

# CYNGOR CYMUNED BRYNCRUG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6		
Name of Town or Community Council: Bryncrug Community Council		
<b>Introduction and Context</b> Bryncrug Community Council provide a range of services to its local community which have an impact on biodiversity. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsibility for several green spaces including the Playing Field Bryncrug, Community Garden and Dolgoch Falls.</li> <li>• Organising planters and floral displays in the playing field and around the village.</li> </ul> We promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainable practices whenever possible. We serve approximately 622 residents. The precept for 2025-2026 is £13,350.		
Action Report		
Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflected the commitment to biodiversity and natural areas by expressing the desire to join the Dyfi Biosphere and committing to playing an active role within the organisation</li> <li>• Take biodiversity considerations into account when reviewing planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders and neighbourhood services matters.</li> <li>• Ensuring that our contractors are fully aware of the duty to promote biodiversity and protect wildlife from interference. No work to be carried out during the nesting season.</li> </ul>	Commitments made in documents Consideration of biodiversity demonstrated in decisions on planning applications.
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where possible encourage the public to consider the biodiversity of the natural surroundings</li> <li>• When possible, take part in events and seminars to learn more about biodiversity and how to improve it and contribute to public information schemes and advertising.</li> <li>• Posting details of the actions we have taken to help biodiversity in the Bryncrug Community Council area on our website, social media platforms.</li> </ul>	Through feedback from Council members and residents. Numbers of people taking part in activities

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-safeguard principal species and habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is reflected in the Council's commitment to undertaking essential grounds work at appropriate times of year and with due consideration for the wildlife, its habitats and plant-life populations.</li> <li>• Ensured no negative impacts on protected species</li> </ul>	Records of any sites or species safeguarded
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installed planters with native pollinator friendly flowers and shrubs in the Community Garden.</li> <li>• Work with the local school providing butterfly gardens for children to learn about metamorphosis before being able to release the butterflies into the Community Garden</li> <li>• Provide bug hotels in the Community Garden to provide a safe environment for insects and smaller animals to live in.</li> <li>• Provide bird feeders and seeds in the Community Garden and bird nesting boxes at Dolgoch Falls.</li> <li>• Provide bee and insect baths in the Community Garden.</li> </ul>	Area of habitat increased.
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whenever possible, ensuring office supplies such as paper and cleaning products are sustainably sourced (e.g. locally and/or made from recycled material).</li> <li>• Reduced the use of pesticides to only where absolutely necessary such as to control invasive non-native species such as Japanese Knotweed and report any infestations.</li> </ul>	Minimum amount of pesticide applied
-use, improve and share evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuously work with the Dyfi Biosphere and other local environmental groups to ensure use of best practice and to learn about other initiatives in the local area to increase our knowledge and share our experiences.</li> </ul>	Increased knowledge
-support capacity and/or other organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Keep Wales Tidy to improve the school grounds and the Playground areas.</li> <li>• Continuously looking for opportunities to take part in projects that will give more knowledge of how to improve the biodiversity in our community.</li> </ul>	Use of expert advice

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work alongside Dyfi Biosphere and the National Park to gain further knowledge of how to improve the biodiversity in our community.</li></ul>	
<b>Review of s6 duty</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What worked well?</li><li>• What have the barriers been?</li><li>• What will you change?</li><li>• How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan?</li></ul>	<p>The biodiversity plan will be reviewed in May every year. Successful projects and action will be noted as well as looking at improvements.</p> <p>Any changes to the biodiversity plan will be decided on in the review.</p>	

**Adopted 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Next Review July 2026**