

CYNGOR CYMUNED EGLWYSWRW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2022

Introduction and Context

Eglwyswrw Community Council is a small rural Council consisting of 8 Councillors and a Clerk. The Community of Eglwyswrw includes the parishes of Eglwyswrw, Meline, part Llanfairnantgwyn and part Nevern. The Community Council area covers a large tract of the Preseli Hills which incorporates Common Land and is a designated protected landscape of National Significance. The Community Council is also partly within the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority. It works closely with the PCNP on various ecological and bio diversity initiatives.

The Community Council has no direct control over any parcel of land or real estate.

The Community Council has no village green or any urban open space for the community to enjoy. The Community council does have responsibility for two planting areas both sides to Eglwyswrw car park. It maintains it with care and concern for the bio diversity and ecological value of both plots.

The Community Council along with the County Cllr work closely in dialogue with the local Bio Diversity Group in Brynberian and also with Stakeholders who have a management interest in the Common Land known as the Preseli Hills.

Action Carried Out:	
Embed biodiversity into decision making and procurement	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	<p>The Council will share information from other stakeholders via FB community page and place posters in Notice Boards regarding biodiversity.</p> <p>The importance of enhancing biodiversity will be made clear in any communication with the community.</p>
Safeguard principal species and habitats	The Council is committed to the continuation of dialogue with the local Bio diversity Group to safeguard the area for pollinators and plants and associated environs.
Restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks	The Council will always support the creation of habitats if deemed reasonable and practical to apply.
Tackle negative factors; for instance reducing pollution, using nature-based solutions, addressing invasive species	The Council and the County Cllr support individuals and organisations to litter pick as volunteers to reduce rubbish and general litter especially on road side verges.
Use, improve and share evidence	<p>The Council will share information regarding biodiversity matters vis FB Community Page and notice boards.</p> <p>The Council will act upon information received from external agencies regarding the protection and enhancement of biodiversity.</p>
Support capacity, and/or other organisations	The Council will look to continue to support Bio Diversity Groups and other similar organisations that are involved in environmental projects.

Review of Section 6 Duty

The Community Council is aware that it needs to embed the idea of biodiversity into its thinking and will be taking steps to ensure that this can be achieved.

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

How and when will the Section 6 duty be monitored and the S6 plan be reviewed?

The Community Council will review the biodiversity duty annually at the Annual Meeting to ensure that progress is taking place.