

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:	Wick Community Council
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Introduction and Context

Wick Community Council consists of 7 Councillors representing the communities of Wick and Broughton. The Council currently collects a precept of £9,000 pa from residents and uses these funds for Council business, bills and maintenance of The Sports Pavilion, and supporting relevant local projects through the awarding of grants and donations.

The Community Council owns a small patch of grass (outside West House, Wick) which is tended by the owners; and is currently in negotiation with The Vale of Glamorgan Council to take on a lease of the Council-owned Sports Field and Pavilion. This plan will need updating once we take on this responsibility and when the terms of any lease are known.

The Community Council also has links with other organisations involved in using and/or managing land in the community, including Wick Cricket Club, Wick Fete and Social Events, Sustainable Wick, The Local Nature Partnership for the Vale and the Friends of The Glamorgan Heritage Coast, as well as with The Duchy of Lancaster, who own the Village Green and other open spaces in the centre of Wick Village.

As a public body, Wick Community Council also has a role to play in helping deliver the Well-Being of Future Generations Act 2015, as recommended in the Future Generations Report 2025.



Action Report 2023 - 2025

NRAP Objective	Action carried out to...		Time Scale:
1	Embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	<p>Agree to appoint a Biodiversity and Environment Officer.</p> <p>Report on and review BAP progress and any additional environmental issues as fixed agenda item.</p> <p>Write Section 6 report, publish on website and send to Wales Biodiversity Partnership</p>	<p>Dec 2025</p> <p>From Jan 2026</p> <p>Dec 2025</p>
	Raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	Through discussion with appropriate community organisations and relevant landowners in the council's area.	On-going
4	Tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<p>Where possible procure products and services offering low-impact, environmentally friendly solutions – e.g. cleaning products, building maintenance materials.</p> <p>Help reduce pollution and waste by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - encouraging use of public transport, promoting car share, etc. - taking energy saving measures eg: installing LED light bulbs, thermostats; - promoting water-saving and recycling. <p>Ensuring a nature-based approach to management of the trees, hedgerows and grassland which make up the playing fields, thereby promoting habitats for birds, small mammals and insects.</p>	As soon as lease is finalised with VGC
6	Support capacity and/or other organisations	Actively engage with other organisations involved in using and/or managing land in the community	On-going



Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025

What has worked well?	<p>The partnership with The Vale LNP has resulted in the planting of wildflowers at various locations across the Village, and WCC has also been responsible for planting additional trees in the village.</p> <p>The Community Council is in consultation with the Vale Council's biodiversity officer, Cardiff Conservation Volunteers, Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Trust, the Duchy of Lancaster and local organisations concerning the possible conservation work at The Beacons and Trepit Road ponds. These sites are ideal for a local diversity project which would enhance the natural habitats that already exists for a range of birds, insects and plant life.</p>
What have the barriers been?	<p>Awaiting the lease from the Vale Council which will give Wick Community Council far more responsibility for looking after the Sports Field and Pavilion.</p> <p>Completing permissions from The Duchy to grant landlord's permission to obtain the necessary license from NRW re: species habitats in The Beacons and Trepit Road ponds.</p>
What will you change?	No overall change to the aims and specific objectives, only the ability to directly manage those once the Lease is finalised.
How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?	On-going via the Community Council's monthly meetings, with an annual review as part of the AGM.