

Rogiet Community Council
Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6
The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report
2025

1. Introduction and Context

Rogiet Community Council (RCC) serves the communities of Rogiet, Llanfihangel and Common-y-coed — an area combining a populated village and surrounding rural landscapes.

- Population: 1,790 (2021 Census)
- 2025/26 Precept: £71,500

Key Assets:

Community playing fields (Football Pitch, MUGA, and Sports Pavilion), Small Play Park that is owned and maintained by Monmouthshire County Council (MCC), a public footpath and lane and support for Rogiet Countryside Park.

Rogiet's history is closely linked to the railway industry particularly the construction of the Severn Tunnel around which the village developed. The area contains varied habitats including woodlands, open fields, hedgerows and the nearby Gwent Levels and Severn Estuary which are rich in biodiversity.

Other areas of note in the Rogiet and Llanfihangel Rogiet areas are woodland and fields owned by other organisations such as the Woodland Trust and Gwent Wildlife Trust. Public footpaths run along many of these areas, past the remains of the Rogiet Windmill, around Ifton Quarry to the north of Rogiet, and the Wales Coastal Footpath at the sea wall to the south, overlooking the Severn Estuary and traversing the Gwent Levels.

The area, in particular the main village of Rogiet and the neighbouring hamlet of Llanfihangel Rogiet is affected by pollution (air quality and noise) from the busy B4245 which runs through them and from the M4 and M48 motorways (the main routes between Wales and England via the Prince of Wales Bridge and the Severn Bridge respectively), which pass either side. The main Swansea to London railway line also passes in close proximity to the village of Rogiet.

Action Report		
Action carried out or planned to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity throughout decision making at all levels	<p>1. RCC has a 5-year plan which includes the enhancement of sites to create a more diverse habitat.</p> <p>2. RCC will work to raise awareness across the organisation particularly in relation to decision making and recommendations on planning applications. Objections would be raised if and when RCC feel that there are issues related to Biodiversity.</p>	<p>5-year plan to drive council actions in biodiversity.</p> <p>Clerk and Full Community Council</p>
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<p>1. Council have promoted the use of the playing fields and the countryside park, in particular educational activity sessions at Rogiet Countryside Park through social media and village newsletter.</p> <p>2. Work with local groups to promote biodiversity / ecological sustainability within the local areas. This also includes the farming community.</p> <p>3. Promote any local initiatives through the local Community website.</p> <p>4. Re-inforce current initiatives and awareness campaigns.</p> <p>5. Encourage Councillors to consider attending training events.</p>	<p>Attendance at activities, community fun days, and interactions following information distribution.</p> <p>Community Councillors receiving feedback from local residents.</p> <p>Record in Minutes</p>
-safeguard principal species and habitats	<p>1. Ensure hedgerows are protected especially if included in any part of a planning application.</p> <p>2. Ensure no negative impacts on any protected species ie bats</p> <p>3. Ensuring hedgerows are managed and avoid any work during the bird nesting season (March to August).</p> <p>4. Ensure bats are protected during planning application.</p> <p>5. Check areas that can erect bat / bird boxes or build a bug hotel which could be provided for local groups or school children to erect</p> <p>6. Engage services of expertise in relation to projects i,e refurbishment of hub.</p>	<p>Input from a biodiversity and Ecology officer and production of a policy in the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Community Councillors</p> <p>RCC</p> <p>Record in Minutes</p>

-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to support RWFV with the Wildlife area next to the MUGA. 3. Identify areas of grassland (ie bottom of field) where grassland can grow longer and grow wild flower species to increase the number of flower visiting insects to help pollination. 4. Leaving small area to grow - Wildlife area next to MUGA. 5. Village planters have been planted up with pollinator friendly perennial plants 	<p>Making clear aims and actions in the 5-year plan.</p> <p>Community Councillors can identify areas of habitat which have been created / or areas to improve.</p>
-tackle negative factors: for e.g., reduce pollution, use nature-based solutions, address invasive species	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where possible the Community Council will use nature-based cleaning solutions within the HUB/Pavilion. 2. Council will also encourage the use of litter bins, and the removal of dog faeces from outdoor spaces by dog owners. 3. When identified, the Community Council will address any problems arising from invasive species eg. Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, and the recent threat of the Asian Hornet. 4. The Council will also be conscious of invasive tree species such as Sycamore and reportable species such as Ragwort and the Asian Hornet. 5. Compost which is used is peat free. 6. Litter picker helps to keep the lanes free of litter and support the local wildlife 	<p>To improve education of residents with regards to nature-based products, the use of litter and dog waste bins.</p> <p>To raise awareness of invasive species and educate how these can be reported.</p>
-use improve and share evidence	The Council will update residents on its actions in relation to biodiversity and environmental issues via its social media sites (Web & Facebook) and via its Windmill Post newsletter publication if appropriate.	Use of social media sites and windmill post to update residents on all biodiversity and environmental issues within the community.
-support capacity and/or other organisations	Work/liaise with the local Wildlife Trust, Monmouthshire County Council, The Woodland Trust, the Rogiet Wildlife Friendly Village group.	<p>Monitored via feedback to Full Council.</p> <p>Posting information on Community Website.</p> <p>Support with a donation if appropriate.</p>

Review of s6 duty

What has worked well? What have the barriers been? What will you change?

Clerk and one Councilor have had training on Section 6 Biodiversity with One Voice Wales.

Five year plan is a working document which is working well and will be reviewed every 6 months. Council recognise that they need to take a more active part in delivering projects in the future, and will build this in to their five year development plan.

Ensuring hedgerows are managed and avoid any work during the bird nesting season.

Make local residents and other public bodies aware that the Community Council has a statutory duty and is doing more to enhance biodiversity.

How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?

The duty will be monitored through progress reporting and Community Council meetings as and when required.

Promote our policy on the Community Website when making decisions on behalf of the Community

Council will review their section 6 Duty at the same time as they review and update their Five Year Development Plan.

Approved by Rogiet Community Council on: OM 12.11.25

Signed (Chair): _____

Signed (Clerk): _____