

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: Blaenrheidol Community Council

Group: 2

Blaenrheidol Community Council consist of a total electorate of 383 who are represented by 8 Community Councillors (although 2 seats have been vacant during the 2024/25 year). The Clerk is required to dedicate 2 hours per week to Council services.

It borders with Ceredigion's Melindwr, Pontarfynach, Ceulanamaesmawr and Trefeurig Community Councils. The precept for 2024/25 was £4,706.

The Council does not have a dedicated Council Office, but it uses the public hall facilities situated within Syr John Rhys Primary School for its meetings.

The Community Council exists to enable the development and improvement of the facilities and services to residents and also to visitors, and usually meets on the last Tuesday of every other month. An AGM is held in May or June, prior to the regular meeting. The Chair and Vice Chair are elected at the AGM and serve for one+ year(s). The Council holds other meetings as necessary to fulfil its duties, these are open to the public when required by statute.



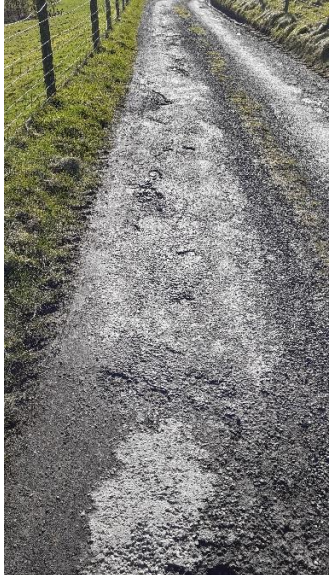
The Community Council has responsibility for a Children's Playground at Maesyrawel, Ponterwyd, which hosts a number of varied items of equipment. This is a well-used facility, providing an useful outdoor space for children in the area. The Playground is inspected regularly by the Councillors and has an independent safety inspection annually.

The Council also owns 2 bus shelters, 3 grit bins, 2 noticeboards and 2 benches as well as the playground equipment.

Action Report 2023 - 2025

NRAP Objective	Action carried out to...	Monitored by:
1	-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	The biodiversity plan is considered annually alongside the Annual Report and included as an appendix to reflect the Council's commitment to biodiversity and natural areas. Councillors have taken biodiversity into account when considering planning applications and other associated matters, such as prospective plans for wind turbines. Any meetings arranged to discuss the impacts of climate change eg wind sources of power, have been attended. The Clerk has attended OVW's biodiversity workshops and seminars and reported information back to the Councillors. This year's village Christmas decorations have been mainly constructed using natural resources.
	-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	The Council has supported the Village Hall Committee's workshops and initiatives, such as Welcoming Warm Spaces to save energy for local residents.  These events have been promoted by the Council on its website, via social media and local paper.



		The Clerk has attended organised awareness raising sessions where possible eg 'Pethau Bychain' and reported information back to the Councillors. Members of the community as a whole regularly volunteer in the context of nature / green spaces by supporting litter-picking events. These actions undertaken have also been posted on social media to raise awareness.	
2	-safeguard principal species and habitats	Path erosion on the access to Nant-y-Moch reservoir and repairs required to gates and cattle grid were reported to the County Council to ensure safeguarding of habitats.	Record of direct actions.
3	-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	The Council has discussed the frequency of the mowing regime at Maesyrawel Play Area for appropriateness.  Any issues re roads / paths eg potholes have been reported to the County Council for repair to avoid the need to veer off designated roads / paths on to areas of habitats. 	Appropriate area of habitat.

4	-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	A local glazier was requested to replace broken panels in one of the Council owned bus shelters to ensure the service was procured locally. Council members have travelled together to meetings where possible to reduce carbon emissions. Pesticides have not been used on Community Council leased land. Any changes to the County Council bins and collections service over periods such as bank holidays have been posted and shared via social media.	Appropriate purchases and actions.
5	-use improve and share evidence	Council did consider inviting the County Council's Biodiversity Officer to give a presentation re best practice and to increase knowledge of local issues, but post had been vacated. Plans are now in hand to arrange a visit and support the County Council's new initiative, a volunteer scheme that aims to help support and maintain greenspaces, including existing public rights away such as footpaths and bridleways, along with implementing vegetation management methods that will help improve biodiversity.	Use of expert advice.
6	-support capacity and/or other organisations	Steps taken to support the County Council's new initiative. The Council has followed the BAP, undertaken as many of the targets as possible, and are reporting on them here. This report will be published on the website and on the Wales Biodiversity Partnership website.	Provision of biodiversity benefits.

Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025

What has worked well?	Collaboration and the sharing of information with other bodies and residents.
What have the barriers been?	Residents expect frequent mowing which has hindered decisions.
What will you change?	Take further steps to support the County Council's new initiative.
How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?	We are in the S6 reporting year of 2025. A new Biodiversity Action Plan will be written in 2026, to be reviewed annually.

Adrodd ar Adran 6

Cynghorau Tref a Chynghorau Cymuned

Deddf yr Amgylchedd (Cymru) 2016 Rhan 1 – Adran 6 Y Ddyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth a Chydnerthedd Ecosystemau

Adroddiad 2025

Ddyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth a Chydnerthedd Ecosystemau

Enw y Cyngor Tref neu Gymuned: Cyngor Cymuned Blaenrheidol

Grŵp: 2

Mae gan Cyngor Cymuned Blaenrheidol cyfanswm o 383 o etholwyr sy'n cael eu cynrychioli gan 8 o Gynghorwyr Cymuned (er bu 2 sedd yn wag trwy gydol y flwyddyn 2024/25). Mae angen i'r Clerc wario 2 awr yr wythnos ar wasanaethau'r Cyngor.

Mae'n ffinio gyda Cynghorau Cymuned Melindwr, Pontarfynach, Ceulanamaesmawr a Trefeurig yng Ngheredigion. Y praesept am 2024/25 oedd £4,706.

Nid oes gan y Cyngor Swyddfa nodedig, ond mae'n defnyddio adnoddau neuadd cyhoeddus sydd o fewn Ysgol Gynradd Syr John Rhys am ei gyfarfodydd.

Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned yn bodoli i alluogi datblygiad a gwelliant o'r adnoddau a'r gwasanaethau i drigolion a hefyd i ymwelwyr, ac mae'n cwrdd yn arferol ar nos Fawrth ddiwethaf bob yn ail fis. Cynhelir CCB ym mis Mai neu Fehefin, cyn y cyfarfod arferol. Etholir y Cadeirydd a'r Is-Gadeirydd yn y CCB sy'n gwasanaethu am un+ mlynedd. Ma'r Cyngor yn dal cyfarfodydd eraill fel sy'n angenrheidiol i gyflawni ei ddyletswyddau, sy'n agored i'r cyhoedd pan mae'n angenrheidiol gan ddeddf.



Mae gan y Cyngor Cymuned y cyfrifoldeb am Faes Chwarae Plant ym Maesyrwel, Ponterwyd, sy'n cynnal nifer o eitemau o offer amrywiol. Mae'r adnoddau'n cael eu defnyddio'n aml, gan gynnig gofod awyr agored dyfnyddiol i blant yr ardal. Mae'r Maes Chwarae yn cael ei ymchwilio gan y Cynghorwyr yn reolaidd ac yn cael ymchwiliad diogelwch annibynnol yn flynyddol.

Mae'r Cyngor hefyd yn berchen 2 cysgodfan bws, 3 bin halen, 2 hysbysfwrdd a 2 mainc yn ogystal a'r offer yn y maes chwarae.



Adroddiad Gweithredu 2023 - 2025

Amcan NRAP	Camau gweithredu i...	Wedi eu monitro gan:
1	-cynnwys bioamrywiaeth o fewn llunio penderfyniadau a chaffael Mae'r cynllun bioamrywiaeth yn cael ei ystyried yn flynyddol gyda'r Adroddiad Blynyddol ac yn cael ei gynnwys fel atodiad i bwysleisio ymrwymiad y Cyngor i bioamrywiaeth ac ardaloedd naturiol. Mae'r Cynghorwyr wedi wedi ystyried bioamrywiaeth wrth edrych ar ceisiadau cynllunio ac unrhyw faterion eraill tebyg, fel cynlluniau posib am tyrbinau gwynt. Mae unrhyw cyfarfodydd i drafod effaith ar newid hinsawdd ee ffynnonhellau o egni gwynt, wedi eu mynychu. Mae'r Clerc wedi mynychu gweithdai a seminars ULIC ac adrodd gwybodaeth yn ôl i'r Cynghorwyr. Mae prif addurniadau Nadolig y pentref eleni wedi eu creu yn defnyddio adnoddau naturiol.	Ymrwymïadau wedi eu nodi mewn dogfennau. Ystyried bioamrywiaeth wrth wneud penderfyniadau. Ystyried cynladwyaeth o nwyddau ee nwyddau hefo modd i ail ddefnyddio yn hytrach na nwyddau tafladwy.
	-codi ymwybyddiaeth o fioamrywiaeth a'i bwysigrwydd Mae'r Cyngor wedi cefnogi gweithdai a menterau Cyngor Neuadd y Pentref, fel Mannau Croeso Cynnes, fel y gall drigolion lleol arbed egni.  Mae'r digwyddiadau yma wedi cael eu hysbysu gan y Cyngor ar ei gwefan, ar cyfryngau cymdeithasol a'r papur bro.	Drwy adborth o aelodau'r Cyngor, cyrff addas a thrigolion.

