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Reporting on Section 6

Community and Town Councils

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

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025	
Name of Community or Town Council:	Castle Caereinion Community Council
Group:	2

Introduction and Context

Castle Caereinion Community Council provides local services within the community including:

Grounds maintenance and roadside verges, Street furniture benches and bins, Play area and its maintenance, Grants to the Community Centre and the Church.

Castle Caereinion is situated along the route of the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway, the village is located approximately six miles west of Welshpool. With St Garmon's Church at its heart, this active Community comes together through events, The Community Centre and the local Village pub. The Community has benefit of a circular Community trail and many walks around the area.

The Village has an electorate of 527 and the Community Council consists of 8 elected/co-opted members, with a precept of £15550 for the year ending 31st March 2026.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings, and time is set aside for public participation.

Action Report 2023 - 2025

NRAP Objective	Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	There is an area which previously was mown and kept tidy by the Council. It has been agreed that this area can be kept for re-wilding for incorporating biodiversity. A small path has been cut through, and the rest of the area has been left to grow to see if anything native is growing there. The Clerk participates in training courses and in 2026 the Clerk is looking into the various packages available to apply from OVW. The Council also considers biodiversity in their responses to future planning applications.	Clerk and Council

	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	The Council will continue to work with volunteers within the Community. Recently there was a litter picking session and future ones will be held. The clerk posts onto social media regarding potential ideas with a view to re-wilding areas and introducing wildflower corridors.	Clerk and Council
2	-safeguard principal species and habitats	The council will consider the purchase of hedgehog homes and a small pond to encourage wildlife.	Clerk and Council
3	-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	The council will be buying fruit trees and native bulbs to plant within the Village and create wildflower corridors to encourage pollinators.	Clerk and Council
4	-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	The Council will limit the use of herbicides and encourage others to do the same.	Clerk and Council
5	-use improve and share evidence	Using the Community social media page the Council can continue to promote the importance of biodiversity within the Community.	Clerk and Council
6	-support capacity and/or other organisations	The Council supports other organisations within the Community by means of small grants. Training offered by One Voice Wales to be used to educate and enable councillors to carry out biodiversity duties.	Clerk and Council

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Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025	
What has worked well?	Talking to people and explaining the importance of biodiversity.
What have the barriers been?	Public opinion of wildflowers and understanding their importance.
What will you change?	More wildflower corridors, less mowing in designated areas and introduce wildlife habitats.
How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?	The Clerk will monitor the duty annually.
Next review due:	December2026/January 2027
Approved by Council on:	25/2/26