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1.	<p>Introduction: The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 introduced the Biodiversity Resilience and Ecosystems Duty requiring public authorities to maintain and enhance biodiversity and, in doing so, promote the resilience of ecosystems, thereby embedding biodiversity in its day-to-day decision making, plans and policies.</p>	
2.	<p>Our aim: The aim of the Plan is to ensure the Community Council maintains and enhances the area's varied and notable biodiversity in the exercise of its statutory duties and discretionary activities and, in so doing, promote the resilience of ecosystems.</p>	
3.	<p>Key objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensuring the impacts and opportunities associated with biodiversity are an integral part of the Council's decision's making process. • safeguard species and habitats of principal importance • increase the resilience of our natural environment by habitat creation; • tackle key pressures on species and habitats; • increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of biodiversity; 	
4.	<p>Our area: Part of the Llanfaelog Community Council area, which encompasses the village of Bryn Du, Llanfaelog, Pencarnisiog and Rhosneigr is within the AONB. We have diverse habitats of sandy shores, sand dunes, marshes, wet land, farm land and some wooded areas and several areas including Rhosneigr Reefs and Maelog Lake that have Site of Special Scientific Interest: Citations. The Community Council has direct control of a few areas of ground that it can directly manage and control. The emphasis must therefore be on improving existing wildlife interest at these sites and considering this in relation to the wildlife that is in the surrounding areas.</p> <p>The sites that are ideally suitable for the development of bio-diversity initiatives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The play areas in Rhosneigr and Maes Cynlas • Cae Cynlas • The Community Garden and Llanfaelog Village Hall grounds • Llanfaelog Cemetery • Boat Island, • The Memorial Garden • The leased area adjacent to the public toilets • The library grounds. 	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES 2022-2025 to INCLUDE:		
Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
Raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	organising awareness raising	Through feedback from Council members and residents.

	encouraging the community as a whole to volunteer in the context of nature/green spaces.	Numbers of people taking part in activities
Safeguard principal species and habitats	Ensuring no negative impacts on protected species.	Records of any sites or species safeguarded
Restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Planting native pollinator friendly flowers. Creating more wildlife areas to provide nesting and hibernating areas to encourage a range of species. Changing mowing regimes by reducing the frequency of cuts to encourage wildflowers and other pollinator friendly plants, also providing cover for small mammals and reptiles. Installing nesting boxes at our premises, to provide safe places for species of birds that are struggling to nest.	Area of habitat increased. Numbers of nesting sites provided
Tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	Adopting a sustainable procurement policy which includes ensuring office supplies such as paper, cleaning products and furniture are sustainably sourced (e.g. locally and/or made from recycled material). Encouraging participation in litter picking exercises Encourage the reporting of any issues of concern about pollution etc to the County Borough Council. Reduced the use of pesticides to only where absolutely necessary. Litter picking events	Records of purchases Records of events IOACC app Amount of pesticide applied
Use improve and share evidence	Work with IOACC to ensure use of best practice and to increase knowledge of local issues Improve partnerships with local residents and volunteers	Use of expert advice
Support capacity and/or other organisations	Work in partnership with other organisations to improve local wildlife area	Partnerships formed to deliver biodiversity benefit.

5. Monitoring - How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?

Monitoring and reporting monitoring of progress in respect of the actions will be ongoing over the term of the plan. Regular monitoring will allow flexibility in terms of addressing changing priorities or meeting deficiencies in the Plan thereby making it proactive working document.

The Council must prepare a Report on how it is meeting the s6 duty every three years as of 2022