

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2022

Name of Town or Community Council: Barmouth Town Council

Introduction and Context

- Barmouth Town Council offers services within the local community and collaborates with other partner agencies to deliver projects. The activities that have an impact on biodiversity include:
 - Supporting the work and activities of Barmouth in Bloom (town-wide planting of raised bed, planters and some grass verges).
 - Supporting the work and activities of Friends of Wern Mynach (planting of flowers and fruit/vegetables for a community garden and maintaining/landscaping the area known as Wern Mynach).
 - Supporting the work and activities of Barmouth Resort Improvement Group (planting and maintaining the palm trees placed along Barmouth Promenade).
 - Ensuring the maintaining/cutting of grass verges and green spaces within the Barmouth Ward, being conscious of the natural cycle of growth, pollination, etc.
 - Paying for gardening services around the town to maintain the planted beds which have been planted with a variety of plants to support a wider range of wildlife, not allowing any single species to dominate to the detriment of others.
 - Working with Network Rail to acquire land for use as allotments.
- The ward of Barmouth Town Council starts at Ffarchynys and includes all of Llanaber. This covers a variety of terrains from the manmade - town centre (including streets, houses, car parks etc) to the natural – the seashore and into the mountains. There is a population of approximately 2,500 and a precept of £63,000 p.a.

Action Report

Action carried out to:

Monitored by:

-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement

Council does not procure items that could impact biodiversity, however the sustainability of supplies is considered with re-use favoured over disposable.

Clerk

-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of the Council's website • Support the work of Friends of Wern Mynach which encourages more volunteers to participate, including financial support. 	Clerk
-safeguard principal species and habitats	Consider the biodiversity impact of planning applications that are submitted to the Council for review.	Clerk
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Work with local contractor to maintain the footpath network to encourage walkers to keep to the marked footpaths rather than across habitats.	Clerk
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	Any instances of invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed are reported to Gwynedd Council. Work with Gwynedd Council to ensure sufficient bins and collections over busy periods.	Clerk
-use improve and share evidence	Monitor spending on local biodiversity projects and ensure money raised locally (e.g. from car park premium) is spent appropriately.	Clerk
-support capacity and/or other organisations	Continue working with local groups to support biodiversity. Impact on biodiversity is a question on the form for organisations requesting grant funding.	Clerk

Review of s6 duty

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

Good partnership with local organisations, e.g. Friends of Wern Mynach, Barmouth in Bloom, Cambrian Beach Guardians. Barriers are finding sufficient volunteers to support these groups. Barmouth Town Council will continue to support and promote their work.

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

The s6 will be monitored as part of the annual report each year. It will next be formally updated and reviewed in 2026.