

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2019

Name of Town or Community Council: Tywyn Town Council

Introduction and Context

Tywyn Town Council provide a range of services to its local community which have an impact on biodiversity.

These include:

- Responsibility for a number of green spaces including a recreation ground, and 2 small gardens.
- Organising planters and floral displays in the town centre and on the seafront.
- Funding - we give grants for projects in the Council's area. This impacts on biodiversity through cascading funding criteria.

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

We serve approximately 7500 residents. The precept for 2019-20 is £88125.00

Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflected the commitment to biodiversity and natural areas by expressing the desire to join the Dyfi Biosphere and committing to playing an active role within the organisation• taken into account biodiversity considerations when considering planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders and neighbourhood services matters. Developing adaptation & mitigation responses to the impacts of climate change• Ensuring that our contractors are fully aware of the duty to promote bio-	Commitments made in documents Consideration of biodiversity demonstrated in decisions on planning applications.

	diversity and protect it from interference.	
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where possible encourage the public to consider the bio-diversity of the natural surroundings • Take part in events and seminars run by the Dyfi-biosphere panel and contribute to public information schemes and advertising. • To complete the information board at the Broadwater informing the public of the biodiversity and its protection in the Estuary setting. • Posted details of the actions we have taken to help biodiversity on our website, social media platforms 	<p>Through feedback from Council members and residents.</p> <p>Numbers of people taking part in activities</p>
-safeguard principal species and habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is reflected in the Council's commitment to undertaking essential grounds works at appropriate times of year and with due consideration for the wildlife and plant-life populations. • Ensured no negative impacts on protected species 	Records of any sites or species safeguarded
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported a Ynysmaengwyn Woodland Trust which has delivered tree planting, now a haven for wildlife. • Planted flower beds and planters with native pollinator friendly flowers and shrubs 	Area of habitat increased.
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). • Reduced the use of pesticides to only where absolutely necessary such as to control invasive non-native species such as Japanese Knotweed. 	Amount of pesticide applied

<p>-use improve and share evidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • working with the Greener Tywyn and Andy Rowlands of the Dyfi Biosphere to ensure use of best practice and to increase knowledge of local issues 	
<p>-support capacity and/or other organisations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked in partnership with Ynysymaengwyn Trust to provide a space for volunteers to improve space for local wildlife. • Allowed Actif Woods access to woodland spaces to educate the community. • Worked with the Tywyn Wellbeing group in giving volunteers opportunities to improve green spaces for the benefit of the individuals mental health 	<p>Use of expert advice</p>
<p>Review of s6 duty</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What worked well? • What have the barriers been? • What will you change? • How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan? 		