**Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6**

**The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty**

**Report 2025**

**Llantysilio Community Council**

**Introduction and Context**

Llantysilio Community Council is committed to minimising the detrimental environmental impacts of the organisation and to the improvement of the local, national, and global environment within the confines of our own resources. In working towards these objectives, the community council endeavours to prevent pollution and meet or surpass all applicable legislation to ensure the protection of the community at large and the environment.

Llantysilio Community Council provide a range of services to its local community which have an impact on biodiversity. These include: -

* Responsibility for a number of green spaces, including the local cemetery.
* Funding - we give grants for projects in the Council’s area. This impacts on biodiversity through cascading funding criteria. For example, the Council has provided grants to both community centres in its area.
* We promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainable practices whenever possible.
* We serve approximately 375 residents. The precept for 2025-26 is £12,720.

**Action Report**

How the Council assists biodiversity (through functions with regard to land management, grant funding, educational activities).

(Please note in respect of Public services delivery the Council is not subject to the Well-being of Future Generations Act as its precept is below £200,000).

The Council has taken into account biodiversity considerations when considering planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders and neighbourhood services matters, developing adaptation and mitigation responses to the impacts of climate change.

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| **Action carried out** | **Example** | **Monitored by** |
| Embedded diversity into decision making and procurement | Ensured that the requirements of all relevant legislation and regulations are met and, where possible, exceeded.  Reflected the commitment to biodiversity and natural areas in the Council’s 2025 Annual Audit and documentation.  Taken into account biodiversity considerations when considering planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders and neighbourhood services matters.  Developing adaptation and mitigation responses to the impacts of climate change through working with the AONB, NRW and the County Council.  Taking environmental factors into account in our decision-making processes, such as using local businesses and trades for projects and maintenance to save on carbon footprint, as well as supporting local professions.  Purchasing goods and services locally, where possible, minimises the environmental impacts of transportation and supports the local economy. | Commitments made in documents and minutes. |
| Raise awareness of biodiversity and its importance. | Encouraged the community to volunteer in the context of nature and green spaces by advertising information on the Council’s Facebook page and website. | Through feedback from Council members and residents. |
| Safeguard principle species and habitats. | Supporting DCC Countryside Services in providing habitat for flora and fauna on land adjoining the Horseshoe Falls and Picnic area.  Championed the case of woodland by planting deciduous and native trees in the cemetery and surrounding area to encourage wildlife. | Recorded in the Council’s minutes and newsletter. |
| Restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks. | Installed bat & bird boxes in the cemetery and surrounding countryside.  Assisting with landscaping to encourage a diverse wildlife population.  Changed mowing regimes by reducing the frequency of cuts to encourage wildflowers and other pollinator friendly plants. Supporting Denbighshire Community Council’s *No Mow May* policy.  Installed nest boxes in the cemetery and churchyard to provide safe place for species of birds that are struggling to survive. | Project supported by local residents and DCC Countryside Services. |
| Tackle negative factors:  e,g, reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species. | Composting bins in the cemetery utilised to replace peat compost.  Reduced the use of pesticides to only where absolutely necessary such as to control invasive non-native species such as Japanese Knotweed. | Recorded in Council Minutes. |
| Use, improve and share evidence. | Work in partnership with Denbighshire Countryside Services to promote and provide extra volunteers to improve local wildlife area.  Support and liaise with Moorland Management.  Share information with Countryside Services when necessary.  Work with DCC Countryside Officer in protecting local wildlife and green spaces.  Work with local farmers to help protect the local environment. | Partnership formed to deliver biodiversity benefit.  Information and feedback provided by members of the Council and residents. |

**Review**

The Report will be reviewed and updated annually, in line with Council initiatives. All Council members and staff are involved in this process, with the aim to show our on-going commitment to our local environment, and sustainable practice.

The report will be published every three years, in line with statutory obligation.

**How and when will the Section 6 duty be monitored and the Section 6 Plan reviewed?**

The Duty will be monitored by Council Members and the Clerk reporting back to the Council through a regular agenda item at Council meetings

The Section 6 Plan will be developed and reviewed in response to such reporting and any other evidence or information that may be made available to the Council.

**Signed for Llantysilio Community Council**

Cllr. Mrs S. Smith Mr R. Evans

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Chairman Clerk to the Council

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Date