



The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Biodiversity Action Plan for Town and Community Councils

Name of Town or Community Council:	St Brides Major Community Council
Council type (Group 1, 2 or 3 for NRAP Objectives):	Group 2
Introduction and Context	
<p>St Brides Major Community Council consists of 11 Councillors, 5 representing Ogmored ward and 6 representing St Brides Major ward. The Council represents a rural area consisting of the four villages – St Brides Major (pop ~2400), Southerndown (pop ~300), Ogmored-by-Sea (pop. ~1400) and Castle-upon-Alun.</p> <p>The Council does not currently own any land or buildings but is responsible for the St Brides Major Church in Wales burial grounds.</p> <p>All local councils in Wales have a duty to prepare and publish a Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) setting out its proposals to comply with the requirements of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, Section 6. This duty mandates the Council to enhance and maintain biodiversity and to promote the resilience of ecosystems. It also ensures that biodiversity becomes a natural and integral part of the Council’s decision making and policy.</p> <p>The Saint Brides Major Community Council represents a rural community which embraces several ecosystems making our area an immensely rich, diverse and marvellous environment. We have coastal, marine, river (Ogwr and Alun), woodland, enclosed farmland and calcareous heath and grassland ecosystems. Old Castle Down/Alun Valley is a calcareous heath designated as a site of special scientific interest (SSSI).</p> <p>The Council collects a precept of £26 per person annually and uses these funds for Council business, land management and supporting relevant local projects through the awarding of grants and donations.</p> <p>At this time the Council does not directly carry out any educational activities but there is a local primary school within the Council boundaries.</p>	

NRAP Objective	Biodiversity objectives	Action planned	Time scale	Monitored by:
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish a Biodiversity and Environment working group - Report and review of BAP progress and any additional environmental issues as fixed agenda item - Agree a budget of up to £1,000 annually for the implementation of this BAP - Scrutinise planning applications for any adverse impact on the environment (e.g. tree cover, surface drainage, protection of rights of way) - Write Section 6 report, publish on website and send to Wales Biodiversity Partnership 	<p>April 24</p> <p>Nov 23</p> <p>Nov 23</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>By Dec 24</p>	<p>The council</p> <p>The council</p> <p>The clerk</p> <p>The council</p> <p>The council</p>
1	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement a biodiversity page on new SBMCC website to celebrate and share special local species and habitats, to promote and publish the BAP and to engage local community with its implementation - Write brief baseline report and publish it on website - Nominate a councillor to post relevant content via existing social media channels (e.g. Three Villages Wildlife Group, village community pages) - Promote ward activities through other channels (e.g. Vale Local Nature Partnership project) 	<p>Sep 24</p> <p>Sep 24</p> <p>By Dec 24</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Biodiversity & Environment Working Group (BEWG)</p> <p>BEWG</p> <p>BEWG</p> <p>BEWG</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to support and engage with local citizen awareness activities through Wild Ogmore, Trees and Flowers for Southerndown (TAFSS) and Three Villages Wildlife group - Organise at least one walk annually to showcase our amazing wildlife and natural environment (Dot Williams of High Brown Fritillary Conservation Project will assist) 	Ongoing	BEWG
			By Spring-summer 25	BEWG
2	-safeguard principal species and habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raise awareness of our SSSIs (Old Castle Down, Coed y Bwl, Pant Quarry and Southerndown Coast), priority habitats and priority species within our ward boundary - Support local action to safeguard priority species (e.g. grants to relevant community projects such as High Brown Fritillary Conservation Project) - Support local action to enhance existing habitats (e.g. grants to relevant community projects such as TAFSS) 	Ongoing	The council
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3	-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support Keep Wales Tidy initiative to clean the Ogmore River at Ogmore-by-Sea - Support Marine Clean Cymru initiatives at Ogmore-by-Sea and Dunraven Bay - Identify land under the management of the community council and alter mowing regimens to enhance biodiversity and improve resilience - Support and champion the restoration of Pitcot Pool (Pwll y Mer), St Brides Major 	Aug 23	The council
			Ongoing	The council
			May 24	The council
			By Dec 25	The council

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publicise biodiversity enhancement and restoration projects on the council website (e.g. reasons for changed mowing regime) 	Ongoing from Mar 25	BEWG
4	-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raise public awareness of invasive species (inc. Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Cotoneaster) and encourage reporting to the council (e.g. via the website) - Raise public awareness of fly tipping and encourage reporting to the council (e.g. via the website) 	Mar 25 Mar 25	BEWG The council
5	-use, improve, and share evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request Welsh Government to identify Ogmore-by-Sea Beach as a bathing water under the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 (Bathing Water Review Wales 2023) - Respond to consultation on bathing water review - Request Vale of Glamorgan Council to convene a public meeting on Ogmore-by-Sea bathing water test results - Keep Ogmore-by-Sea 2024 bathing water test results under review - Share draft BAP with individuals and groups and hold public meeting within the ward to help shape the plan - Attend Vale of Glamorgan training, forums and webinars on biodiversity 	Jan 23 April 23 Mar 24 Ongoing April 24 Ongoing	The council The council The council The council BEWG BEWG

6	-support capacity and/or other organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support and promote national and regional projects, citizen science schemes and events (e.g. Wales Nature Week, Big Garden Birdwatch, Vale Local Nature Partnership, Big Butterfly Count, Plantlife, etc.) - Support and promote local projects/organisations (e.g. Glamorgan Heritage Coast, Three Villages Wildlife Group, Beach Academy, Crafts by the Sea, High Brown Fritillary Conservation Project, Ogmere Commoners Association, St Brides Major School, TAFFS) 	Ongoing	The council
			Ongoing	BEWG

