

LLANFAIR YN NEUBWLL 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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Report 2025

Name of Community or Town Council:	Llanfair yn Neubwll Community Council
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Introduction and Context

The Community Council area of Llanfair yn Neubwll includes the villages of Caergeiliog, Llanfihangel yn Nhowyn and Llanfair yn Neubwll. The area has a population of 1,733 (2021 census) and is represented by 11 Community Councillors. The Council has a precept of £21,000 for 2025-26.

The hamlet of Llanfair yn Neubwll is situated on the strait opposite Holy Island on the west coast of Anglesey and is a rural community with isolated clusters of settlements, the village of Caergeiliog is situated on the A5 between junction 3 and 4 of the A55 North Wales Expressway and the third village Llanfihangel yn Nhowyn is home to the Royal Air Force Station known as RAF Valley.

The base was established on Tywyn Trewan during the Second World War when large areas of the coastal sand dunes were levelled to create runways. Silt was dredged from the nearby marches and lakes to spread over the airfields to stabilise the sand from the dunes. Prior to this Llyn Penrhyn and Llyn Dinam were the only major lakes in the area but a cluster of smaller lakes were created during the process. The remaining area of Common Land is now managed by the Tywyn Trewan Board of Conservators.

Llyn Penrhyn, Llyn Treflesg, Llyn Traffwll and parts of Llyn Dinam and form 'Valley Wetlands' which is a Nature Reserve owned by the Royal Society for the protection of Birds. Much of the reserve is included within two Sites of Special Scientific Interest and the Community Council is responsible for maintaining a network of public footpaths that link and allow access to the Wetlands.

The Community Council became responsible for Caergeiliog Village Hall and grounds in July 2024, prior to this the scope for promoting biodiversity was somewhat limited in that the only other area of direct management apart from the public footpaths was the Treifan Playing Field. The hall grounds provide an exciting opportunity to work with local residents to develop and promote biodiversity.



Action Report 2025

NRAP Objective	Action carried out 2023 - 2025		Monitored by:
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	We adopted a sustainable procurement policy which included ensuring office supplies, benches etc were purchased locally and/or made from recycled material.	Full Council
	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<p>The Community Council has reflected its commitment to biodiversity and nature areas in its Annual Report</p> <p>Council Members and the clerk have undertaken biodiversity training and joined biodiversity webcasts etc. arranged by One Voice Wales.</p>	
2	-safeguard principal species and habitats	<p>All planning applications submitted to the Community Council for consultation were scrutinised to identify and prevent any adverse impact on the environment.</p> <p>A large area of the village hall grounds has been left virtually untouched with a mixture of native trees, garden shrubs, fruit trees, ivy and wild flowers competing for space, the area is teeming with wildlife.</p>	Councillors and Clerk
3	-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<p>The boundary hedge of native trees and shrubs around the Treifan play area is carefully and sympathetically managed. Any broken branches and dead wood are used to create a 'dead hedge' barrier that protect and shelter native saplings, provide habitat for wildlife, making the area more inviting space for small animals. birds and insects.</p> <p>Using natural materials in this way is considered to be a good way of recycling waste material and reducing landfill.</p>	Councillors and Clerk
4	-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<p>The Community Council is vigilant in ensuring that our villages are kept clean and tidy and that any concerns about pollution, fly tipping etc. is promptly reported to the relevant authority.</p> <p>The Council has limited the use of pesticides to the minimum and will ensure that only</p>	Councillors and Clerk



One Voice Wales		natural products are used if weed control is required.	
5	-use improve and share evidence	The Community Council continues to work with the Isle of Anglesey County Council to maintain and improve the public footpaths and ensure that they are accessible for the community to enjoy.	Councillors and Clerk
6	-support capacity and/or other organisations	The Council is limited in its capacity to provide support for external organisations but is very keen to work with groups with a common interest in promoting biodiversity and protecting our environment.	Councillors and Clerk
Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025			
What has worked well?		The action taken to date has gone well we are particularly pleased to have acquired the village hall grounds as this area has immense potential.	
What have the barriers been?		Lack of awareness of the need to embrace biodiversity	
What will you change?		<p>We need to identify more areas where changes can be made to enhance the environment.</p> <p>We will engage more with residents and encourage them to work with us.</p> <p>We want to work with the One Voice Wales biodiversity team to improve our knowledge and make the most of our surroundings.</p>	
How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?		<p>The duty will be monitored through regular inclusion on the Community Council Agendas.</p> <p>The s6 Plan will be reviewed annually in May unless it becomes apparent that it should be an Back earlier.</p>	