

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1- Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

Report 2025-2028

Name of Town or Community Council: **Abenbury Community Council**

Introduction and Context

Abenbury Community Council covers an area comprising 313 households, and part of the Wrexham Industrial Estate. As such it is a largely urban area, with part of the area bordering the rural outskirts of the town. The Community Council recognises its duty under the 2016 Act and seeks to ensure that within the Community it has responsibility for, and the duties it performs, biodiversity is taken into account, and adverse impact on biodiversity is minimised as far as possible.

The main areas in which the Council has responsibility or influence where Bio – diversity is concerned are as follows:

- Lease of former Community Centre site area at Pentre Maelor, Bridge Road, Wrexham - . Responsibility for this area has come to the Community Council by way of a lease from Wrexham County Borough Council in place since October 2025.
- Responses to Planning Applications
- Promote through grant support, the work of local Environmental groups, such as Wrexham Litter pickers.
- Influence on the Unitary Authority's policies such as cutting of hedges and verges, and various environmental schemes.

The budget for 2026-2027 will be £20542

Action report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
Embed biodiversity into decision making and procurement.	The Annual report of the Council reflects the Council's commitment to biodiversity and environmental matters. Taking account of biodiversity matters when considering Planning Applications and other associated matters. Environmental and Climate impacts will be considered in	This is shown in Documented statements and actions. Minutes of meetings. Responses to Planning Applications. For example, in work to establish the Community Orchard on the area of leased land, we are working closely with keep Wales Tidy officers and WCBC Officers to ensure responsible procurement of planted items and recycled materials .

	any decisions concerning provision or monitoring.	Obgoing monitoring will consist of looking for diverse species establishing themselves. The contract for grounds Maintenance will be set to encourage Meadow species and encouragement of insects and diverse species.
Raise awareness of biodiversity and its importance	We will continue to encourage the wider community where possible, including organisations operating within the Community council boundaries when taking forward actions for example arising from Eco survey recommendations. We will continue to provide financial and support in kind to environmental groups such as Wrexham litter pickers in their work, and the Llwyn Onn residents group in their efforts regarding tree planting on Llwyn Onn estate, or any other environmental clean- up opportunities We will promote biodiversity and the actions of groups on our website and through local Facebook groups.	Feedback from Community Groups and Council Members. Community Engagement opportunities. We will encourage residents to become involved.
Safeguard principal species and habitats.	As above, we are currently working with Keep Wales Tidy and Wrexham County Borough Council Environmental officer , to install a Community Orchard on leased land, by sourcing items responsibly, providing habitat boxes, Fruit Trees etc and providing information for the community regarding biodiversity in this location. We will aim to continue to develop this aspect by encouraging schools, play scheme participants and employees of local firms on the industrial estate as well as nearby residents to enjoy and appreciate the space. Together with WCBC will continue to monitor the space for diverse species.	Records of baseline surveys and follow up surveys.

	Through planting and maintenance schemes, will ensure that the site thrives and is not maintained in such a way as to deter diverse species of grasses and insects. We will commission Eco surveys as required for other locations and will act upon them We will continue to ensure the preservation and good management of trees in the area, particularly on Maes Brenin.	
Restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks	As above and will continue to work with local voluntary groups to ensure that any plantings are native pollinator friendly We will encourage Wrexham Council to leave fallow areas such as roadsides to encourage pollinator friendly native species.	Feedback from North Wales Wildlife Trust and Local environmental voluntary groups. Success of new initiatives supported.
Tackle negative factors for example reduce pollution, use nature based solutions address invasive species.	We will take action against ragwort if identified in locations within our control and other invasive species. We will take steps to reduce paper use, and single use plastic and undertake sustainable procurement, for any items purchased, activities etc. We will promote green waste composting within the community.	Monitor and feedback for reduction in negative factors. More sustainable items used and reduction in paper consumption.
Use improve and share evidence	We work with local Environmental groups, landowners, for example sharing knowledge within the community to reduce instances of land pollution and littering where possible.	Increased evidence and knowledge base.

	Use Clerks network to obtain advice on sustainable community ventures and sustainable procurement.	
Support capacity and / other organisations.	As Mentioned previously, lending financial support and support in kind to local voluntary and environmental groups in the community a far as is feasible to do so up to S 137 limits.	Support given.
Review of S6 Duty		
What has worked well? Progress of the lease to this stage and the involvement of the outside bodies, keep Wales Tidy for grant funding, One Voice Wales, and the Environment officer at Wrexham Council, for advice and input to enhance knowledge and best practice What have the barriers been? It has been slow progress to achieve the granting of the lease due to circumstances beyond our control and the legal and decision-making process of the Unitary Authority. What will you change? By enhancing our knowledge as a body through the input of outside bodies we will endeavour to involve the community to pass on this knowledge. How and when will the S6 duty be monitored and the S6 plan reviewed? This will be reviewed on an annual basis, and as set out above.		