

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

Reporting on Section 6 – April 2025



Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6**The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025**Name of Town or Community Council: **Talgarth Town Council****Introduction and Context**

Talgarth Town council provide a range of services to the local community which have an impact on biodiversity

Responsibility for several green spaces including St Gwendoline's Churchyard, King George V playing fields, Bowling Green.

Responding to planning applications.

Funding: we consider grant applications that have an impact on biodiversity.

Action Report

Objective		Monitoring
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Take into account biodiversity considerations when considering planning applications and other associated matters such as footpath diversion orders. Developing adaptation and mitigation responses to the impacts of climate change.	The full council. Commitments made in documents. Consideration of biodiversity demonstrated in decisions on planning applications.
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	Organised a biodiversity day to introduce our commitments to section 6 and to raise awareness of environmental and sustainability matters amongst local children and adults. Encouraging the community to volunteer in the context of nature/ green spaces. Encourage training sessions for Councillors	Through feedback. Numbers of people attending. Publicise events Training plan
-safeguard principal species and habitats	Discussions on the management of local protected sites. Ensure no negative impacts on protected species.	Minutes of meetings.
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Erection of swift boxes on our town hall building. Pay the annual fee for a community allotment for all to use.	The full council Area of habitats increased.

	<p>Providing bee homes, bug hotels at our community allotment.</p> <p>Supporting local groups to deliver habitats, pollinators.</p> <p>Plant native pollinator flowers, change mowing and maintenance regimes at our sites. Provide cover for small mammal, birds and reptiles</p>	<p>Number of nesting sites provided.</p> <p>ongoing</p>
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<p>Work closely with groups and organisations within the town on several environmental projects.</p> <p>Plans to procure sustainable supplies of paper, cleaning products and sourced locally or recycled.</p> <p>Reduce and remove the use of pesticides, herbicides by our principle council on our verges and pavements.</p>	<p>Full council</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Agreed by PCC 2023</p>
-use improve and share evidence	<p>Worked with BBNPA, Keep Wales tidy, local nature partnership to increase knowledge.</p> <p>Ensure TTC website provides information on current projects and information on the Environment(Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - \The biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty.</p>	<p>Recorded in minutes</p> <p>Partnerships formed to deliver biodiversity benefit.</p>
-support capacity and/or other organisations	<p>Grants awarded to On the Verge to deliver on Biodiversity day</p> <p>Work alongside BMC, On the Verge, Woodland group, Allotment group, Grow for Talgarth.</p> <p>Pay the annual fee for a community allotment</p>	<p>Money will provide positive biodiversity benefits.</p> <p>Partnerships formed to deliver biodiversity benefit.Ongoing</p>

Review of s6 duty

What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will you change?Working with partners has been invaluable to widen knowledge base. The creation of a community growing allotment has been beneficial. The creation of wild areas in our churchyard will be a wonderful biodiversity exercise. This will have eventual cost savings.**How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?**The duty will be monitored monthly at meetings and the plan reviewed annually.

Reviewed and approved at the meeting of Talgarth Town Council on 30 April 2025

Signed by Chair