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:	

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Y Ddyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth a Chydnerthedd Ecosystemau



Cynllun Gweithredu Bioamrywiaeth ar gyfer Cyngorau Cymuned a Thref

Enw'r Cyngor Tref neu Gymuned:				
Math o gyngor (Grŵp 1,2, neu 3 ar gyfer amcan NRAP)				
Cyflwyniad a'r Cyd-destun				
<p><i>Disgrifiad byr o'r Cyngor, ei swyddogaethau a'r cyd-destun o ran:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>sut y gallai helpu bioamrywiaeth (trwy ei swyddogaethau rheoli tir, cyllid grant, gweithgareddau addysgol e.e.).</i> - <i>graddfa ofodol a lle (e.e. faint o dir mae'n ei gynnwys, poblogaeth, praesept?).</i> - <i>cyflawni gwasanaethau i'r cyhoedd (e.e. a yw gofynion Deddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol yn berthnasol iddo?).</i> 				
Amcan NRAP	Amcan Bioamrywiaeth	Action planned	Time scale	Monitored by:
1	-cynnwys bioamrywiaeth o fewn llunio penderfyniadau a chaffael			
1	-codi ymwybyddiaeth o fioamrywiaeth a'i bwysigrwydd			

2	-diogelu prif rywogaethau a chynefinoedd			
3	-adfer & chreu cynefinoedd a rhwydweithiau ecolegol cydnerth			
4	-mynd i'r afael ag elfennau negyddol: lleihau llygredd e.e. defnyddio atebion yn seiliedig ar natur, mynd i'r afael â rhywogaethau goresgynnol			
5	-defnyddio gwella a rhannu tystiolaeth			
6	-cefnogi capasiti a/neu sefydliadau eraill			

Adolygiad blynyddol o'r Cynllun Gweithredu Bioamrywiaeth		Dyddiad yr adolygiad:	
Beth sydd wedi gweithio'n dda?			

Beth fu'r rhwystrau?	
Beth fyddwch yn ei newid?	

Dyddiad yr adolygiad nesaf:	
Cymeradwywyd gan y Cyngor ar:	



Group	Description of organisation relative to biodiversity.	Minimum Actions	Examples	NRAP objectives for Action Reporting (see template Annex 1)
	Organisations:			
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

Grŵp	Disgrifiad o sefydliad mewn perthynas â bioamrywiaeth	Camau Gweithredu Sylfaenol	Enghreifftiau	Amcanion Cynllun Gweithredu Adfer Natur Cymru (NRAP) ar gyfer Adrodd ar Gamau Gweithredu (gweler templed Atodiad 1)
	Sefydliadau:			
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sy'n berchen neu'n meddiannu adeilad swyddfa yn unig ac nad yw eu swyddogaethau'n gysylltiedig yn uniongyrchol â bioamrywiaeth a/neu reoli tir. 	Camau sy'n gysylltiedig â rheoli adeiladau, caffael, cynaliadwyedd, codi ymwybyddiaeth, hyfforddiant, neu mewn partneriaeth â sefydliadau eraill.	Comisiynau, DVLA	Amcanion NRAP 1, 4, 6
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sy'n berchen, yn meddiannu neu'n rheoli eu hadeiladau a'u tir eu hunain, y mae eu swyddogaethau'n gysylltiedig â bioamrywiaeth a/neu reoli tir, neu sy'n gallu dylanwadu ar y rhai sy'n berchen ar dir neu'n rheoli tir. 	Fel GRŴP 1 uchod A rheoli tir, rhae adru meini prawf cyllido, darparu addysg a hyfforddiant	Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru, Prifysgolion, Chwaraeon Cymru	Amcanion NRAP 1,4,6 fel uchod Amcanion NRAP 2, 3, 5 yn ymwneud â thir y sefydliad
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sy'n berchen ar dir neu'n rheoli tir y tu hwnt i'w tir eu hunain, waeth a yw eu 	Fel Grwpiau 1 a 2 uchod A rheoli tir er mwyn cynnal a gwella bioamrywiaeth, a	Dŵr Cymru, Awdurdodau Lleol, CNC,	Holl amcanion NRAP

Mae Cynllun Gweithredu Adfer Natur Cymru (NRAP) yn cyflwyno chwe amcan ar gyfer dadwneud colli bioamrywiaeth, a dylid eu defnyddio i helpu datblygu a llywio gweithredoedd i gydymffurfio â dyletswydd adran 6: Y 6 amcan i gynnal a chryfhau bioamrywiaeth yw:

Amcan 1: Ennyn a chefnogi cyfranogiad a dealltwriaeth er mwyn i fioamrywiaeth fwrw gwreiddiau yn y broses benderfynu ar bob lefel.

Amcan 2: Diogelu rhywogaethau a chynefinoedd sydd o'r pwys mwyaf a'u rheoli'n well.

Amcan 3: Gwneud ein hamgylchedd naturiol yn fwy cydnerth drwy adfer cynefinoedd sydd wedi'u diraddio a chreu cynefinoedd.

Amcan 4: Mynd i'r afael â'r prif bwysau ar rywogaethau a chynefinoedd.

Amcan 5: Gwella ein tystiolaeth, ein dealltwriaeth a'n gwaith monitro

Amcan 6: Rhoi fframwaith llywodraethu a chymorth ar waith i gyflawni'r amcanion.