

# Discussion Document Only

Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council

Well Being project Consideration

## WiP with Ward & WBWG

Ward:-	WBWG Member	Councillor
Cwmtillery	Morgan,	R Clark, Smith, Lewis, Wall.
Abertillery	Dyson, Phillips, Simmons, Williams	Leadbeatter
Aberbeeg	White	Beyon, A N Other
Six Bells	Adamson, Holt,	Bard
Llanhilleth	Bidgood G Clark Rees	

**Project Title:- Protect our River EBBW (Ebbw Fach/Fawr) and its threat from American Signal Crayfish**

### Project overview:-

The Project is to involve the Community in all wards (schoolchildren, teenagers and adults) in an environment study to investigate if these Crayfish are present.

### Supporting information:-

We have flowing throughout our community a natural resource which for the most part is taken for granted. This resource has in the past been subjected to pollution from coal mining and steelmaking on an industrial scale. Now apart from the ever present plastic the rivers are relatively clear. The new threat to our rivers could come from a natural source, Pen-y-fan pond

Penyfan pond is fairly close to the rivers and contains the American Signal Crayfish in huge numbers. These crustaceans have the ability to travel overland. To seek out new waters, they have a devastating effect on many of our indigenous aquatic species.

The Ebbw Rivers contain trout, sea trout and SALMON. Signal crayfish eat the eggs of these fish as well as burrowing into bank sides creating structural problems. They also carry a disease which is fatal to our native white clawed crayfish.

This survey would not only be of significance locally but also nationally, we would have to involve asking the Environment Agency for guidance and advice as well as, permission.

Rivers containing such fish as sea trout, and salmon can be a huge incentive for tourism.

The fishing rights on the Ebbw from Aberbeeg to Crumlin are I think controlled by a club from a neighbouring authority! I heard from Councillor Lee Parsons that a survey is being out on Blaenau Gwent Rivers, perhaps we could join forces

### Action plan:-

To be developed via ward group, WBWG and council

#### Considerations

- ✓ **Public engagement is key to any development of any project**
- ✓ **Link in with Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly BCC**
- ✓ **Environment agency**

# How you contribute

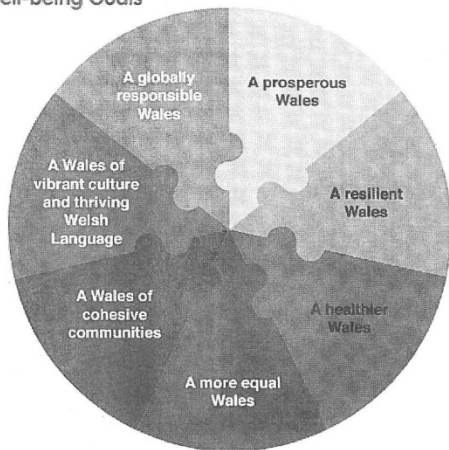
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## Well-being Goals



## 5 Ways of Working

	Long Term
	Prevention
	Integration
	Collaboration
	Involvement

[https://www.waterways.org.uk/news\\_campaigns/campaigns/invasive\\_species/crayfish/signal\\_cray\\_fish](https://www.waterways.org.uk/news_campaigns/campaigns/invasive_species/crayfish/signal_cray_fish)

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