



Bargoed Town Council
Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1
Section 6 The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty.

Report 2019



Introduction

Bargoed Town Council serves approximately 12,000 residents of the geographic areas of Aberbargoed, Bargoed, Galfach and the Park Estate. The precept for 2019-20 is £72,732.

Bargoed Town Council does not own or manage any land or buildings.
 The authority comprises of 13 elected Members, 6 Volunteers and 1 paid member of staff.

Within the geographical areas served by Bargoed Town Council, residents benefit from many natural resources including Aberbargoed Grasslands, which is a National Nature Reserve, and Bargoed Woodland Park.

Services and Activities

The Town Council provides a range of services to its local community which have an impact on biodiversity. These include:

- Organising planters and hanging baskets throughout the town centre areas.
- Giving grants for projects in the Council's area. These impacts on biodiversity through cascading funding criteria.
- Actively supporting all allotments across the Greater Bargoed area.

Action

Tackle negative factors: for eg. Reduce pollution

Support capacity and/or other organisations

Restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks

Raise awareness of biodiversity and its importance

Embed biodiversity into decision making and procurement

How and when will the S6 duty be monitored and the S6 plan reviewed?

- Office supplies such as paper are sourced locally
- New planters are made from recycled materials
- Increase use of communications technology
- Received a presentation in relation to the use of CIL monies to provide electric vehicle infrastructure in order to reduce carbon emissions, pollution and promote sustainability.
- Grant-making policy to require any organisations receiving a grant from Council to demonstrate how this will contribute to supporting biodiversity as part of their project
- Formal consultee with Caerphilly County Borough Council in relation to supplementary planning guidance LDP8 – Protection of Open Space
- Plant hanging baskets and planters with native pollinator friendly flowers
- Requested that wildflowers are planted at roundabouts, road islands and road verges – to provide a refuge for bees, butterflies and birds, encouraging pollination and reducing grass cutting requirements.
- Members work with schools and partner organisations to increase activity at sites such as the Aberbargoed Nature Reserve, Bargoed Country Park and the parks in town council areas.
- Promoted the National Nature Reserve in Aberbargoed on the Town Council website and social media pages.
- Supported litter picking events, including local schools and voluntary groups as an opportunity to raise awareness and promote the “reduce, reuse and recycle” ethos.
- Promote the activities of Tarragan Educational Gardens & Nursery on the Town Council website and social media pages.
- Worked with Bargoed Litter Pickers to support their new initiatives.
- Taken into account biodiversity when considering planning applications – made formal objections in relation to speculative applications from developers on green field sites, impacts of developments on public rights of way, tree preservation orders and the safeguarding of SINC areas.
- Council will work on identifying additional opportunities to embed biodiversity and ecosystems into Council activities.
- The plan will be reviewed on an annual basis.