

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6
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Reporting on Section 6 – Reporting Template for Town and Community Councils

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Name of Town or Community Council: PENMAENMAWR TOWN COUNCIL

Introduction and Context

Our Vision

Biodiversity helps to maintain the balance of a healthy environment. Natural wetland processes can help to prevent flooding or to filter or treat pollutants; woodlands can help to reduce air pollution and global warming; whilst trees and hedgerows can help to prevent soil erosion and can be used to help make our environment more attractive.

Not only is Penmaenmawr is a great place for people who want to enjoy the outdoors, the town and surrounding villages also provide a hub for leisure activities, and a safe place for relaxation and spirituality. The Town Council is committed to protecting and enhancing biodiversity in our local area while working towards reducing the impact of human activity, including development, industry and recreation. The Town Council wants to protect and preserve our biodiversity for future generations.

Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<p>Take into account matters relating to biodiversity when considering planning applications and other related matters.</p> <p>Develop adaption and mitigation responses to the impact of climate change.</p> <p>The Council will ensure that horticultural projects</p>	Planning and Environment Committee
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<p>Town Council staff to be provided awareness training / seminars around the importance of biodiversity.</p> <p>Encourage town and village communities to become involved / volunteer in projects relating to biodiversity, nature and green spaces.</p> <p>Effectively communicate on social media, public notice boards and the PTC website actions taken to promote biodiversity.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Wellbeing, Engagement and Events Committee</p> <p>Wellbeing, Engagement and Events Committee</p>
-safeguard principal species and habitats	<p>Where possible contributed to the management of protected sites and species, including Local Wildlife Sites/Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs)</p> <p>Ensure that projects undertaken by the Council and those projects assisted by Council grants do not have an adverse impact on local protected sites and local wildlife.</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Full Council</p>

-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<p>Planted hanging baskets and planters with native pollinator friendly flowers.</p> <p>Contribute to local projects such as the Community Allotment and other horticultural groups which restore and create ecological networks.</p>	<p>Wellbeing, Engagement and Events Committee</p> <p>Full Council</p>
Tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	Sustainable procurement policy which includes ensuring office supplies such as paper, cleaning products and office furniture are sustainably sourced (e.g. locally and/or made from recycled material).	Governance and Finance Committee / Clerk
Use, improve and share evidence	Work with partner agencies, both statutory and third sector to ensure use of best practice and to increase knowledge of local issues.	Wellbeing, Engagement and Events Committee
Support capacity and/or other organisations	Require any organisations receiving grant from PTC to demonstrate how this will contribute to supporting biodiversity or how it will not impact on biodiversity as part of their application.	Governance and Finance Committee

Review of s6 duty

- **What has worked well?**
- **What have the barriers been?**
- **What will you change?**
- **How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?**

The duty will be monitored through the Planning & Environment Committee and individual Councillors reporting back to the Full Council on the success or otherwise of the actions taken through the usual meetings schedule. The S6 Plan will be reviewed following these reports and any other evidence or information that is made available to the Council.