

**Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6**

**The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2022**

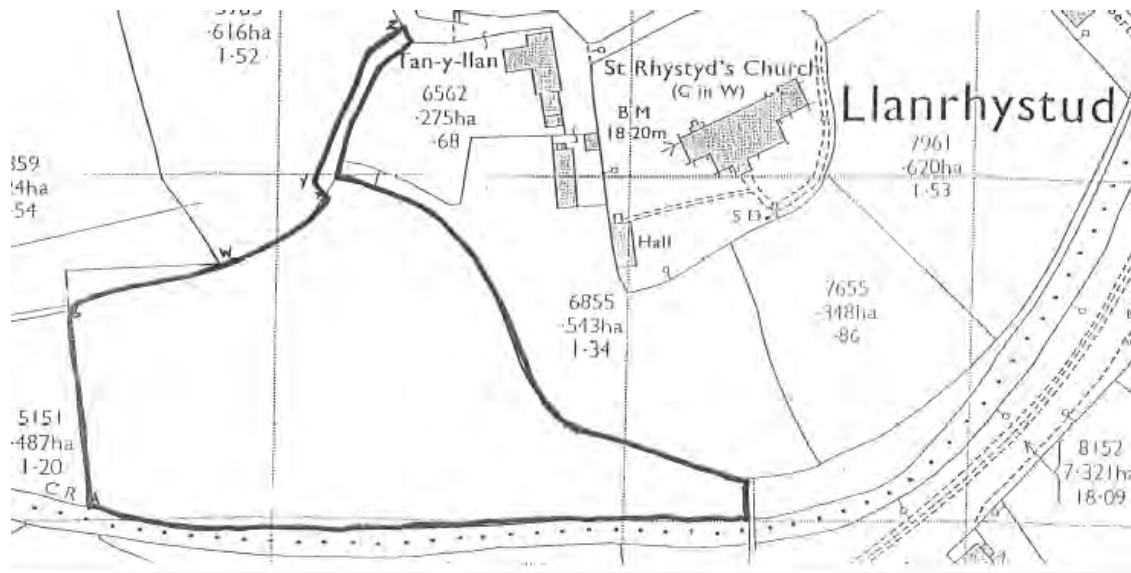
**Name of Town or Community Council: Llanrhystud Community Council**

**Introduction and Context**

Llanrhystud Community Council is responsible for one green space namely 'the playing field' in its local community, located to the South-East of the village Church – outlined in bold in the image below. Within the playing field are:

- a children's play area;
- a football pitch;
- a storage garage.

The boundary of the field consists of natural and mature hedgerows and trees which are a haven for birds and other wildlife.



We promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainable practices whenever possible.

We serve approximately 459 households. The precept for 2022/2023 was £8600.00.

**Action Report**

- The field is mown regularly since the football pitch is used regularly by a local club, and the whole field infrequently by the community to host events, such as the carnival.
- The grass within the children's play area is mown regularly.
- The hedges are kept trimmed every few years.

- In the North-West corner of the field, the hedge is particularly dense, providing an area for wildlife to inhabit.



- The grass in area between the footpath and the hedge along the East side of the field is left to grow taller and two new trees have been planted in this location.



- The community council is working closely with our Ceredigion Local Nature Partnership (LNP) coordinator to identify potential areas within the playing field, as well as the area surrounding, i.e. along the nearby riverbank, where specific actions can be carried out to encourage biodiversity.

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
<b>-embed biodiversity into decision making &amp; procurement</b>	Councillors have met with our LNP coordinator outside of normal meeting times on a couple of occasions to discuss and investigate potential biodiversity projects. The council is keen to continue working with the LNP coordinator and be guided by their advice in decisions that can be made to promote biodiversity.	The LNP coordinator is generating a report on activities to date, which will likely be the first in a series as the Council proceed with potential biodiversity projects. These reports will be reviewed on an annual basis to monitor progress.
<b>-raise awareness of biodiversity &amp; its importance</b>	Although very little progress has been made to date, the Council intends to upgrade its website. The intention is to include a section devoted to biodiversity in our community.	When the website has been constructed, visitor statistics can be monitored as an indication of the impact of this action.
<b>-safeguard principal species and habitats</b> <b>-restore &amp; create habitats and resilient ecological networks</b>	The LNP coordinator has suggested individuals who have specialist knowledge, which the council intend to collaborate with in order to identify existing species and habitats for safeguarding or to restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks to bring back certain species.	Monitoring of this action will require the guidance of the specialists; however, it would possibly involve health assessments of habitats, recording of sightings of different species, etc.

<b>-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species</b>	Currently not actioned.	N/A
<b>-use improve and share evidence</b>	Since these actions are in the very early stages, no evidence is currently available on progress.	N/A
<b>-support capacity and/or other organisations</b>	The LNP coordinator is working closely with the council and the intention is to grow the network of individuals involved in the potential projects to be undertaken.	Regular reports are to be generated to record progress, which will be reviewed annually.

### Review of s6 duty

- What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will you change?

The help of the LNP coordinator has been of great benefit to the Council's intention of promoting biodiversity in the community, and their input has provided direction for the energy the Council is willing to put into this issue.

The main barrier over the last few years has been the Covid-19 pandemic, which has limited interaction and the possibility for groups to get together and act. Beyond that, and more recently, the organisation involved in getting people together has been somewhat of a barrier.

Going forward, it may be beneficial to identify sub-groups of the Council to target specific action in order to ensure progress is maintained.

- How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?

The regular reports on the progress made in collaboration with our LNP coordinator and other specialists, will be reviewed annually and progress assessed against this current S6 plan. The S6 plan will be reviewed and updated every three years, with the next version to be submitted at the end of 2025.

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