

# Reporting on Section 6

## Community and Town Councils

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

#### The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025

**Name of Community or Town Council:** KERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Group:** 2

#### Introduction and Context

- Kerry Community Council is a rural community council with a population of circa 2300 in a predominantly livestock- based farming area and covers the three villages of Kerry, Sarn and Dolfor, an area of 88.4 sq.km. Our precept for 2024/2025 was £33,871.00
- Currently we have 13 councillors and employ a part time Clerk, a part time RFO and a part-time playground caretaker.
- A fund- raising group runs a popular Fun Day in Kerry every August and Dolfor has an annual show with animal, craft and produce sections
- We own and manage Kerry cemetery: Kerry village public conveniences: Dolforgan Park with its LEAP: a LAP at Herbert Court, Kerry and an NEAP at St. Michael's Primary School, Kerry.
- We maintain our war memorials.
- The current biodiversity officer was appointed in 2024 and a further councillor joined them in May 2025 to form a supportive cohesive team to tackle biodiversity issues for the council.

NRAP Objective	Action carried out to...		Monitored by:
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	The plan to obtain a licence to cultivate the village verges was dropped early in the three year period but has now been revived and the current Biodiversity Officer has re-established contact with PCC with a view to moving forward. However having completed the Public Engagement course the Biodiversity Officer plans a period of diverse public engagement, to ensure that future	Biodiversity officer

		plans are what the residents will happily support.	
	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<b>BEE</b> event ( <b>B</b> iodiversity <b>E</b> ngagement <b>E</b> vent)– along with other councils that are members of VMRC Kerry held its first <b>BEE</b> event. It was held in June 2024 and another is planned for June 2026. There were lots of stalls & activities including homes for insects, making fat-balls for bird-feeding, birdfeeders, there was a pollinator friendly plant swap, beekeeping, hedgehog awareness and preservation, turning unwanted t-shirts into shopping bags, curlew preservation. A large bug hotel was built from pallets and will be permanently sited in the churchyard. Attendees were invited to attach a “leaf” to the “Tree of Pledges” having added a personal pledge of intent to do or change one small thing which would assist the natural world to thrive..	VMRC reps and Biodiversity Officer
2	-safeguard principal species and habitats	The river Mule continues to be monitored. The riverbank near the bridge in Dolforgan Park was suffering from considerable bank erosion. Initial work was done late 2024/early 2025 by a small team of councillors. Further work was carried out in the summer of 2025 taking advantage of the very dry spring/summer, when the riverbed ran dry. The river Mule feeds into the River Severn at Abermule and was only sustained by tributaries further downstream near Glanmule. Even then the river flow was very low. A number of the trees in Dolforgan Park have had tree preservation orders for many years.	All Councillors
3	-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	The butterfly garden in the cemetery has continued to thrive with a small team of volunteers caring for it.	Biodiversity Officer
4	-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	Apart from the air pollution from the A489 which the council has no control over, dog pollution appears to be the main issue. Dog bins are provided and owner offenders are reprimanded on social media by other residents, sadly	

		<p>there is little else we can do about this at present.</p> <p>Reducing our carbon footprint - Solar panels were installed on the roof of the KCC toilet blocks in August 2024 ensuring they were powered by a non-polluting renewable source.</p> <p>Invasive species- There is currently no evidence of invasive species, if Himalayan Balsam should be spotted growing along the riverbank a removal will need to be organised.</p>	
5	-use improve and share evidence	Both members of the Biodiversity Team have completed One Voice Wales Biodiversity Parts One and Two. The Biodiversity Officer has also completed Public Engagement Parts one and Two	Biodiversity team
6	-support capacity and/or other organisations	<p>Utilisation of OVW courses to educate and enable councillors to carry out biodiversity duties to their best ability.</p> <p>Contact has been established with Kerry Primary school to establish a support network between the school and the council. The plan being for the council via its biodiversity team to explore funding opportunities for the school to facilitate biodiversity projects during the school year.</p>	Biodiversity team

Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025	
What has worked well?	<b>Our 2024 BEE event promoted public engagement with the concept of biodiversity. Hands on participation educated individuals through the principle of learning by doing and having fun at the same time. This is particularly important as we feel our best strategy is to engage with the younger members of the community who can then in turn communicate the biodiversity message to older family members. The emphasis is on small individual projects being important because they all add up and result in overall improvement in biodiversity. No effort however small is wasted eg. One birdfeeder or one bee-hotel in a garden is better than nothing.</b>
What have the barriers been?	<b>Public engagement – adequate publicity for the event so as many people attend or us to get the message across.</b>
What will you change?	<b>Improve the level of communications. By engaging directly with St. Michaels (C in Wales ) primary school in Kerry (Sarn and Dolfor have no state schools). There is a private faith school in Sarn but they appear to operate an exclusivity policy and they are also relocating out of Powys, in the near future. There is also Brynllwarch school for ALN pupils . This school is currently in the process of being rebuilt on a new site and when completed KCC will be able to involve them with our future plans.</b>
How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?	<b>The biodiversity team will annually review our progress including feedback from our next BEE event in June 2026.</b>





Group	Description of organisation relative to biodiversity.  Organisations:	Minimum Actions	Examples	NRAP objectives for Action Reporting (see template Annex 1)
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that own or occupy an office building only and</li> <li>whose functions are not directly connected to biodiversity and/or land management.</li> </ul>	Actions related to buildings management, procurement, sustainability, awareness raising, training, or in partnership with other organisations	Commissions, DVLA	NRAP objectives 1, 4, 6
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that own, occupy or manage land their own buildings and grounds,</li> <li>whose functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management, or</li> <li>that can influence those who own or manage land.</li> </ul>	As per Group 1 above PLUS grounds management, cascading funding criteria, providing education and training	Public Health Wales, Universities, Sport Wales	NRAP objectives 1,4,6 as above  NRAP objectives 2, 3, 5 relating to own grounds
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that own or manage land beyond their own grounds, whether their functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management or not.</li> </ul>	As per Groups 1 and 2 above PLUS land management to maintain and enhance biodiversity, and promote the resilience of ecosystems.	Dŵr Cymru, Local Authorities, NRW, Welsh Government	All NRAP objectives

The **Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales (NRAP)** sets out six objectives for reversing the decline of biodiversity which should be used to help develop and guide actions to comply with the section 6 duty:

The **6 objectives** to maintain and enhance biodiversity are:

- Objective 1:** Engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity throughout decision making at all levels
- Objective 2:** Safeguard species and habitats of principal importance and improve their management
- Objective 3:** Increase the resilience of our natural environment by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation
- Objective 4:** Tackle key pressures on species and habitats
- Objective 5:** Improve our evidence, understanding and monitoring
- Objective 6:** Put in place a framework of governance and support for delivery

# Adrodd ar Adran 6

## Cynghorau Tref a Chynghorau Cymuned

**Deddf yr Amgylchedd (Cymru) 2016 Rhan 1 – Adran 6**  
**Y Ddyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth a Chydnerthedd Ecosystemau**

Adroddiad 2025			
Ddyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth a Chydnerthedd Ecosystemau			
Enw y Cyngor Tref neu Gymuned:			
Grŵp:			
Cyflwyniad a'r Cyd-destun			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disgrifiad byr o'r Cyngor, ei swyddogaethau a'r cyd-destun o ran               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sut y gallai helpu bioamrywiaeth (trwy ei swyddogaethau rheoli tir, cyllid grant, gweithgareddau addysgol e.e.)</li> <li>graddfa ofodol a lle (e.e. faint o dir mae'n ei gynnwys, poblogaeth, praesept?)</li> <li>cyflawni gwasanaethau i'r cyhoedd (e.e. a yw'n destun Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol?)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
Adroddiad Gweithredu 2023 - 2025			
Amcan NRAP	Camau gweithredu i...	Wedi eu monitro gan:	
1	-cynnwys bioamrywiaeth o fewn llunio penderfyniadau a chaffael		
	-codi ymwybyddiaeth o fioamrywiaeth a'i bwysigrwydd		
2	-diogelu prif rywogaethau a chynefinoedd		
3	-adfer & chreu cynefinoedd a rhwydweithiau ecolegol cydnerth		
4	-mynd i'r afael ag elfennau negyddol: lleihau llygredd e.e. defnyddio atebion yn seiliedig ar natur, mynd i'r afael â rhywogaethau goresgynnol		
5	-defnyddio gwella a rhannu tystiolaeth		
6	-cefnogi capasiti ac/neu sefydliadau eraill		



