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

**The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty**

**Reporting on Section 6 – Reporting Template for Town and Community Councils**

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| ***Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6***  ***The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2022*** |
| **Name of Town or Community Council:** *Reynoldston Community Council* |
| **Introduction and Context**   * A short description of the Council, its functions and context in relation to * how it could help biodiversity (through functions with regard to land management, grant funding, education activities, for e.g.) * spatial scale and place (e.g. how much land does it cover, population, precept?) * public service delivery (e.g. is it subject to the Well-being of Future Generations (WFG) Act?)   *We are a small Community Council in the heart of Gower, an Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We own no buildings or land ourselves. We maintain the grass levels on two “Village Greens” but do not own the land.*  *The Village Greens are regularly mowed by a Community Councillor to keep the grass levels acceptable but this is enhanced by the livestock we have roaming the Village, namely sheep, cattle and horses.* |
| **Action Report** |

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| Action carried out to: |  | Monitored by: |
| -embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement | *N/A as we do not own any land or buildings so cannot influence biodiversity in our Community Council* | *Community Council* |
| -raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance | *N/A as we do not own any land or buildings so cannot influence biodiversity in our Community Council* |  |
| -safeguard principal species and habitats | *The Community Councillor who drives the motor mower to cut our Village Greens is aware of observing for any natural species and habitats as they operate the machinery.* |  |
| -restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks | *When the Community Council took over maintaining the Village Greens, they were in a poor state. We feel we have restored nature to return and allowed better grazing for the livestock who inhabit our Village* |  |
| -tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species | *N/A – we use no solutions on our Village Greens* |  |
| -use improve and share evidence | *N/A* |  |
| -support capacity and/or other organisations | *N/A* |  |

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| **Review of s6 duty** |
| * What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will you change?   *Land quality has improved since we took over maintaining the grass height. Plan to change nothing further.*   * How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?   *Duty of the Community Council who will keep monitoring the Village Greens when cutting the grass.* |