

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6
The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

Reporting on Section 6 – Reporting Template for Town and Community Councils

Llandeilo Town Council



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The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2022

Name of Town or Community Council: Llandeilo Town Council

Introduction and Context

- A short description of the Council, its functions and context in relation to
 - how it could help biodiversity:-
Penlan Park and Park Le Conquet
Grant funding from Keep Wales tidy 2019 and 2022
Proactive land management, wildlife areas.
(through functions with regard to land management, grant funding, education activities, for e.g.)
 - spatial scale and place
Penlan Park and Park Le Conquet – Land area
Penlan Park – 28,000m². Mainly Sloped
Park Le Conquet – 12,000m². Flat, includes playpark
Population of Llandeilo – Approx 1800
LTC Precept - £74,000 approx
 - public service delivery (e.g. is it subject to the Well-being of Future Generations (WFG) Act?)
 - ∩ Short description of:
 - Key biodiversity actions and/or things you have stopped doing

Key actions include new planting of a wildflower area. Better cutting management to leave wildflower areas flourish. Constantly adding wildlife habitat boxes, including bat, birds, hedgehog, insect.

- How your action for biodiversity has delivered positive outcomes and other benefits for health, social cohesion, economic outputs (i.e. across the WFG goals)

Park is rife with wildlife, which allows local schools and local people to use the park and better understand different kinds of wildlife.

- The cost savings and efficiency achieved through biodiversity action and the long term benefits gained from preventing further damage

Less cutting means savings on fuel, tool usage and volunteer time. Better insect retention means more birds, more ground animals such as mice and hedgehog.

- Any key enablers to biodiversity action

The council is a key enabler for biodiversity in the parks. We are guided by councillors who speak to the townspeople who are passionate about the parks and offer to volunteer at every opportunity.

- Notable or continuing negative impacts, and any barriers to action?

Cost is always a barrier and will continue to be so. As a council we apply for grants which does alleviate pressures but not halt continuing rising costs.

- ∩ A small set of case studies/examples which illustrate the above.

- LTC purchased its own machinery to alleviate costs and reduce cutting May 2021
- Grant from KWT, added wildlife boxes, butterfly garden, sleeper area Jan 2020
- Wildflower areas left to grow for first time Summer 2021, every year on will be the same
- LTC councillors planted wildflowers with children from locally primary schools in the

wildflower areas Sept/Oct 2022

Action Report

Action carried out to:

Monitored by:

-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement

<https://www.hsbc.com/who-we-are/our-climate-strategy#:~:text=We're%20committed%20to%20a.our%20strategy%20as%20a%20business.>

HSBC bank eco policy

- Town Council comments on Planning applications in support of biodiversity.

- Use of rechargeable battery tools for maintenance

- Intention to replace existing older model machinery with newer sustainable equipment. Repairing newer model tools instead of purchase where possible to prolong tool life

- Created a volunteer group for the maintenance of the parks. supporting and promoting biodiversity and reducing carbon Footprint means via educational training to volunteers.

- Developing community growing space gardens with eco/biodiverse initiatives, working closely with Keep Wales Tidy, Carmarthenshire County Council and One Voice Wales.

Feedback from Council members, volunteers and local residents

Numbers of People/volunteers taking part in activities

Productive feedback on any positive or negative situation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working with local companies, garden centres and organisations to promote the use of local, sustainable material, plants and tools - Where possible, use local personnel to lower our Carbon Footprint 	
<p>-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing community growing space gardens with biodiverse initiatives. - Promoting community events on website and social media, wildlife walks, supporting a litter picking group (TACLO Llandeilo). Promoting nearby walks such as Dinefwr Woodlands. - Created and enhanced biodiverse areas to provide nesting and hibernating areas to encourage a range of species. Including habitat piles around the park for winter hibernation - Changed mowing and maintenance regimes in 2020 at both Parks by reducing the frequency of cuts and volume of land area to encourage wildflowers and other pollinator friendly plants, also providing cover for small mammals. - LTC have sowed wildflower areas with community participation, children from local schools, including Ukrainian refugees. Thus 	<p>Area of habitat Enhanced to encourage better use of Park areas to promote improved biodiversity.</p> <p>Evidence of new species the area, via local councillors, contractors and public</p>

	<p>encouraging new wildlife to the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhanced a derelict area with a butterfly garden and pollinator plants, encouraging insects such as bees and butterflies. - Increasing biodiversity at all Llandeilo Town Council managed areas - LTC currently liaising with the Probation service to utilise volunteering and community service hours to maintain the parks - 10 year tree maintenance programme. Includes species that will help address climate change. Managing all park woodland area with a Tree Consultancy firm, and introduce new tree planting where possible - Masterplan for both Llandeilo Town Council parks which highlight the need for biodiverse management. Both plans highlight certain areas for improvement, which focus on promoting biodiversity 	
<p>-safeguard principal species and habitats</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manage land to promote local parks and surrounding areas. Promoting enjoyment and the mental health benefits in our local parks - Ensured no negative impacts on protected species and the environment. 	<p>Records of sites or species safeguarded.</p> <p>Evidence of new species the area, via local councillors, contractors and public</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manage wooded and hedgerow areas to encourage biodiversity. Sympathetic maintenance to natural boundaries - Natural, locally sourced where possible, pollinators planted wherever possible 	
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural, (locally sourced where possible) pollinators planted wherever possible - Introduce new pollinator opportunities in parks through grants and Council purchase - LTC have added over 30-40 habitat boxes in both parks. Including, Bird, Bat, Bee, Butterfly, Mouse, and Hedgehog. Also, two habitat piles have been created via wild waste collection through sympathetic maintenance - Restoring healthy planted trees to replace ash dieback ridden Woodland. Including replacing non-native species with locally sourced native trees 	
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The use of more environmentally friendly tools and equipment, including battery powered multi-tools - The installation of a Battery charging Bicycle point 	<p>Policy documents, reports, council minutes.</p> <p>Volunteer Timesheet and fuel usage. How often the machinery is filled</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 year maintenance plan to both parks actively reducing over-mowing, including promoting low-mow areas. - Vehicle use monitoring, reduce bad driving techniques, wasted fuel, unnecessary or poorly planned journeys, reduce journeys. - Actively monitor invasive species, including negative impact wildlife and tree species of tree and hedgerow such as Himalayan Balsam, Japanese Knotweed etc. 	
<p>-use improve and share evidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liaising with the Biodiversity Officer at Carmarthenshire County Council and any other person of relevance to ensure use of best practice and to increase knowledge of local issues. Including Keep Wales Tidy and WG - Share all park activity on social media promoting the benefits to health and wellbeing 	<p>Clerk to report</p>
<p>-support capacity and/or other organisations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support of organised litter picks, provision of loan equipment with other partners and volunteer groups. - Actively promote that both parks can be utilised via all community based organisations. Many already utilise the area such as the Royal British Legion, Llandeilo Town Band, Summer Fairs etc. 	<p>Partnerships formed to create revenue to enhance all aspects of the park wildlife</p>

	- Penlan Park – popular venue for Wedding and Photo opportunities, Television filming location	
Review of s6 duty		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will you change?• How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?		