

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

Report 2019

Name of Town or Community Council: Pendoylan Community Council

Introduction and Context

We are a very small community council in a scattered community of about 350 inhabitants. It is a rural area but is skirted by three different County Councils, including Cardiff, and is a popular commuting village. The village is an area probably of 5.8 miles with a small precept of £7,300

As a rural community council in a conservation village we are aware of our responsibility to take account of all aspects of biodiversity in our actions and responses, including reference to the WGA , with one member of our council recently trained in this area. There are 8 councillors and a clerk.

Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	We use Vale of Glamorgan policies for conservation areas in our planning application responses	
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	We applied for and received a Creative Rural Community Grant particularly to raise awareness about biodiversity in our community	
-safeguard principal species and habitats	As an SSSI we adhere to the policies agreed by the Vale of Glamorgan	
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Using the grant we planted wild flower seeds, bulbs and a community orchard. We used a community engagement event to distribute wildflower seeds to attendees	
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	As part of the grant we have established a working party with the village school. Together we have harvested ideas that will not only raise awareness in the whole community but also work with school towards gaining their Green Flag award. This thorough process assesses action on all the areas	

	of pollution, nature, energy, water and litter	
-use improve and share evidence	Continued terms meetings at the school and minutes shared with the Community Council and the wider community in the Parish magazine, website, notice boards and the community social media hub. These events have been used to mind map ideas from the community about ‘ how to make our community greener’	
-support capacity and/or other	Through grants and events we work with all the community organisations . That is the School, Church, Chapel, Memorial Hall and WI. Other organisations are involved where appropriate eg Creative Rural Communities, Tidy Wales and Wild Spaces	

organisations		
Review of s6 duty		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will you change? We will continue working with the school on the above areas, despite the grant having finished. Barriers experienced are difficulties in community engagement with such a small population, with the additional complication of working with new cohorts of pupils. Cutbacks mean that all of the grants are now unavailable and with such a small income continuation of any environmental work remains a challenge • How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed? Meetings with the school and other community engagement events will continue . These will form part of the School Improvement Plan and Community Council agendas through the school representatives. Follow up from community mind mapping “how to make our community greener “ will be considered as part of our draft budget and evaluated against value for public money 		

