

Reporting on Section 6

Community and Town Councils

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

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025

Name of Community or Town Council: Glyntraian Community Council

Group: 2

Introduction and Context

Glyntraian covers an area of 2972 hectares. The community is situated in the Ceiriog Valley covering the rural villages of Dolywern, Llechrydau, Llwynmawr and Pontfadog.

The Council currently serves 817 residents. The precept for 2025/26 is £27,300

The Community Council employs a contractor to cut grass at the following green spaces owned by the Council:

- Grounds of the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall in Dolywern including the playground
- Children's play area in Pontfadog
- Grass verge by St John's Church in Pontfadog
- Pontfadog war memorial bank in Pontfadog. The war memorial is owned by the Council.

Contractor also carries out ad hoc weed control on the 5 stone bridges over the River Ceiriog in Glyntraian to maintain appearance. No pesticides or weed killers are used.

The flower beds at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall are maintained by a member of the community using pollinator friendly plants. The village planters are planted and maintained by Council volunteers Caru'n Pentrefi.

The Council and Community volunteers are working with the Welsh Dee Trust on the WildFish Smart Rivers project which is aimed at empowering local communities to collect professional-grade data and take action to protect wild fish and their habitats. Samples are taken in the Spring and the Autumn and then identified to give an indication of the population of freshwater invertebrates and water quality.



Action Report 2023 - 2025

NRAP Objective	Action carried out to...		Monitored by:
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Council considers biodiversity and all environmental impacts when considering planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders to ensure the promotion and protection of biodiversity within the Community. Council considers biodiversity when drawing up and awarding ground maintenance contracts. The Council continues to consider the environmental impact in its procurement decisions, whilst still obtaining value for money. Use electronic documents whenever possible to reduce Council’s use of paper, ink and postage which will minimise costs and reduce Council’s carbon footprint. Wastepaper is shredded and recycled. Carboard is also recycled. Printer toner/ink cartridges recycled. Ensure	Consideration of biodiversity demonstrated in discussions and decisions on planning applications The Clerk to ensure sustainable procurement of office supplies including paper Monitored by Clerk
	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	Council uses the local newsletter and Council website to raise awareness of the importance of biodiversity. The Council has recently resolved to arrange a best garden competition in the community to generate interest in maintaining the image of a community as well as providing a vital food source for bees and other insects	Two Councillors to manage
2	-safeguard principal species and habitats	Hedges on land owned by the Council are managed in the winter months when the woody growth is dormant. No work is carried out during the bird nesting season (March to August). No weedkillers/pesticides are used on land owned by the Council to prevent significant	



		decline in soil health and biodiversity. Limited strimming under hedgerow boundaries to minimise damage to habitats and disruption of insect communities. Grass cutting managed with due consideration for the wildlife and plant-life population with lower frequency of cuts.	
3	-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Pollinator friendly flowers used in village planters in Pontfadog and Dolywern and in the flower beds at the village hall. The plants blossom at different months throughout the year providing a continuous valuable food source for insects over a longer period Two fruit trees (native species) planted in the grounds of the village hall.	
4	-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	Village tidy group (Caru'n Pentrefi), working as Council volunteers. carry out regular litter picking to keep the area litter free and protect wildlife. They also do the planters in the villages using flowers beneficial for pollinators Any composts used in planters are peat free	
5	-use improve and share evidence	Two members of the community carried out a drone survey of the River Ceiriog between Dolywern and Bronygarth (8.5 miles) in Glyntraian. Photographs were also taken. From all the information collected, areas could be prioritised for the improvement of biodiversity and restoration of habitats as well as protecting the river. This information was shared with the Welsh Dee Trust Council supports the Ceiriog Valley Wildlife Group. The Council bought a moth trap for them to carry out a moth survey in different areas of Glyntraian. The results were shared with the Council.	
6	-support capacity and/or other organisations	The Council has an informal partnership arrangement with the Welsh Dee Trust and is involved in the WildFish SmartRivers project.	



