and other sources) for funding future initiatives.	Community Council	To fully fund a program of activities to support the enhancement of biodiversity in the area.
5.		Acquire biological records from Cofnod (Local Environmental Record Centre) regarding the key species and habitats within Llangoed, Glanrafon & Penmon.	Community Council/ Cofnod	To understand the current biodiversity situation. Guide future decisions and projects
6.		Organize a “Bioblitz” within key areas in Llangoed, Penmon and all the surrounding areas.	Community Council /Cofnod/BSBI/local residents	To gather additional information regarding the total biodiversity value of areas under consideration for enhancement Opportunity for residents to contribute to a “citizen science” project
7.		Develop and maintain the Common Land, the footpath network around Llangoed & Penmon, increasing coverage and exploring habitat enhancement alongside the route. Work in conjunction with	Community Council/Ynys Môn CC/WG/NRW/local landowners/volunteers	Good quality footpaths with easy access, crossing areas of high biodiversity value. Enhanced experience of well-being for users.

		Wales & Anglesey Coastal Path projects		
8.		Monitor future proposed planning applications to ensure the principles of Biodiversity Net Gain and WG planning policy are correctly applied. Respond to Ynys Mon CC as appropriate	Community Council	Ensure that Community Council respond in an appropriate manner with respect to Section 6 of the Environment Act (Wales)
9.		Review the use of herbicide by Ynys Mon CC within Llangoed & Penmon	Community Council	Ensure that if herbicides are used the least environmentally damaging products are deployed and that other alternatives are considered without impinging footpath and road safety.
10.		Review timing of mowing of verges, hedge banks and public open spaces within Llangoed & Penmon. Liaise with Ynys Mon CC. Highways	Community Council/Ynys Mon CC Highways	Ensure the species-richness of hedge banks and verges are not diminished by inappropriate mowing regimes. Ensure verges are not damaged by vehicular access.
11.		Investigate opportunities for creating sustainable wildlife habitat in public open spaces, school playing fields and cemeteries, without compromising public enjoyment and safety.	Community Council / Ysgol Llangoed & Llangoed Village Hall.	To benefit the overall biodiversity of Llangoed & Penmon in easily accessible areas. Contribute to environmental education of local children and well-being of residents.

12.		Environmentally sensitive street lighting	Community Council	To ensure that bat friendly lighting is in place throughout the village.
13.		Work with environmental groups, schools and clubs to provide bat and bug hotels, and bird boxes throughout the village	Community Council/ Ynys Mon AONB/Local groups	To increase the numbers of bat/bug/bird habitats within the village, increasing populations of insects and birds.
14.		Review the critical bird populations within the village (with expert assistance) and implement positive management of habitats	Community Council Cofnod/RSPB/NWWT/NRW	Provision of nest boxes. Positive habitat management and advice.
15.		Investigate acquisition of species rich grassland and wet heath adjacent to all the Common Land Areas to enhance the conservation of this area	Community Council/ Menter Mon/Local landowner/Grant-giving bodies	The area in question is of high wildlife value, is suffering from drastic under-grazing.
16.		Welsh Coastal Footpath – from Llanfaes along the Lleiniog River all the way to Penmon Point has scope for enhancing the beauty of that stretch of the coastal footpath, still allowing access to the benches and the views.	Ynys Mon CC Highways/Community Council	Benefit for both local residents and visitors/ coastal path walkers.

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