

***Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6
The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty
Report 2019***

Name of Town or Community Council: Kerry Community Council

Introduction and Context

Kerry Community Council provide a range of services to its local community which have an impact on biodiversity. These include:

- Responsibility for a number of green spaces: Dolforgan Park and Herbert Court, plus the Kerry Cemetary
- Responsibility for the public conveniences in Kerry, which directly impacts on the resilience of local ecosystems, through water and energy management
- Funding - we give grants for projects in the Council's area. This impacts on biodiversity through cascading funding criteria.

We promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainable practices whenever possible. The Council is a member of the Vale of Montgomery Cluster Group and supports its work on footpaths.

We serve approximately 1600 residents. The precept for 2019-20 is £28,228.

Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by: (for example)
embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	taken into account biodiversity considerations when considering planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders and neighbourhood services matters.	Consideration of biodiversity demonstrated in decisions on planning applications.
raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	By posting details of the actions we are taking to help biodiversity on the KCC website	Through feedback from council members and residents
safeguard principal species and habitats	Ensured no negative impacts on protected species associated with the management of council properties	No species impact recorded
restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated investigation and planning for planters and hanging baskets associated with council properties • Purposefully set aside an area in the cemetery that is less cultivated, through changing 	Area of habitat increased

	mowing regimes, to encourage wild flowers and insects	
tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of composting and green recycling bins within the cemetery • Reduced the necessity for printing council documents through the use of technology (eg projector) 	Use of composting facilities and technology
use improve and share evidence	Facebook and KCC website are now being updated with respect to environmental topics	Increasing visits to both
support capacity and/or other organisations	<p>Grant funding provided by the council to local organisations has helped support activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • litter picking • tree and flower planting • local social history recording of old houses and the River Mule 	Biodiversity of the River Mule will be documented.

Review of s6 duty

What has worked well?

The creation of wildflower and plant areas, especially in the cemetery, has been a success. It has proved attractive to residents in addition to helping biodiversity. The compost bins are well used. Also, there have been some cost savings through the reduction in mowing. Funding has enabled the local history group to embark on the major documentation projects

What have the barriers been?

Lack of historical focus on matters environmental, which are being addressed.

What will you change?

During 2020 the focus of the Community Council will significantly embrace the environment. We will work with Powys based organisations such as the NRW, and PAVO, taking their advice and support on environmental matters.

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

During 2020, the Community Council will establish an Environmental, Sustainability and Planning Committee. It will be the responsibility of this committee to implement and monitor the s6 duty planning.