		Mae'r Clerc wedi mynychu sesiynau y trefnwyd i godi ymwybyddiaeth ee 'Pethau Bychain' ac adrodd gwybodaeth yn ôl i'r Cynghorwyr. Mael aelodau o'r holl gymuned yn gwirfoddolu yn reolaidd yng ngydddestun natur / gofodau gwyrdd wrth gefnogi digwyddiadau casglu sbwriel. Mae'r gweithredoedd sydd wedi eu ymgymryd wedi cael eu postio ar cyfryngau cymdeithasol i godi ymwybyddiaeth.	
2	-diogelu prif rywogaethau a chynefinoedd	Cafodd erydiad y llwybr i fynd i gronfa ddwr Nant-y-Moch a'r atgyweirion a oedd angen i lidiart a grid gwartheg eu adrodd i'r Cyngor Sir i sicrhau diogelwch cynefinoedd.	Record o weithredoedd.
3	-adfer & chreu cynefinoedd a rhwydweithiau ecolegol cydnerth	Mae'r Cyngor wedi trafod addasrwydd amllder y trefniant torri glaswellt ym maes chwarae Maesyrawel.  Mae unrhyw fater cyf hewlydd / llwybrau ee tyllau wedi eu adrodd i'r Cyngor Sir er mwyn cael eu trwsio ac i arbed y gorfod i yrru oddi ar yr hewlydd / llwybrau ac yn hytrach ar fannau cynefin. 	Cynefinoedd addas.

4	-mynd i'r afael ag elfennau negyddol: lleihau llygredd e.e. defnyddio atebion yn seiliedig ar natur, mynd i'r afael â rhywogaethau goresgynnol	Gofynwyd i wydrwr lleol i ail-osod panelu a oedd wedi torri yn un o cysgodfannau bws y Cyngor i sicrhau darparu'r gwasanaeth yn lleol. Mae aelodau'r Cyngor wedi teithio gyda'u gilydd pan yn bosib i leihau allyriadau carbon. Dydy plaleiddiaid esticides have not been used on Community Council leased land. Any changes to the County Council bins and collections service over periods such as bank holidays have been posted and shared via social media.	Pwrcasu a gweithredu yn addas.
5	-defnyddio gwella a rhannu tystiolaeth	Council did consider inviting the County Council's Biodiversity Officer to give a presentation re best practice and to increase knowledge of local issues, but post had been vacated. Plans are now in hand to arrange a visit and support the County Council's new initiative, a volunteer scheme that aims to help support and maintain greenspaces, including existing public rights away such as footpaths and bridleways, along with implementing vegetation management methods that will help improve biodiversity.	Use of expert advice.
6	-cefnogi capasiti ac/neu sefydliadau eraill	Steps taken to support the County Council's new initiative. The Council has followed the BAP, undertaken as many of the targets as possible, and are reporting on them here. This report will be published on the website and on the Wales Biodiversity Partnership website.	Provision of biodiversity benefits.

Arolwg o ddyletswydd Adran 6 2023 - 2025

Beth sydd wedi gweithio'n dda?	Collaboration and the sharing of information with other bodies and residents.
Beth fu'r rhwystrau?	Residents expect frequent mowing which has hindered decisions.
Beth fyddwch yn ei newid?	Take further steps to support the County Council's new initiative.
Sut a phryd fydd y ddyletswydd Adran 6 yn cael ei monitro a'r cynllun Adran 6 wedi'i adolygu?	We are in the S6 reporting year of 2025. A new Biodiversity Action Plan will be written in 2026, to be reviewed annually.