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

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

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| **Talybont-on-Usk Community Council**  **2019-2022** |
| Our Council comprises of around acres with just over 800 residents, 399 properties and an annual precept of £18,770. We have 9 elected community councillors and 1 county councillor.  Our council area includes the Brecon and Monmouth canal, the SSSI/SAC Usk and Caerfanell rivers, the Talybont Reservoir and part of the Pontsticill Reservoir, many hills, native and forestry woods, waterfalls and loads of wildlife with walking, riding and bridle trails throughout. With the exception of the area closest to the A40, almost all of it falls within the Dark Sky Reserve. We are fully within the Brecon Beacons National Park.  Our land management includes:   * Approx 4 acres of play and sports field. * Henry Vaughan Garden and Trail * The Village Hall (it is leased to the Talybont Hall Committee) * The 43 Bus shelter * Grass area opposite the bus stop with the village information board |
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| Action carried out to: |  | Monitored by: |
| -embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement | The Council has been commited to encouraging biodiversity whenever and wherever possible by investigating planning permission, maintaining our grounds with eco-minded solutions and serving on the talybont energy board. | Entire Council and Specific committee members. |
| -raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance | We have raised awareness through our minutes, quarterly newsletter (talybont matters) and website with suggestions for how our residents can help. | Entire Council, Clerk & contributions from Newsletter Writers |
| -safeguard principal species and habitats | We have been committed to managing the trees and the grounds of the playing field at the village hall with nature in mind, allowing grass to grow wild in areas and removing invasive species. | Lawn Maintenance company with oversight from the Council |
| -restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks | We care for several pieces of land. They are grassland, the Henry Vaughan Garden and Walk, community orchard and wildflower meadows. | Entire Council, Henry Vaughan Garden Committee, Linda Wyndham |
| -tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species | We have regular litter picks to tackle pollution. We have electric charging points at the Village Hall and a Bike Hub to encourage less use of fossil fuels. We have solar panels on the village hall and a ground source heatpump  ~~We have recycling bins at the Village Hall to encourage sustainable tourism.~~ | Entire Council,  Henderson Hall  Powys CC took them away!!!??? |
| -use improve and share evidence | We have shared all of our initiatives through the minutes and on the website | Clerk and Council |
| -support capacity and/or other organisations | We have shared with organisations on the website such as the Village Hall Committee, churches and chapels and the Talybont WI. | Clerk, Council and Committee Members |

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| Review of the section 6 duty thus far: |
| * What has worked well?   Litter picking, community garden   * What have the barriers been?   Time constraints, lack of funding by Powys CC   * What will you change?   Need to form a committee/action group for more frequent discussion   * How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?   Annually via report to Council by Clerk |