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Community & Town Councils

Biodiversity Action Plan

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

Name of Community & Town Council:	Trefeglwys Community Council
Council type:	Group 1

Introduction and Context

Trefeglwys Community Council serves the communities of Trefeglwys, with its church, chapel, primary school, public house and village hall; Llawr-y-glyn, a small, historic hamlet nestled at the head of the wooded Trannon valley; and Staylittle (Penfforddlas), a hub for walkers and cyclists and known for its isolation and spiritual heritage, with a vital village shop, post office and village hall. The Council has ten councillors, six representing Trefeglwys, two Llawr-y-glyn and two Staylittle. The Council is represented on a number of committees: Executive Committee and Policy Committee of One Voice Wales; Llawr-y-glyn Village Community Association Committee; Staylittle Community Hall Committee; Trefeglwys Memorial Hall Committee; The Governing Body of Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon.

Trefeglwys Community Council area constitutes a rural area of roughly 83km^2 in the Trannon valley of Powys, Mid Wales. The community is characterised by pastoral farming, steep-sided valleys and a high elevation upland landscape situated in the foothills of the Cambrian Mountains. The areas around Staylittle and the western part of the community consist of shallow upland basins, peaty soils and steep-sided hills. Large tracts of conifer woodland exist for timber and shelter. The valleys feature ancient broadleaved woodland. Red kites and varied birdlife are common in the area. Habitats include wet moorlands, rough grazing, permanent pasture and smallholder agroecological zones suitable for stock rearing. There is high rainfall and the lower-lying land around the Trannon and its tributaries is seasonally waterlogged.

Trefeglwys Community Council does not own, control or manage any land or buildings therefore our scope to impact positively on biodiversity in our area is limited. However, we recognise the importance of the climate and environmental emergencies we face in Wales and our responsibilities under the Section 6 duty. Moreover, although Trefeglwys Community Council is not subject to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, the Council understands the importance of biodiversity, conservation and enhancement for the health and well-being of our community.

NRAP Objective	Biodiversity objectives	Action planned	Time scale	Monitored by:
1	**-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement**	• Council to continue to scrutinise and challenge planning applications with respect to environmental concerns where necessary. • Use councillor representation on committees to advocate for decision making and procurement which has a positive impact on biodiversity eg mowing policies for grassed areas, procurement of environment friendly cleaning products etc.	Monthly with review annually	Clerk The Council during feedback from councillors about the work of committees
	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	• Set up a Trefeglwys Community Council Facebook page for two way communication with the community about biodiversity issues, for example: invite members of the community to gather and log sightings of birds, mammals, amphibians, insects and wild plants in their gardens; provide/signpost advice about creating hedgehog/bee/butterfly/bug/amphibian/bird friendly gardens/spaces. • Set up an Annual Trefeglwys Community Council Pollinator Friendly Garden Award.	Start early 2026, review annually July 2027 and annually	Councillor Stuart Manson and Clerk Full Council
4	**-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based**	• Use the TCC facebook page to gather information about invasive species, pollution incidents and other negative factors affecting biodiversity.	Early 2026	Councillor Stuart Manson Clerk

	solutions, address invasive species	• Council to work with a range of organisations (PCC, Natural Resources Wales etc) to address any issue that arise and provide feedback to the community.	As required, ongoing	
6	**-support capacity and/or other organisations**	• Council will actively promote and encourage biodiversity projects using all available help and advice (see Powys Nature Recovery Plan) funded by grants from wind farm funding and Precept as appropriate. • Councillors to promote, encourage and support biodiversity community projects through their membership of committees particularly the Governing Body of Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon.	Monthly and review annually Monthly and review annually	Clerk Clerk

Annual review of the Biodiversity Action Plan	**Date reviewed:**	
What has worked well?		
What have the barriers been?		
What will you change?		

Next review due:	
Approved by Council on:	28th July 2026

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Group	Description of organisation relative to biodiversity. Organisations:	Minimum Actions	Examples	NRAP objectives for Action Reporting (see template Annex 1)
1	• that own or occupy an office building only and • whose functions are not directly connected to biodiversity and/or land management.	Actions related to buildings management, procurement, sustainability, awareness raising, training, or in partnership with other organisations	Commissions, DVLA	NRAP objectives 1, 4, 6
2	• that own, occupy or manage land their own buildings and grounds, • whose functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management, or • that can influence those who own or manage land.	As per Group 1 above PLUS grounds management, cascading funding criteria, providing education and training	Public Health Wales, Universities, Sport Wales	NRAP objectives 1,4,6 as above NRAP objectives 2, 3, 5 relating to own grounds
3	• that own or manage land beyond their own grounds, whether their functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management or not.	As per Groups 1 and 2 above PLUS land management to maintain and enhance biodiversity, and promote the resilience of ecosystems.	Dŵr Cymru, Local Authorities, NRW, Welsh Government	All NRAP objectives

The **Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales (NRAP)** sets out six objectives for reversing the decline of biodiversity which should be used to help develop and guide actions to comply with the section 6 duty:

The **6 objectives** to maintain and enhance biodiversity are:

Objective 1: Engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity throughout decision making at all levels

Objective 2: Safeguard species and habitats of principal importance and improve their management

Objective 3: Increase the resilience of our natural environment by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation

Objective 4: Tackle key pressures on species and habitats

Objective 5: Improve our evidence, understanding and monitoring

Objective 6: Put in place a framework of governance and support for delivery