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Reporting on Section 6 – Glyn Tarell Community Council
2025

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Name of Town or Community Council: Glyn Tarell

Introduction and Context

Glyn Tarell Community Council was formed in 1985 from the old parishes of Glyn and Modrydd, plus part of St David's Without and a small part of Penpont. The community of Glyn Tarell covers an area of 24 square miles (63 square kilometers) and wholly sits within the boundary of the Brecon Beacons National Park. It consists of the rural villages of Libanus and Llanspyddid as well as farms and small hamlets. The Population was 630 in 2021. The electorate was 503 in 2023. The Precept is £9,500 p.a.

The land ranges in height from 459ft (140m) in the Usk Valley East of Llanspyddid to 2906ft (886m) at Pen y Fan, the highest peak in Southern Britain with some unique landscapes and biodiversity.

This Plan has been developed to complement existing Local Biodiversity Action Plans held by Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and Powys County Council as well as the NRW Mid-Wales Area Statement. In addition, the Plan recognises its responsibilities under the Environment Act (Wales) 2016 which stipulates: authorities *"must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the proper exercise of their functions and in doing so promote the resilience of ecosystems"*.

Glyn Tarell Community Council has limited influence for the management of green spaces within their area but aim to work with the Brecon Beacons National Park, Powys County Council, and the Trunk Road Agency to support and improve biodiversity here. Support is given to community groups to manage Libanus Playing Field and Llanspyddid Playground for people and biodiversity. These actions form part of a wider plan which acknowledges that under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, the Community Council should provide for *"a prosperous economy, a healthy and resilient environment and vibrant cohesive communities"*.

Successes

- 1) 2015-2018 Campaigned for speed limit reduction through Llanspyddid for safety, reduction in noise and fuel use. Speed limit reduced to 50mph in 2018
- 2) Supported campaign for surface water flooding issues in Llanspyddid to be dealt with effectively. New drainage system completed 2018
- 3) Applied to the Local Places for Nature initiative (promoted by Keep Wales Tidy) on behalf of Libanus Community Hall Trust to host a Nature Fruit Garden including fruit trees and bushes, a raised bed with herbs and flower bed. 2020
- 4) Discussions with Trunk Road Agency reduced the number of paths crossing the green at Libanus to maintain as much of the green as possible during accessibility improvements to the bus stops. 2022.
- 5) GTCC worked in partnership with Church in Wales, Friends of Llanspyddid (FoL) and the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales to manage St Cattwg's churchyard, Llanspyddid to improve biodiversity and access for residents. The Ministry Area Leader for Brecon & Epynt successfully gained funding from Bannau Brycheiniog Local Nature Partnership. Wildflower plugs and bulbs were planted by Llanspyddid residents. Bird boxes installed, composting bin, and log pile added. Cllr Hill wrote a management plan for the future

management to ensure the protection of present population of slow worms. FoL and GTCC intend to continue to be involved in the management.

As a statutory consultee, GTCC review planning applications to see whether the requirement to enhance biodiversity has been taken into account and make comments on the application where appropriate to the planning authority (BBNP). This action is in line with the recent Planning Policy (Wales) Act 2016 which states: *"planning authorities must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of their functions. This means that development should not cause any significant loss of habitats or population of species, locally or nationally and must provide a net benefit for biodiversity"*.

Review of s6 duty

There is a commitment for the following action plan to be reviewed and amended where appropriate by the full council on an annual basis.

Action Report

Village	Green asset	Action	Status
Libanus	Playing field	Local Places for Nature initiative (Keep Wales Tidy) on behalf of Libanus Community Hall Trust for Nature Fruit Garden	Installation completed Maintenance continuing by volunteer resident supported by GTCC
Libanus	Playing Field	Pay local resident to cover costs of watering plants during hot weather	Ongoing
Libanus	Playing field	Wildflower zones	Discuss plantings with person looking after the flower beds.
Libanus	Green by A470/bus stop	Explore possibility to change management and introduce wildflowers in some areas	To be discussed,

Llanspyddid	Church field	Grass cutting for community use	Ongoing
Llanspyddid	Playground	Assisted with development of wild play area and community orchard	Completed 2008 Management continues with Friends of Llanspyddid
Llanspyddid	Christmas tree	Use of LED lights to reduce light pollution and energy consumption	Completed 2018
Llanspyddid	Christmas Tree	Lights now powered by solar energy.	Completed 2022
Llanspyddid	Litter picking A40	Friends of Llanspyddid organised litter picking sessions in the laybys between Llanspyddid and Llanffaes roundabout.	Completed 2025
Llanspyddid	Churchyard	Ministry area supported by GTCC, Friends of Llanspyddid and Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales successful in obtaining a Local Nature Partnership grant enabling work to improve the churchyard for wildlife and the community. