



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:	Van Community Council
Council type	1
Introduction and Context	
<p>Van Community Council serves approximately 2500 dwellings over Lansbury, Porset, Castle Park and Mornington Meadows in Caerphilly. The area includes Caerphilly Business Park and open countryside such as Gwern y Domen, Castle Mound, Van Mansion and Coed y Maerdy. The Council comprises of ten elected Members and one part-time staff member. The Council owns one piece of land (acquired in 2018). Van community council successfully secured funding, through local places for nature to develop this. It is currently being managed by volunteers over a period of five years: known as <i>-van orchard</i> Van Community council consistently engages and works in partnership with Van Ward allotments, local schools and the Van Community Centre.</p>	

NRAP Objective	Biodiversity objectives	Action planned	Time scale	Monitored by:
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Biodiversity is prioritised in decisions regarding the land at Van Terrace. . Planning applications are reviewed with biodiversity in mind, including objections to developments on greenfield sites. 		Members of Van Community Council
	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Ask residents for their views on what they would like to be done to conserve biodiversity within the ward . To have free inclusive outdoor events in the ward 		

2	-safeguard principal species and habitats	. The Council supports the protection of local ecosystems including rare wildflower meadows, mature trees, and hedgerows.		Members of Van Community Council
3	-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	. Wildflowers planted at roundabouts and verges to support pollinators. . Funding sought to improve access to nature for residents.		
4	-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	. Local sourcing of office supplies and use of recycled materials. . Increased use of digital communication to reduce paper use. . Adopt Energy-saving lighting. . Where there are identified, pressured species and habitats, Van CC will seek to support relevant organisations to help mitigate risks of decline . Promotion of good behavior regarding dog and community safety . Reduce the need for single use plastics and improve responsibility towards reduction reuse and recycles-support CCBC initiatives		
5	-use, improve, and share evidence	. School Governors work with schools to promote biodiversity. . Green initiatives promoted via website and social media. . Litter picking events used to raise awareness		
6	-support capacity and/or other organisations	. Grants, CIL monies and other decision making regarding the use of resources, to prioritise those with the most benefit towards biodiversity and the environment		

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:	2028
Approved by Council on:	30 th October 2025 min 4.2