



# COITY HIGHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Councillor Martin Williams  
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## The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 - Section 6

<p><b>Introduction and Context</b></p>	<p>The Community Council has responsibility for/influence over land at the following sites, which have an impact on biodiversity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heol West Plas Allotment Gardens</li> <li>• Rights of Way footpaths within the Coity, Litchard and Pendre wards</li> <li>• Coity Recreational Field</li> <li>• Play Areas at Coity Castle, Joslin Terrace, Pendre Fields and Tanyrallt Avenue</li> <li>• Green space at Joslin Terrace</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Heol West Plas Allotment Gardens is owned and managed by the Community Council and is a community allotment garden. The land is owned and managed by the Community Council.</p> <p>Coity Playing Field is a field owned and managed by the Community Council which has been placed into the Centenary Fields in Trust scheme to retain it as a green space for future generations.</p> <p>Three of the play areas referred to above have been Community Asset Transferred from the local authority and a local landowner to the Community Council on a 35 year lease. The land for the 3 is owned by the local authority and the 1 other play area is on common land, but the Community Council is responsible for its management.</p> <p>The council also owns and manages a green space in Joslin Terrace, Pendre.</p> <p>In addition, the Community Council employs a contractor on an ad hoc basis to cut grass at the following green spaces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land adjacent to the substation, Litchard Hill</li> <li>• Parcel of land at the traffic lights on Heol West Plas leading into Coity Village</li> </ul> <p>The Community Council also maintains 4 floral planters and hanging baskets along the main spine roads through the 3 wards of Coity, Litchard and Pendre.</p> <p>Coity Higher CC has submitted an Expression of Interest for land at the most southerly part of the Litchard ward where it would like to replicate the facilities and environmental works carried out at its current recreation field in Coity village.</p> <p>The Council is also in on-going discussions with the local authority, Bridgend County Borough Council, to Community Asset Transfer green spaces and playing fields in all 3 of its wards; Great Western Avenue playing fields, Litchard playing fields and Coity Higher Community Centre as well as in negotiations with developers to asset transfers green spaces and playing fields. It is also seeking a green space to set up and manage a second allotment garden.</p> <p>We serve an electorate of approximately 7,756 residents. The precept for 2025/26 was £122,792.</p>
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**Action Report 2023 -2025**

<b>NRAP Objective</b>	<b>Action carried out to...</b>	<b>Monitored by:</b>
<p><b>1a.embed biodiversity into decision making &amp; procurement</b></p>	<p>Considers biodiversity considerations when reviewing planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders. Consideration is given to an impact on the environment including surface drainage.</p> <p>Council documents and reports relating to the council’s monthly meeting and committee meetings are distributed electronically prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The Council also has two representatives who serve on the Board of Coity Wallia Conservators. The Conservators oversee 880 hectares of common land that border the ward of Coity. It also works in partnership with representatives of Coity Anglia Common in the Litchard Ward.</p>	<p>Coity Higher CC and monitored by the Clerk</p>
<p><b>1b.raise awareness of biodiversity &amp; its importance</b></p>	<p>Works with a local primary school children to plant daffodils in the community.</p> <p>Has worked with the local primary school to plant 400 trees, produce bug hotels and sow wildflower seeds.</p> <p>Installed bird and bat boxes in a woodland on a new development at Parc Derwen.</p> <p>Works with a local litter picking group who also carry out basic footpath maintenance to the council’s rights of ways.</p>	<p>Coity Higher CC and the Clerk.</p> <p>Coity Higher CC and the Clerk.</p> <p>Members of the local rambler group and the Clerk.</p> <p>Members of Pride in Coity and the Clerk.</p>