		Council continues to support Caru'n Pentrefi carrying out regular litter picks in the villages and playgrounds which are reported to Keep Wales Tidy	
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Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025

What has worked well?	The creation of flower planters in the villages and flower beds at the village hall has been a success and they enhance the attractiveness of the community to residents in addition to helping biodiversity. Litter picks by Caru'n Pentrefi in the villages
What have the barriers been?	Limited knowledge of biodiversity within the Council.
What will you change?	Ask members of the community for their own ideas and proposals as to how biodiversity could be enhanced in the area by the Council. Arrange biodiversity training for members of the Council.
How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?	The duty will be monitored by the Council's Environment Committee reporting back to the full Council on the success or otherwise of the actions taken through regular inspections. The Council will continue to seek advice and support from organisations such as One Voice Wales on good practice and the effective delivery of the S6 duty. The next formal report of the plan will be made no later than December 2028.



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Group	Description of organisation relative to biodiversity. Organisations:	Minimum Actions	Examples	NRAP objectives for Action Reporting (see template Annex 1)
1	- that own or occupy an office building only and - whose functions are not directly connected to biodiversity and/or land management.	Actions related to buildings management, procurement, sustainability, awareness raising, training, or in partnership with other organisations	Commissions, DVLA	NRAP objectives 1, 4, 6
2	- that own, occupy or manage land their own buildings and grounds, - whose functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management, or - that can influence those who own or manage land.	As per Group 1 above PLUS grounds management, cascading funding criteria, providing education and training	Public Health Wales, Universities, Sport Wales	NRAP objectives 1,4,6 as above NRAP objectives 2, 3, 5 relating to own grounds
3	that own or manage land beyond their own grounds, whether their functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management or not.	As per Groups 1 and 2 above PLUS land management to maintain and enhance biodiversity, and promote the resilience of ecosystems.	Dŵr Cymru, Local Authorities, NRW, Welsh Government	All NRAP objectives

The **Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales (NRAP)** sets out six objectives for reversing the decline of biodiversity which should be used to help develop and guide actions to comply with the section 6 duty:

The **6 objectives** to maintain and enhance biodiversity are:

- Objective 1:** Engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity throughout decision making at all levels
- Objective 2:** Safeguard species and habitats of principal importance and improve their management
- Objective 3:** Increase the resilience of our natural environment by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation
- Objective 4:** Tackle key pressures on species and habitats
- Objective 5:** Improve our evidence, understanding and monitoring
- Objective 6:** Put in place a framework of governance and support for delivery



Adrodd ar Adran 6

Cynghorau Tref a Chynghorau Cymuned

Deddf yr Amgylchedd (Cymru) 2016 Rhan 1 – Adran 6
Y Ddyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth a Chydnerthedd Ecosystemau

Adroddiad 2025	
Ddyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth a Chydnerthedd Ecosystemau	
Enw y Cyngor Tref neu Gymuned:	
Grŵp:	
Cyflwyniad a'r Cyd-destun - Disgrifiad byr o'r Cyngor, ei swyddogaethau a'r cyd-destun o ran - sut y gallai helpu bioamrywiaeth (trwy ei swyddogaethau rheoli tir, cyllid grant, gweithgareddau addysgol e.e.) - graddfa ofodol a lle (e.e. faint o dir mae'n ei gynnwys, poblogaeth, praesept?) - cyflawni gwasanaethau i'r cyhoedd (e.e. a yw'n destun Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol?)	



