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Name of Town or Community Council: Llangynin		
Introduction and Context		
<p>Llangynin is a small rural community in the West of Carmarthenshire. The Community Council does not own land of its own.</p> <p>The community contains farmland, hedges, forestry, woodland, marsh, rivers and ponds – in addition to private gardens. St Cynin’s Church dates back to the 12th century surrounded by an old churchyard. At the other side of the community is Rhydyceisiaid Chapel, dating back to the 17th century, with the surrounding burial ground retains a biodiverse plant community and grassland fungi.</p> <p>A number of landowners in the community have taken active steps to protect and enhance the wildlife and biodiversity on their land. There are several footpaths in the community which take the walker through forestry, woods and fields.</p> <p>A member of our community has, for many years, undertaken collection of litter from the local roads and lanes. Her efforts and contribution are recognised and appreciated as this has not only removed litter from the area but also reduced the significant negative impact of rubbish (tins, bottles and food packets) upon wildlife in the community.</p> <p>The community council will continue to look for active ways to support the steps already taken by those in the community to protect and enhance biodiversity.</p>		
Action Report		
Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
<p>Considering how to enhance biodiversity when decision making and in relation to procurement</p>	<p>The recognition of climate change and commitment to protecting and developing biodiversity are reflected in the Council’s Annual Report.</p> <p>The impact upon biodiversity is to be an active consideration in relation to planning applications, any footpath diversion applications and the provision of neighbourhood services. The county council Countryside Access Team have accepted a designation of “priority” status to a section of footpath in the community based on the community</p>	<p>LI CC</p>

	<p>council's recognition/recommendation that it requires particular maintenance for a specific rare creature.</p> <p>As a small community council, procurement requirements are minimal. Without a building, the council does not purchase cleaning products. The councillors use minimal paper for note taking and preparation/papers for meetings is primarily electronic. The clerk will purchase such paper as is required from a local supplier, obtaining recycled paper supplies and communicating wherever possible by electronic means.</p>	
<p>Raise awareness of opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the community</p>	<p>This is an area under review and the community council wants to develop this further once the new community website is live.</p> <p>The Community Council has designed and installed notices to raise awareness and protect rare beetles living around a footpath in the community. This was done in collaboration with Buglife and the County Council</p> <p>The main public space in the village is the playing field, which is managed by the Entertainments Committee. The council will seek to engage further on this to identify opportunities that may be available.</p>	<p>LI CC</p>
<p>Use, improve and share evidence</p>	<p>This report will be published as required and further specifically shared with other community groups with a view to obtaining feedback and ideas for revisions.</p>	<p>LI CC</p>
<p>Support capacity and/or other organisations</p>	<p>The council will consider its grant giving policy with enhancement of biodiversity as a clear identifiable goal. Organisations engaged in such work across the community – and whose work fulfils the relevant criteria may contact the council.</p>	<p>LI CC</p>
<p>Review of S6 duty</p>		

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This report and action plan will be reviewed at least annually. The review will include an evaluation of the current actions.