

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6
The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty

**Reporting on Section 6 – Reporting Template for Town and Community
Councils**

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The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2022

Name of Town or Community Council: Bala Town Council

Introduction and Context

- Bala Town Council has limited land and land management responsibilities currently, but is beginning to develop a plan to initiate town projects and to promote and connect existing projects locally to maximise effect.
 - Bala has a population of around 2000 people who can take positive action for biodiversity and resilience.
 - The ward covers 242 hectares and is relatively densely populated

Action Report

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Grass cutting and grounds maintenance, now to include optimising for plant diversity	Inclusion in contract documents
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	Plan in development to connect local activities and enthusiasts via information page	Establishment of Bala Diversity Face Book page and monitoring of responses
-safeguard principal species and habitats	Meetings held with local land managers including Parc Eryri wardens and NRW to establish how Y Bala town council can support with their work .	
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	Contact made with Gwynedd Council to explore verge management for biodiversity .	Ongoing dialogue with GC and maintenance team
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	SWOT analysis of town issues carried out and negative factor threats identified – working towards a plan and interaction with other relevant agencies within the area on going Some invasive species managed by Parc Eryri warden service . Spoke to	Negative factors and mitigating actions will be included in the s6 plan . Volunteering opportunities to

	warden team about how we can support their volunteer drives .	be published on Bala Biodiversity FB page
-use improve and share evidence	None to date	
-support capacity and/or other organisations	Contact made with the following agencies :Parc Eryri warden service , NRW,Gwynedd Council , Rugby Club,Sports Association , Ysgol Godre'r Berwyn , Community Gardens . Others identified and will be contacted for comments and actions .	
Review of s6 duty		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will you change? • Good response to initial meetings with land managers . Lots of separate projects identified for linking up . • No plan to date • s6 plan to be written by 30th April 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed? • S6 plan will be in place by 30th April 2023 • s6 plan reviewed and any actions arising quarterly . 		