

A Resilient Place

A place which maintains and enhances a bio-diverse, natural environment with healthy functioning eco-systems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt.

Current position and actions

As a coastal town Llanelli faces particular challenges in meeting the threat of climate change. Rural Council areas have experienced flooding in the past and are designated as being at risk in the future. Community consultations reported concerns regarding maintenance and capacity of local flood prevention measures. The Town Council is developing a Community Emergency Plan drawing together statutory agencies and local communities to put in place clear responsibilities and local actions.

A range of local issues have also been raised regarding green and open spaces ranging from increases in the proposed charging for use, development of derelict areas for enhancing bio diversity, asset transfer and the quality of existing provision; all pointing to a need for an innovative approach in addressing this issue.

Proposed Interventions

Community flood wardens

Community Flood Wardens are members of the local community - individuals, Town and Community Councils, Neighbourhood Watch or any local community groups, and are supported by local authorities and Natural Resources Wales (NRW). The nominated volunteers will sign up with the Council and become part of a Community Flood Plan for their area. They will also receive direct flood warnings from NRW and pass these on to their neighbours.

Llanelli Open and Green Spaces Development Trust (LOGSDT)

Trusts of this type can use greater freedoms to manage the long-term success of parks and other spaces as charitable non-profit distributing organisations (NPDOs). Raising funds through fundraising and income generating uses, managing community involvement and maintaining quality would be key functions.

Partners – Town Council, Natural Resources Wales, Cynefin, Emergency services, Llanelli Flood Forum, Carmarthenshire County Council's Environment Department.

Measures - % of streets/areas covered by wardens, improved use of green space.

Local priorities – **Flood** - Bynea, Dafen, Felinfoel, Furnace, Pwll **Green Spaces** – Bynea -Gwndwn Mawr nature reserve, Ponthenri playing fields, Pwll children's park, Swiss Valley – older children, Felinfoel – younger children's play area, Dafen Park.