

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: Cyngor Tref Penrhyndeudraeth

Group: 2

Introduction and Context

Cyngor Tref Penrhyndeudraeth is a rural town council covering the town of Penrhyndeudraeth and Minffordd, serving approximately 5,000 residents. The precept for 2025/2026 was £101,606.11.

The Council currently has 9 Councillors and employs a part-time Clerk and a part-time Assets Clerk. We also use the services of a Groundsman and General Caretaker.

Penrhyndeudraeth Town Council manages the Penrhyndeudraeth and Minffordd park, the Minffordd Cemetery, Cae Cookes allotments, and several small green spaces around the town. The Council also owns and manages the Neuadd Drefol.

Penrhyndeudraeth is a small town situated near the Glaslyn and Dwyrdd estuaries, with a history of slate quarrying. The town is within close proximity to Snowdonia National Park, offering residents and visitors access to protected landscapes and wildlife.

The Council supports local events such as the Marchnad Tre Cocos and the Christmas Fair, which attracts community members and visitors. Through its management of public spaces, funding initiatives, and educational activities, the Council contributes to biodiversity, well-being, and sustainable community development in the town.

Action Report 2023 - 2025

NRAP Objective	Action carried out to...	Monitored by:
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Full Council and Clerk/RFO.
	The Council has taken proactive steps to integrate biodiversity considerations into its decision-making and procurement processes. This includes: Biodiversity Criteria in Tendering: When evaluating tenders, biodiversity performance is included as a weighted criterion alongside cost and quality. For	



		<p>example, grass-cutting and park management tenders require contractors to implement practices that encourage native species, pollinators, and habitat creation.</p> <p>Environmental Committee: The Council has established an Environment Committee tasked with overseeing environmental initiatives, including biodiversity. This committee provides strategic guidance, reviews progress on environmental objectives, and ensures that biodiversity is embedded across all council activities.</p> <p>Training and Awareness: Councillors and staff involved in procurement and planning decisions have received guidance on biodiversity considerations, ensuring that environmental impacts are assessed consistently in all decisions.</p> <p>Monitoring and Reporting: Ongoing projects are monitored to ensure biodiversity commitments are implemented. Reports on outcomes are provided to the Council to support continuous improvement and transparency.</p> <p>These measures ensure that biodiversity is a core consideration in all council decisions and procurement activities, embedding environmental responsibility across the organisation.</p>	
	<p>-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance</p>	<p>We work in close partnership with Y Dref Werdd (community social enterprise) and we have installed planters in the Millenium Park (with the help of local schools) which has a selection of foods and flowers</p>	<p>Clerk and Environment Committee.</p>



		<p>available for the use of the community at no cost to them.</p> <p>We share information on general climate and biodiversity issues on our facebook page.</p>	Clerk
2	-safeguard principal species and habitats	<p>We have helped improve one of the orchards in the millenium park by receiving a wildflower package from Keep Wales Tidy.</p> <p>We have elected not to install lighting in the millenium park to ensure that protected species are not affected by unnatural lighting.</p> <p>We conduct litter picks during the summer months, with the assistance of the local schools, Cyngor Gwynedd and North Wales Police.</p> <p>We took part in the OVW AGA Toolkit which recorded the number of plant species at the millenium park and Cae Cookes allotment site.</p>	<p>Cllrs and Groundskeeper.</p> <p>Enviro Committee.</p> <p>Clerk/Cllrs and 3rd parties.</p> <p>Clerk and Enviro Committee.</p>
3	-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<p>We created a new wildflower meadow within our park as well as planting 12 new fruit trees on site.</p> <p>We also scattered wildflower seeds at the same time.</p> <p>We have limited the grass cutting areas within our park to protect species of animals and plants. No grass cutting takes place after November until April the following year.</p> <p>We have a stream which runs inside the park and we are hoping to encourage local wildlife by opening the stream and extending it further.</p>	Clerk/ Cllrs and Groundskeeper.
4	-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<p>We made the decision to change the mowing regime of all grasslands by leaving certain areas uncut.</p> <p>We have created a new habitat for invertebrates by recycling a tree to create a habitat.</p> <p>We have evaluated the use of all pesticides. We have chosen to stop</p>	Groundskeeper/Cllrs and Enviro. Committee.



Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025

What has worked well?	We have been successful in applying for wildlife packages. The Environment Committee has 3 Cllrs, who regularly attend and contribute.
What have the barriers been?	Mowing changes – whilst we have been able to limit the areas that we choose to mow, we have not been able to reduce the mowing times during the year. This is partly due to the fact that we cannot reduce mowing times for the cemetery and the park is also in constant use by the public as well as the local schools.
What will you change?	We will carry out a community consultation on further changes and communicate clearly the aims of objectives of any changes.
How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?	We are in the S6 reporting year of 2025. A new BAP will be written in 2026, to be reviewed yearly.

		using pesticides, where they are not necessary.	
5	-use improve and share evidence	We keep in regular contact with OVW biodiversity officers about any changes to the park and to seek advice whenever necessary. New biodiversity and climate training is always suggested to Councillors and the clerk.	
6	-support capacity and/or other organisations	Maintain good relationship with OVW.	







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"> that own or occupy an office building only and whose functions are not directly connected to biodiversity and/or land management. 	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"> that own, occupy or manage land their own buildings and grounds, whose functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management, or that can influence those who own or manage land. 	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"> that own or manage land beyond their own grounds, whether their functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management or not. 	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

