

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: St Donats Community Council

Group: Group 1

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 example)
 - 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?)

St Donats Community Council is a small Council in the Vale of Glamorgan and is made up of 3 very small villages. The Council owns no land or buildings, but is in ownership of 3 notice boards, a defibrillator and Council laptop. The Council employs a part-time Clerk working 18 hours per month, based at home. The precept for the year 2025/2026 is £5,183. Meetings are held in a room on the site of United World College at St Donats with the kind permission of the Principal, a provision that the Council is very grateful to have received.

Action Report 2023 - 2025

NRAP Objective	Action carried out to...	Monitored by:
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	When commenting on planning applications, protection, water quality, health and well-being of residents are at the forefront of all observations made to the Unitary Authority. Agendas, minutes and reports are forwarded by e-mail resulting in minimal use of postal services. Minimal printing of documents and reports at all times by Councillors and Clerks. The Council carries out litter picking in its area and three of the Councillors and the Clerk are now 'Keep Wales Tidy Litter



		Champions' carrying out further litter picks from time to time.	
	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance		
4	-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<p>Report invasive plants (e.g. Japanese Knotweed) to Unitary Authority as soon as possible.</p> <p>Push for improvements to failing rural sewerage to improve water quality, health and well-being of residents.</p> <p>Ensuring litter bins are available in appropriate places.</p>	
6	-support capacity and/or other organisations	Support local groups in bearing biodiversity in mind with their events, projects and actions. When awarding grants, the Community Council ensures biodiversity is a consideration of the applicants where appropriate.	

Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025

What has worked well?	Reduction in printing of documents saving on use of paper and ink. Car sharing to travel to meetings. Litter Champions doing litter picks.
What have the barriers been?	None
What will you change?	None.
How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?	N/A
Next review due:	N/A
Approved by Council on:	7 th January 2026.