

**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: Cornelly Community Council

Introduction and Context

Cornelly Community Council serves approximately 7,100 residents throughout the villages of Cornelly, South Cornelly, Maudlam and Kenfig. The precept for 2023-24 is £150,000, with a community centre, Public Hall, green spaces and an allotment site within Maudlam.

Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<p>Cornelly Community Council have made steps to reduce energy consumption, making use of low energy LED lighting and motion sensor light switches in certain areas.</p> <p>The Council are mindful when notified of planning applications that there are no impact on wildlife.</p> <p>Funds are set aside in the annual budget for pollinator friendly flower displays and daffodil bulbs.</p>	Clerk and Full Council
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<p>The Council encourage the community to support and promote biodiversity in its communities.</p> <p>The Council support ongoing initiatives, promoting them via the newsletter and social media platforms.</p>	Clerk and Full Council
-safeguard principal species and habitats	<p>- Cornelly CC funds the purchase and maintenance of pollinator friendly floral baskets and displays. Hedges are only pruned outside nesting season.</p>	Clerk and Full Council

	<p>- The Council encourage allotment holders to use alternatives to pesticides and herbicides wherever possible.</p> <p>- Change grass cuttings regimes by reducing the number of cuts to encourage wildflowers and other pollinator friendly plants.</p>	
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<p>The Council have liaised with Places for Nature and the planting of native trees, wildflower plants and creation of no mow areas within North Cornelly. The Council are taking forward plans to create further no mow spaces to encourage wildflowers.</p> <p>The Council have improved the green area creating a memorial area where a new flower bed incorporating pollinating flowers have been planted. Further work at the Community Centre is planned where additional planting of trees is to be undertaken, to improve the benefit and the community and improve and promote biodiversity.</p>	Clerk and Full Council
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	The Council is aware of the impact on invasive species and have taken action to report to the relevant authorities or land owners the presence of Japanese Knotweed.	Clerk and Full Council
-use improve and share evidence	The Council liaises with Nature for Spaces to access support and advice whilst sharing its achievements through its newsletter and social media platforms.	Clerk and Full Council
-support capacity and/or other organisations	The Council produce a newsletter containing information as to its achievements and that of other community groups and give advice relating to fly tipping and dog fouling.	Clerk and Full Council

Review of s6 duty

- What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will you change?

The creation of wildflower areas and shrubs alongside new pathways, which are thriving to create an area for insects and wildlife. Further initiatives will be looked into with a particular emphasis on biodiversity.

The Council should explore more opportunities of working closely with schools and groups in the local area to promote biodiversity projects that impact the Cornelly area.

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

The S6 plan will be reviewed on an annual and updated accordingly, with monitoring throughout the year by the Clerk and Councillors.

This is a live plan and will be published no later than December 2025.