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Introduction and Context

Manordeifi Community Council is a small rural Council consisting of 6 Councillors and a Clerk. The community itself comprises two main villages, Abercych and Capel Newydd (Newchapel), complemented by two picturesque hamlets of Carregwen and Pontrhydyceirt. The Council has responsibility for the Millennium Garden in Abercych and also has input into the Playing Field in Capel Newydd.

Within the community, many individuals are already making a difference to the biodiversity of their land.

Additional trees have been planted by a local farmer to encourage more forestry to protect the bird population, which includes Kites, buzzards, owls and other smaller birds on the outskirts of Newchapel.

A large farm which borders Abercych has Sunflowers planted on the edges of several of their agricultural fields to enhance the appearance of the local area and increase pollination for insects.

At Fferm Penralltgoch, the land (20 acres) has been cut once only to provide the wildflowers with a chance to increase pollination for the insect community and for the wildflowers to seed to generate additional flowers for next year. The same approach has been taken for the verges and hedges that surround the fields and the long drive leading to the property. A small path has been cleared into the woodland area (5 acres) to allow for entry, only for litter picking (historical litter) and entry has been restricted in order to protect the dens and habitat for the local wildlife (which includes badgers, foxes, hares, rabbits, owls and kites).

Clynfyw (on the outskirts of both Newchapel and Abercych) has created a community garden for residents situated in and around the Manordeifi area. This garden has several large allotments alongside a large natural composting system which is run by a group of local resident volunteers and is funded from local donations. They have spent time over the last year creating many areas with flowers, wildlife habitat areas and planted large quantities of veg and fruit to benefit local residents during the winter months and the cost of living crisis. As well as giving veg and fruit to all local residents, they also donate regular large quantities of food to two local charities; MIND and Cardigan Foodbank.

They are now providing their organic grown compost to local residents to ensure that the

goodness and nutrients from their compost remains within the local area to benefit the local habitats.

Action carried out to:	
embed biodiversity into decision making and procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council has adopted selection criteria for considering key decisions, which includes ensuring that biodiversity will be maintained and enhanced.
raise awareness of biodiversity and its importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council will share information from other agencies via social media regarding biodiversity. The importance of enhancing biodiversity will be made clear in any advertisements for gardening contractors. The Council's community survey will include a section on biodiversity, including asking residents about their approach to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity.
safeguard principal species and habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council is committed to the redevelopment of the Millennium Garden in Abercych to safeguard an area for pollinators and wild flowers.
restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council is in the process of restoring the Millennium Garden in Abercych. The Council has supported the creation of flower beds in the Playing Field in Capel Newydd. The Council provides flower displays for Abercych and Capel Newydd on an annual basis.
tackle negative factors; for instance reducing pollution, using nature-based solutions, addressing invasive species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors are often involved in litter picking in their villages.
use, improve and share evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council will take note of information received from outside agencies regarding the protection and enhancement of biodiversity. The Council will share information regarding biodiversity matters via social media and website.
support capacity, and/or other organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council will look to support local organisations that are involved in environmental projects.

Review of s6 duty

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

The Council is aware that it needs to embed the idea of biodiversity into its thinking and are taking steps to do this.

The main project for 2022-23 is the development of the Millennium Garden in Abercych, which will provide a good opportunity for creating a space for pollinators, wild flowers and insects.

Councillors will be encouraged to undertake any training available to gain a better understanding of how to enhance the biodiversity of the area.

When considering donations and grants, the Council will be giving greater thought to the matter of biodiversity.

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

The Council will review the biodiversity duty annually to ensure that developments are taking place.