



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6 The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

**Reporting on Section 6 – Reporting Template for Town and Community
Councils**

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The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025

Name of Town or Community Council: Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council

Introduction and Context

- Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council, as a public body in Wales, has a legal duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity and has an action plan and report on its actions. These plans are supported by the broader Powys Local Biodiversity Action Plan and are influenced by the Welsh Government's Well-being of Future Generations Act. Local actions in Powys include projects like the "Bee-Friendly" initiative, bat surveys, and community wildlife groups.

- As a public body in Wales, the council is required to prepare and publish a plan outlining how it will maintain and enhance biodiversity and demonstrate an ecosystem approach.
- The council's plan includes actions and reports published on its website.
- Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council has also focused on environmental initiatives such as the Fresh Water Habitats Project, Dolwen Fields Project and is involved in climate conferences for Powys's town and community councils.

Broader support and context

- Powys Local Biodiversity Action Plan: The council's actions are part of a larger strategy, the Powys Local Biodiversity Action Plan, which details actions for specific habitats and species in the area.
- Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act: The Act mandates that public bodies work together to take a long-term, coordinated approach to issues like biodiversity, which affects the well-being of future generations in Wales.
- Collaboration: Public bodies, including town and community councils, are working with others to identify opportunities and implement actions.

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Agenda items concerning Biodiversity included in monthly meetings	Town Councillors
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	Maintain established links with local groups and appoint representatives of the council to attend these groups and feed back to the whole council	Designated councillors/whole council
-safeguard principal species and habitats	Continue to work with local groups: Dolwen Recreation For All Fresh Water Habitats Local Places for Nature Local groups concerned with the local environment To establish and safeguard habitats. Big meadow search involving local school children	The Council
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Continue to promote the creation of habitats through working with groups mentioned in previous section. New projects include Wild Life Pond, Community Orchard and maintenance of local green spaces	The Council
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature-based solutions, address invasive species	Continue to highlight alternatives to pesticides, encourage less use of Glysophate Request landowners deal with non-native invasive species found on their land Introduce concept of Reed Bed Sewage System	
-use improve and share evidence	Report on progress through social media	
-support capacity and/or other organisations	Continue to support and encourage local groups	

Review of s6 duty

- What has worked well? –

The Dolwen Field Committee have continued to develop the area, to include a poly tunnel from which they encourage groups to share gardening practices and lead groups in surveys of the flora and fauna of the area. They also provide plants for Wales in Bloom (which this year saw the town achieve a gold medal). Friends of Llanwrtyd Station were also mentioned for their work in planting at the station with a view to bio diversity. Working with Fresh Water Habitats to survey and protect the River Irfon and tributaries.

- What have the barriers been? –

Funding is a major issue. The newly formed Play Park Committee have worked to raise funds and are planning to renew equipment and develop this area

- What will you change? –

wider community engagement, more local groups are taking on the maintenance of unused land around their properties.

- How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?

The s6 duty will be constantly monitored and the s6 plan will be reviewed bi annually (next review 2027)

Signed off by	Signature	Date
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