### Arolwg o ddyletswydd Adran 6 2023 - 2025

<b>Beth sydd wedi gweithio'n dda?</b>	
<b>Beth fu'r rhwystrau?</b>	
<b>Beth fyddwch yn ei newid?</b>	
<b>Sut a phryd fydd y ddyletswydd Adran 6 yn cael ei monitro a'r cynllun Adran 6 wedi'i adolygu?</b>	





Grŵp	Disgrifiad o sefydliad mewn perthynas â bioamrywiaeth  Sefydliadau:	Camau Gweithredu Sylfaenol	Enghreifftiau	Amcanion NRAP ar gyfer Adrodd ar gamau Gweithredu (Gweler Templedi)
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sy'n berchen neu'n meddiannu adeilad swyddfa yn unig</li> <li>ac nad yw eu swyddogaethau'n gysylltiedig yn uniongyrchol â bioamrywiaeth a/neu reoli tir.</li> </ul>	Camau sy'n gysylltiedig a rheoli adeiladau, caffael, cynaliadwyedd, codi ymwybyddiaeth, hyfforddiant, neu mewn partneriaeth â sefydliadau eraill.	Comisynau, DVLA	Amcanion NRAP: <b>1, 4, a 6</b>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sy'n berchen yn meddiannu neu'n rheoli eu adeiladau a'u tir eu hunain,</li> <li>y mae eu swyddogaethau'n gysylltiedig a bioamrywiaeth a/neu reoli tir, neu</li> <li>sy'n gallu dylanwadu ar y rhai sy'n berchen ar dir neu'n rheoli tir.</li> </ul>	Fel Grŵp 1 uchod A rheoli tir, rhae adru meini prawf cyllido, darparu addysg a hyfforddiant	Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru, Prifysgolion, Chwaraeon Cymru	Amcanion NRAP: <b>1, 4, a 6</b> <i>fel uchod +</i> Amcanion NRAP: <b>2, 3, a 5</b> <i>yn ymwneud â thir y sefydliad</i>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sy'n berchen ar dir neu'n rheoli tir y tu hwnt i'w tir eu hunain, waeth a yw eu swyddogaethau'n gysylltiedig â bioamrywiaeth a/neu reoli tir ai peidio.</li> </ul>	Fel Grŵpiau 1 a 2 uchod A rheoli tir er mwyn cynnal a gwella bioamrywiaeth, a hyrwyddo cydnheredd ecosystemau.	Dŵr Cymru, Awdurdodau Lleol, CNC, Llywodraeth Cymru	Holl amcanion NRAP: <b>1, 2, 3, 4, 5 a 6</b>

Mae **Cyllun Gweithredu Adfer Natur Cymru (NRAP)** yn gosod chwe amcan ar gyfer gwrthdroi dirywiad bioamrywiaeth a dylid eu defnyddio i helpu i ddatblygu ac arwain gweithredoedd i gydymffurfio â dyletswydd adran 6:

Y **6 amcan** i gynnal a gwella bioamrywiaeth yw:

- Amcan 1:** Ymgysylltu a chynorthwyo cyfranogi a dealltwriaeth er mwyn gwreiddio bioamrywiaeth ledled y penderfyniadau a wneir ar bob lefel
- Amcan 2:** Diogelu'r rhywogaethau a'r cynefinoedd pwysicaf, a gwella'r modd y'u rheolir
- Amcan 3:** Cynyddu cydnheredd ein hamgylchedd naturiol trwy adfer cynefinoedd a ddiraddiwyd, a chreu cynefinoedd
- Amcan 4:** Mynd i'r afael â'r pwysau allweddol sydd ar rywogaethau a chynefinoedd
- Amcan 5:** Gwella ein tystiolaeth, ein dealltwriaeth a'n systemau monitro
- Amcan 6:** Sefydlu fframwaith llywodraethu a chymorth ar gyfer cyflenwi