<p><b>2.safeguard principal species and habitats</b></p>	<p>Coity Higher CC contributes to the management of bird species by managing trees and hedgerows in the winter months when the woody growth is dormant.</p> <p>Allows bees to be kept at the Allotment Gardens to encourage pollination from spring to autumn.</p> <p>The council also carries out tree maintenance necessary for public safety and the overall health of the trees at its Allotment Garden and its Green Space at Joslin Terrace, Pendre.</p>	<p>Coity Higher CC/Clerk</p> <p>Coity Higher CC/Clerk</p> <p>Coity Higher CC</p>
<p><b>3. restore &amp; create habitats and resilient ecological networks</b></p>	<p>Planted hanging baskets and flower planters with native pollinator friendly flowers to provide food for pollinators from spring to autumn.</p> <p>Planted 400 trees at its recreation field in Coity as part of working in partnership with Ramblers Cymru’s Paths to Wellbeing project.</p> <p>Planted a community orchard at Tanyrallt Avenue, Pendre to encourage pollinators and insects and provide for the community when the trees mature.</p> <p>The council has resolved to plant living Christmas trees next to their 7 existing Christmas tree pits in 2026.</p> <p>The Rights of Way are maintained by a contractor working on behalf of the Community Council. The footpaths are maintained under an Agency Agreement between the Local Authority, Bridgend County Borough Council and the Community Council. The Community Council makes a claim for reimbursement of some of the costs of maintaining the footpaths from the Local Authority</p>	<p>Coity Higher CC/Clerk</p> <p>Coity Higher CC/Clerk/Ramblers Cymru</p> <p>Coity Higher CC/Clerk/Ramblers Cymru</p> <p>Coity Higher CC/Clerk</p> <p>Coity Higher CC/Clerk/BCBC Rights of Way Dept</p>

	<p>each year and remains committed to this scheme.</p> <p>The council has worked with Ramblers Cymru to design a footpath map, which included new waymark signage, environmental interests along the routes and an information board showing flora and fauna, which is located in Coity village.</p> <p>Coity Higher CC has submitted an Expression of Interest for land at the most southerly part of the Litchard ward where it would like to replicate the facilities and environmental works carried out at its current recreation field in Coity village.</p>	<p>Coity Higher CC/Clerk/Ramblers Cymru</p> <p>Coity Higher CC/Clerk/BCBC</p>
<p><b>4.tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species</b></p>	<p>Coity Higher CC will continue to consider all environmental impact in its procurement decisions, whilst still obtaining value for money.</p> <p>Waste paper is shredded and recycled, along with any cardboard.</p> <p>Toner cartridges recycled</p> <p>Continue to work in partnership with Persimmon Homes at Parc Derwen to provide a waste removal service.</p>	<p>The Clerk to ensure sustainable procurement of office supplies including paper</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Coity Higher CC/Clerk/Persimmon Homes</p>
<p><b>5.use, improve and share evidence</b></p>	<p>Work with Coity Wallia Conservators and Commoners to maintain footpaths and ensure fly tipping is removed on Coity Wallia Common. The Conservators also help protect habitats and have built ponds to improve the biodiversity on the Common.</p> <p>The Common is comprised of 1,065 hectares of priority habitats, there is particular emphasis on habitat management for the marsh fritillary, high brown fritillary, the bog bush cricket and the shrill carder bee.</p>	<p>Coity Higher CC/Clerk/Coity Wallia Conservators and Commoners</p>

	The Community Council will continue to share biodiversity updates on its website and through its newsletters.	
<b>6.support capacity, and/or other organisations</b>	Organise an annual community award scheme and a school awards scheme to recognise the achievements of either a resident or local organisation and this includes championing of environmental issues	Partnership formed with local residents and schools.

**Review of S6 duty actions for 2023-2025**

<b>What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will change?</b>	<p>There is some knowledge within the Community Council to identify best practice, but with research and consideration given to biodiversity when employing contractors this will improve.</p> <p>We will work with the Local Biodiversity Officer to seek advice.</p> <p>We will continue to work with local partners such as walking groups, litter picking groups, schools etc.</p>
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<b>How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?</b>	<p>The duty will be monitored by reporting back to the council on the success or otherwise of the actions taken through regular inspections.</p> <p>The Community Council will review the S6 plan in light of this reporting and any other evidence or information that is made available to the Council.</p> <p>It will continue to seek advice and support from organisations such as One Voice Wales on good practice and the effective delivery of the S6 duty.</p> <p>The next formal report of the plan will be established no later than December 2028.</p>
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