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| **Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6****The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2021** |
| **Name of Town or Community Council: Tawe Uchaf Community Council** |
| **Introduction and Context****Tawe Uchaf Community Council provides local service to the Community that impact biodiversity including*** **Three play areas and a re-developed green space with tree planting**
* Organising roadside planting
* Provide grants to local organisations with impact on biodiversity
* Promotes sustainability and biodiversity practice whenever possible
* We serve approximately 1200 electors; The precept for 2021-22 is £25,000
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| **Action Report – The report is updated at November 2021** |
| Action carried out to: |  | Monitored by: |
| -embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement | Considerations for biodiversity applied to footpath maintenance and diversions; Concerns at loss of habitat, due to verge mowing, addressed to County Council in 2020 and 2021;  | Consideration of biodiversity reviewed and demonstrated |
| -raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance | Re-developed and recovered overgrown land to develop a green space with trees planted;Area of land will be extended with additional trees to be planted.Details posted on social media  | Councillor feedbackGround maintenance contractor |
| -safeguard principal species and habitats | Contributes to protect sites and species and sites of importance for conservation;Problems with loss of habitat due to verge mowing have been raised with the County Council;A Council member is a member of a botanical survey group which records plant species throughout Brecknock.  | Sites recorded and safeguarded |
| -restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks | Restoration of overgrown land to recreate a green space;Created awareness for Mowing strimming on footpath network;Council is exploring a possible project with Celtic Energy to create a new tree planting scheme | Local habitat protected |
| -tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species | Non-native species identified and their location reported to BBNPA;The Council promote sustainable procurement whenever possible | Action by National Park or National Trust as appropriate. |
| -use improve and share evidence | Worked with National Park biodiversity officer to identify and increase knowledge of invasive non-native species; | Areas of sites of non- native species recorded |
| -support capacity and/or other organisations | Council member participates in botanical surveys which have recorded local sites;  | Biodiversity protected and awareness created, particularly of rare and uncommon species |
| **Review of s6 duty – November 2021** |
| * What worked well?

Recreation of green space and roadside plantings have been successful;Improvement of area has proved attractive to visitors and residents* What have the barriers been?

Creating awareness to apply knowledge and include in best practice; A problem with a loss of habitat due to verge mowing is being addressed with the County Council * What will you change?
* Continue to liaise with botanical survey group and National Park biodiversity officer;
* Increase monitoring of areas of bio-diversity
* How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan?

Evidence will inform local planning consultations; footpath maintenance and local botanical surveys.The section 6 plan will be reviewed as evidence or information is available |