

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6
The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty
Report 2022 -2024

BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Introduction and Context

Introduction and Context The s6 duty requires that public authorities ‘must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity so far as consistent with the proper exercise of their functions and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems’. To comply with the S6 duty public authorities should embed the consideration of biodiversity and ecosystems into their early thinking and business planning, including any policies, plans, programmes and projects, as well as their day to day activities. More information about national and local actions and objectives can be found at Wales Biodiversity Partnership using the following link: <https://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/> the reporting duty is not designed to be burdensome but should reflect the size and type of organisation regarding the action for biodiversity they can carry out.

Brymbo Community Council’s tax base is 1953 with a precept requirement of £102962.00 for 2023/2024. The Council has no other properties. The Council employs 1 part time Clerk. The Community Council area comprises of three electoral wards.

The following are located within the Community Council boundary:

- There are seven equipped play areas, 2 multi-use games areas and a skate park. These are owned by Wrexham County Borough Council with the exception of Tanyfron MUGA, but their maintenance and repair are funded by the Community Council via a service level agreement.
- The areas of open space in the community include Bronwens’ Green which is owned and maintained by Brymbo Community Council. This facility is available for the use of residents from all wards. This area includes a fishing pool which Brymbo CC lease for a peppercorn rent to Brymbo Angling Club.
- Brymbo Community Council own a porta cabin which is used by WCBC play scheme and the youth service staff which runs during school holidays and evenings. Both services are financially supported by the Community Council.

Action Report

How the Council assists biodiversity (through functions with regard to land management, grant funding, and education activities)

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Embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Converted all street lighting to LED lamps	Included the capital costs within a loan from Salix Finance which is repaid through the annual budget. Amount of money spent on projects
Carbon footprint	A number of speed awareness sessions, monitoring and engaging with communities to address carbon footprint.	Working closely with Go Safe to reduce speed on roads in the villages
Raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<p>The Community Council has participated in and encouraged community clean ups. Each ward had designated days for rubbish collection with skips procured by the local Housing Estate Office. Funding offered by Community Council for further initiatives. Members individually involved in litter picking days .Support offered to litter pickers via the purchase of equipment</p> <p>There is the opportunity to promote environmental awareness with young people via the play scheme and youth service funded by the CC.</p>	<p>The amount of rubbish collected. Ongoing events during the year.</p> <p>Assess level of resident's participation in litter picks.</p> <p>Monitored via annual reports from WCBC the service level providers.</p>
Safeguard principal species and habitats	CC involvement along with other organisations	Involvement with local initiatives (Tree planting)
	Supporting WCBC's Arboriculture officer by responding to applications for tree preservation orders	Comments on applications
	Be mindful of environmental and biodiversity impacts when considering planning applications	Comments on applications
	Dialogue with Brymbo Angling Club re Brymbo Pool	Discussions taking place regularly regarding monitoring and maintenance
Support capacity and/or other organisations	Provide funding for play and Youth provision within the 3 villages	Regular monitoring reports received. Collaboration at other community events.
	Include an annual grants budget from the Council's overall budget which	Number of grant applications received and awarded. Amount of Community activity/events it supports.

	Community Groups can apply for.	
	Include 3 specific Environmental budget s for the villages	Number of projects funded from these.

Brymbo Community Council have seen that the rubbish collection events have been hugely successful with residents participating and keen to help. Skips have been filled with rubbish that had previously been cluttering gardens and green spaces.

The litter picking days have also been successful. The equipment purchased by BCC has been used on a number of occasions and residents are happy to help keep the villages tidy.

Funding is an on-going concern regarding some projects, and with ongoing increasing costs this could have an impact on the next financial year.

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

The duty will be monitored by the Council Members and Clerk & RFO reporting back to full council through periodic updates. The s6 plan will be reviewed in light of these reports and any other evidence or information that is made available to the Council. At the time of this report's publication, there is no specific time or date set for the plan to be reviewed.

BCC will be looking to engage more with the Community in the next few years as Covid restrictions have eased. This will hopefully mean more litter picking days, and engaging with WCBC re rubbish/skip collections days.

Increase liaison with Wrexham CBC's Biodiversity Officer and seek advice whenever necessary. Encourage and support community groups and residents more to fully participate in events and projects to raise awareness.