

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1- Section 6

The Biodiversity and resilience of Ecosystems Duty

Report 2022-2023

Name of Town or Community Council: **Abenbury Community Council**

Introduction and Context

Abenbury Community Council seeks to ensure that within the Community it has responsibility for, and the duties it performs, biodiversity is taken into account and the impact on biodiversity is minimised as far as possible.

The main areas in which the Council has responsibility or influence where Bio – diversity is concerned are as follows:

- Potential Lease of former Community Centre site area- an open space containing a number of trees and grassed areas, with the aim of extending this to form a community garden and orchard.
- Responses to Planning Applications
- Promote through grant support, the work of local Environmental groups, such as Wrexham Litter pickers

The Council serves approximately 309 households. The budget for 2023-24 will be £14,016

Action report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
Embed biodiversity into decision making and procurement.	<p>The 2022-23 Annual report of the Council reflects the Council's commitment to biodiversity and environmental matters.</p> <p>Takes account of biodiversity matters when considering Planning Applications and other associated matters.</p> <p>Environmental and Climate impacts will be considered in any decisions concerning provision or monitoring.</p>	Documented statements and actions. Minutes of meetings. Responses to Planning Applications.
Raise awareness of biodiversity and its importance	Aims to encourage schools where possible when taking	Feedback from Community Groups and Council Members.

	<p>forward actions for example arising from Eco survey recommendations.</p> <p>In providing financial and support in kind to environmental groups such as Wrexham litter pickers in their work, and the Llwyn Onn residents group in their efforts on Llwyn Onn estate.</p> <p>In providing financial and support in kind, in encouraging volunteers and other environmental clean ups.</p> <p>Include information promoting biodiversity and the actions of groups on our website.</p>	
Safeguard principal species and habitats.	<p>Will act on the recommendations contained in the Eco survey report commissioned for the taking forward of the Community Garden project</p> <p>Will commission Eco surveys as required for other locations and will act upon them</p> <p>Will act to ensure the preservation and good management of trees in the area, particularly on Maes Brenin.</p>	Records of baseline surveys and follow up surveys.
Restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<p>Will work with local voluntary groups to ensure that any plantings are native pollinator friendly</p> <p>Will encourage Wrexham Council to leave fallow areas such as roadsides to encourage pollinator friendly native species.</p>	<p>Feedback from North Wales Wildlife Trust and Local environmental voluntary groups.</p> <p>Success of new initiatives supported.</p>
Tackle negative factors for example reduce pollution , use nature based solutions address invasive species.	<p>Will take action against ragwort if identified in locations and other invasive species.</p> <p>Will take steps to reduce paper use, and single use plastic and</p>	Monitor and feedback for reduction in negative factors.

	<p>undertake sustainable procurement, for any items purchased, activities etc.</p> <p>Will promote green waste composting within the community.</p>	<p>More sustainable items used and reduction in paper consumption.</p>
<p>Use improve and share evidence</p>	<p>Work with local Environmental groups, landowners, for example sharing knowledge within the community to reduce instances of land pollution and littering where possible .</p> <p>Use Clerks network to obtain advice on sustainable community ventures and sustainable procurement.</p>	<p>Increased evidence and knowledge base.</p>
<p>Support capacity and / other organisations.</p>	<p>As Mentioned previously, lending financial support and support in kind to local voluntary and environmental groups in the community.</p> <p>Work with schools.</p>	<p>Support given.</p>
<p>Review of S6 Duty</p>		
<p>What has worked well?</p> <p>What have the barriers been?</p> <p>What will you change?</p> <p>Working with others to enhance knowledge and best practice</p> <p>Sustainable procurement.</p> <p>How and when will the S6 duty be monitored and the S6 plan reviewed?</p> <p>This will be reviewed on an annual basis.</p>		