**Reporting on Section 6**

***Community and Town Councils***

***Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6***

***The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty***

***Report 2025***

**Manafon Community Council**

Manafon Community Council covers a small rural community that does not own, or have responsibility for, any land or buildings of its own. The Council currently has 267 electors on the electoral register and had a precept in 2024/25 of £2,995.

As it is not a landowner itself, the Community Council has encouraged other members of the community to help it carry out its duty in terms of biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems.

Over the past three years a plum tree has been planted in the Churchyard in Manafon and two planters of flowers have been put in place to help increase pollinator activity. A large tree root has also been left in place, rather than being cleared away, leaving a home for a variety of insects. Work at the Churchyard has been monitored by Cllr Hall.

An apple tree that grows in Manafon is cared for by a member of the community with the windfall apples stacked around the trunk and left for the birds and insects. Monitored by Cllr Benyon.

Trees have been planted at the top of a bank in New Mills.

Some members of the New Mils community have been working with the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust to help protect curlew nests and slow the decline of the curlew population in Wales. Monitored by Cllr Davies.

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

The amount that can be achieved by Manafon is limited by the lack of ownership of any land or buildings. However, it is acknowledged that more can be done by the council to encourage other members of the community to help it achieve its goals.

The S6 Duty will be monitored at the Annual Meeting in May each year and the plan reviewed.