Adroddiad Gweithredu 2023 - 2025

Amcan NRAP	Camau gweithredu i...		Wedi eu monitro gan:
1	-cynnwys bioamrywiaeth o fewn llunio penderfyniadau a chaffael		
	-codi ymwybyddiaeth o fioamrywiaeth a'i bwysigrwydd		
2	-diogelu prif rywogaethau a chryfioedd		
3	-adfer & chreu cynefinoedd a rhwydweithiau ecolegol cydnerth		
4	-mynd i'r afael ag elfennau negyddol: lleihau llygredd e.e. defnyddio atebion yn seiliedig ar natur, mynd i'r afael â rhywogaethau goresgynnol		
5	-defnyddio gwella a rhannu tystiolaeth		
6	-cefnogi capasiti ac/neu sefydliadau eraill		



Arolwg o ddyletswydd Adran 6 2023 - 2025

Beth sydd wedi gweithio'n dda?	
Beth fu'r rhwystrau?	
Beth fyddwch yn ei newid?	
Sut a phryd fydd y ddyletswydd Adran 6 yn cael ei monitro a'r cynllun Adran 6 wedi'i adolygu?	



Grŵp	Disgrifiad o sefydliad mewn perthynas â bioamrywiaeth Sefydliadau:	Camau Gweithredu Sylfaenol	Engbreiffitiau	Amcanion NRAP ar gyfer Adrodd ar gamau Gweithredu (Gweler Templedi)
1	- sy'n berchen neu'n meddiannu adeilad swyddfa yn unig - ac nad yw eu swyddogaethau'n gysylltiedig yn uniongyrchol â bioamrywiaeth a/neu reoli tir.	Camau sy'n gysylltiedig a rheoli adeiladau, caffael, cynaliadwyedd, codi ymwybyddiaeth, hyfforddiant, neu mewn partneriaeth â sefydliadau eraill.	Comisynau, DVLA	Amcanion NRAP: 1, 4, a 6
2	- sy'n berchen yn meddiannu neu'n rheoli eu adeiladau a'u tir eu hunain, - y mae eu swyddogaethau'n gysylltiedig a bioamrywiaeth a/neu reoli tir, neu - sy'n gallu dylanwadu ar y rhai sy'n berchen ar dir neu'n rheoli tir.	Fel Grŵp 1 uchod A rheoli tir, rhedru meini prawf cyllido, darparu addysg a hyfforddiant	Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru, Prifysgolion, Chwaraeon Cymru	Amcanion NRAP: 1, 4, a 6 <i>fel uchod +</i> Amcanion NRAP: 2, 3, a 5 <i>yn ymwneud â thir y sefydliad</i>
3	sy'n berchen ar dir neu'n rheoli tir y tu hwnt i'w tir eu hunain, waeth a yw eu swyddogaethau'n gysylltiedig â bioamrywiaeth a/neu reoli tir ai peidio.	Fel Grŵpiau 1 a 2 uchod A rheoli tir er mwyn cynnal a gwella bioamrywiaeth, a hyrwyddo cydnheredd ecosystemau.	Dŵr Cymru, Awdurdodau Lleol, CNC, Llywodraeth Cymru	Holl amcanion NRAP: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 a 6

Mae **Cyllun Gweithredu Adfer Natur Cymru (NRAP)** yn gosod chwe amcan ar gyfer gwrthdroi dirywiad bioamrywiaeth a dylid eu defnyddio i helpu i ddatblygu ac arwain gweithredoedd i gydymffurfio â dyletswydd adran 6:

Y **6 amcan** i gynnal a gwella bioamrywiaeth yw:

- Amcan 1:** Ymgysylltu a chynorthwyo cyfranogi a dealltwriaeth er mwyn gwreiddio bioamrywiaeth ledled y penderfyniadau a wneir ar bob lefel
- Amcan 2:** Diogelu'r rhywogaethau a'r cynefinoedd pwysicaf, a gwella'r modd y'u rheolir
- Amcan 3:** Cynyddu cydnheredd ein hamgylchedd naturiol trwy adfer cynefinoedd a ddiraddiwyd, a chreu cynefinoedd
- Amcan 4:** Mynd i'r afael â'r pwysau allweddol sydd ar rywogaethau a chynefinoedd
- Amcan 5:** Gwella ein tystiolaeth, ein dealltwriaeth a'n systemau monitro
- Amcan 6:** Sefydlu fframwaith llywodraethu a chymorth ar gyfer cyflenwi