

Reporting on Section 6

Community and Town Councils

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

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Report 2025

LISVANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Introduction and Context

Lisvane Community Council (LCC) comprises of around 1,500 households with a population of 3,600 electors and an annual Precept of £84,500. It has 10 Community Councillors. The Council employs one part time Clerk and one part time Admin Officer.

LCC has very limited management of land. It owns the Lisvane War Memorial and also the Freehold to Lisvane Old School which is the subject a 99 year Lease (dated 22 May 2015) to a Charity known as Lisvane Old School Community Centre (LOSCC). LOSCC is responsible for maintenance of the grounds. As Freeholder, LCC has some indirect influence at Lisvane Old School including that of procurement as LCC is a principle supporter of the completed development.

The Council is supportive of Parc Cefn Onn and Coed Y Felin Woods and provides financial support to the Friends Groups for both. It also has a strong commitment to preserving and enhancing the environment which is evidenced by:

- Collaborations with other organisations operating in the area eg Graig Protection Society and the Friends of Coed Ty Llwyd Woodlands
- Working with volunteers to maintain the environment
- Responding to planning applications with consideration for the environment

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NRAP Objective			Monitored by:
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Where appropriate, contracts awarded by LCC should consider the implications of biodiversity	ALL
	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	- Encourage local organisations to promote and maintain biodiversity - Raise public awareness of any project work via the LCC website and Lisvane Link - LCC will be sympathetic to requests for grants relating to ecological assets	ALL
2	-safeguard principal species and habitats	Consider the net benefit of biodiversity when considering planning applications so that any development does not cause significant loss of habitats or populations of species	ALL
3	-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	- Maintain growth of Portuguese Laurel trees at Lisvane War Memorial and replace any that might need to be removed for any reason - continue to encourage LOSCC to promote environmentally friendly improvements - Encourage LOSCC to incorporate shrubs, trees and wildflowers where possible and to build on the success of the swift box installations	3 LCC appointed LOSCC Trustees
4	-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	Liaise with public organisations eg National Resources Wales and report any water pollution, flooding, fly tipping, illegitimate removal of hedgerows etc – seek public co-operation in reporting issues early	ALL



5	-use improve and share evidence	• Share examples of good biodiversity practice on LCC website and in Lisvane Link	ALL
6	-support capacity and/or other organisations	• Work closely with Lisvane Environmental Group • Establish contact with the Cardiff Council Biodiversity Officer	STAFF

Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025

What has worked well?	Overall the Council has worked hard to enhance and protect the local environment. The Portuguese Laurel trees at the Lisvane War Memorial are professionally managed by our landscape gardener and are maintained in good order. The Council has provided financial support to LOSCC for the planting of plants and hedges and also provides financial support to the Friends Groups for Parc Cefn Onn and Coed Y Felin Woods. Swift boxes have been successfully installed at LOSCC but swifts have yet to take up occupation of them. The Council provides proactive support to the Lisvane Environmental Group – a group comprising of a number of Council Members along with representation from the Friends of Parc Cefn Onn, Coed Y Felin Woods and Coed Ty Llwyd Woodlands
What have the barriers been?	The Council has frequently commented on planning applications where it has concerns about air, land and noise pollution but often the Local Planning Authority has taken insufficient account of these concerns. The Council continues to be vigilant of any unauthorised damage to hedgerows by developers
What will you change?	No major change to the Policy or Council activities are envisaged
How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?	S6 monitoring is carried out on an ongoing basis. The Council's Biodiversity Policy is reviewed in detail by the Policy Committee and also at the Councils AGM