

ST BRIDES MINOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANSANTFFRAID

Chair: Councillor Shaun Morgan

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The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

Introduction and Context	<p>The Community Council has responsibility for/influence over land at the following sites, which have an impact on biodiversity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights of Way footpaths within the Bryncethin, Bryncoch and Sarn wards including Heol Llansantffraid, Leyshon Way, Cymdda to the M4 , Pen y Cae, Tyn y Coed Close, steps on Cefn Carfan Road, the footpath behind Brynmenyn Industrial Estate along the river, Heol Llan (leading up to the common) and behind Williams Crescent from the Glen. <p>The Rights of Way are maintained by a contractor working on behalf of the Community Council. The footpaths are maintained under an Agency Agreement between the Local Authority, Bridgend County Borough Council and St Brides Minor Community Council.</p> <p>The Community Council also employs a contractor to cut grass at the following green spaces and carries out ad hoc tree maintenance and weed control:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y Cymdda, Sarn • Top of Cymdda • Vale View • Nazareth Chapel • Heol Laethog • Sarn Cemetery <p>and it organises flower beds and hanging baskets along the main spine roads through the 3 wards of Bryncethin, Bryncoch and Sarn and have installed a 3 tier planter in Bryncethin.</p> <p>The council has a 35 year lease for the management of a car park at Bryncethin Memorial Hall in the Bryncoch ward.</p> <p>The council is currently in on-going discussions with the representative of Dunraven Estates to manage land at Sarn Common and is in the process of purchasing a green space of land at Vale View, Sarn.</p> <p>The council serves just under 6,277 residents. The precept for 2025/26 is £69,359.</p>
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Action Report 2023 -2025		
NRAP Objective	Action carried out to...	Monitored by:
1a.embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<p>St Brides Minor CC has two representatives who serve on the Board of Coity Wallia Conservators. The Conservators oversee 1,065 hectares of common land that border the wards of Bryncethin and Bryncoch.</p> <p>The council considers biodiversity and the environment in all of its discussions on planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders and recently plans for solar and wind farms.</p>	SBM CC and monitored by the Clerk
1b.raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<p>In recent years, the council has planted daffodils in all 3 wards of the community.</p> <p>The Council has worked with a local litter picking group and the council employs a contractor to carry out footpath maintenance to its Rights of Way footpaths, weed control and grass cutting.</p>	SBM CC and the Clerk.
2.safeguard principal species and habitats	The Council's contractor carries out tree maintenance necessary for public safety and the overall health of the trees in ad hoc green spaces.	SBM CC/Clerk
3. restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<p>The Council's contractor has planted hanging baskets and flower beds with native pollinator friendly flowers to provide food for pollinators from spring to autumn.</p> <p>The Rights of Way are maintained by a contractor working on behalf of the Community Council. The footpaths are maintained under an Agency Agreement between the Lo-</p>	SBM CC/Clerk SMB CC/Clerk

	cal Authority, Bridgend County Borough Council and the Community Council. The Community Council makes a claim for reimbursement of some of the costs of maintaining the footpaths from the Local Authority each year and remains committed to this scheme.	
4.tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<p>St Brides Minor CC will continue to consider all environmental impact in its procurement decisions, whilst still obtaining value for money.</p> <p>Waste paper is shredded and recycled. Carboard is also recycled as are the photocopier toner cartridges.</p>	Clerk
5.use, improve and share evidence	<p>We work in partnership with Coity Wallia Conservators and Commoners to maintain footpaths and ensure fly tipping is removed on Coity Wallia Common. The Conservators also help protect habitats and have built ponds to improve the biodiversity on the Common.</p> <p>The Common is comprised of 1,065 hectares of priority habitats, there is particular emphasis on habitat management for the marsh fritillary, high brown fritillary, the bog bush cricket and the shrill carder bee.</p> <p>The Community Council will continue to share biodiversity updates on its website.</p>	SBM CC/Clerk/Coity Wallia Conservators and Commoners
6.support capacity, and/or other organisations	<p>The Council has recently resolved to organise an annual community award scheme to recognise the achievements of either a resident/s or local organisation and this will include championing of environmental issues</p> <p>The council works in partnership with Coity Wallia Conservators and</p>	SBM CC/Clerk and working in partnership with local residents and schools.

	local litter picking groups with the provision of skips.	
Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025		
What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will change?	<p>The creation of flower beds and provision of hanging baskets has been a success; they enhance the attractiveness of the community to residents in addition to helping biodiversity.</p> <p>There is some knowledge within the Community Council to identify best practice, but with research and consideration given to biodiversity when employing contractors this will improve.</p> <p>We will work with the Local Biodiversity Officer to seek advice.</p> <p>We will continue to work with local partners such as Coity Wallia Conservators and Commoners, litter picking groups, schools etc.</p>	
How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?	<p>The duty will be monitored by reporting back to the council on the success or otherwise of the actions taken through regular inspections.</p> <p>The Community Council will review the S6 plan in light of this reporting and any other evidence or information that is made available to the Council.</p> <p>It will continue to seek advice and support from organisations such as One Voice Wales on good practice and the effective delivery of the S6 duty.</p> <p>The next formal report of the plan will be established no later than December 2028.</p>	