

**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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**Name of Town or Community Council: Aberdyfi Community Council**

**Introduction and Context**

Aberdyfi Community Council serves approximately 1000 resident and our precept for 2022 – 2023 is £38,468.00. We provide a range of services which impact on local diversity, including:

\* Responsibility for the playing field by the Neuadd Dyfi, which contains a football pitch, and various small green spaces in the village eg. round the edge of the Neuadd Dyfi car park.

\* Responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of some footpaths and the bus shelter by the Neuadd Dyfi.

\* Organising planters throughout the village and a planted area in the centre of the village.

\* Support – we give grants and support to local groups who want to positively impact biodiversity.

We promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability practices whenever possible.

**Action Report**

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	* Assess biodiversity impact of materials and practices when procuring services. * Have declared a Climate Emergency	Commitments made in documents
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	* Encourage the community as a whole to volunteer to help maintain and develop green spaces  * Fund and support a local biodiversity group to create wildlife information boards for various sites around the village	Numbers of people and different groups taking part in activities
-safeguard principal species and habitats	Planted trees at the edge of a protected wildlife area	
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	* Supported volunteers who planted and maintained planters throughout the village with native pollinator friendly flowers  * Supported volunteers to plant and maintain a planted area in the centre of the village with native plants	Area of habitat increased

	<p>*Supported volunteers to plant and maintain hedging at the side of paths and car park to create habitats for small mammals and reptiles.</p> <p>* Worked with SNPA and NRW to plant native trees round our playing field and at the edge of a piece of protected land for wildlife species</p> <p>* Changed mowing regimes by reducing frequency of cuts to encourage wild-flowers and other pollinator friendly plants, also providing cover for small mammals and reptiles</p> <p>* Working with Gwynedd Council to create wild-flower verges where possible at the roadside throughout the village</p> <p>* Received a starter package grant from the Local Places for Nature scheme and planted a wildflower area, and received resources to help wildlife such a bird feeders and bird-boxes.</p>	Number of nesting sites increased
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<p>* Sustainable procurement policy which includes ensuring office supplies such as paper, and cleaning products are sustainably sourced.</p> <p>* Purchased a garden waste bin so that waste from planters and planted areas can be collected by Gwynedd Council and composted.</p> <p>* Reduced the use of pesticides to only where absolutely necessary such as to control invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed.</p>	<p>Areas of invasive species tackled</p> <p>Amount of pesticide applied</p>
-use improve and share evidence	Taking advice from experts at Snowdonia National Park and Gwynedd Council on types of trees and plants best suited to our local environment.	Use of expert advice
-support capacity and/or other organisations	<p>* Require any organisations receiving a grant from us to demonstrate how this will contribute to supporting biodiversity.</p> <p>Working in partnership with Snowdonia National Park Authority and Gwynedd Council to increase biodiversity habitats.</p>	<p>Amount of money spent which will provide positive biodiversity benefits</p> <p>Partnerships formed to deliver biodiversity benefits.</p>

## Review of s6 duty

- What has worked well?

The creation of the planted area in the centre of the village, planters and the Places for Nature wildflower garden have proved a great success, especially as it has proved attractive to residents in addition to helping biodiversity. They have also encouraged residents to volunteer to look after these areas, such as filling bird feeders, watering planters etc.

Working with SNPA and Gwynedd Council is ongoing and working well, with representatives being keen to work together

Groups of volunteers coming together to create and improve biodiversity, who have been encouraging other people to becoming involved and also volunteer.

We have adopted a process of trying to ensure that work is given to local contractors, thus reducing carbon footprint.

- What have the barriers been?

Lack of expertise to identify changes needed / possible or best practice

- What will you change?

Try to work more closely with experts at SNPA, Gwynedd Council and local experts to seek advice

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

The duty will be monitored by the Council and individual officers will report back through the usual monthly and annual inspections.

The s6 plan will be reviewed in light of these reports and any other information that is made available to the council from volunteers etc. At the time of this report's publication, there is no specific time or date set for the plan to be reviewed, but this will be done within the next 6 months.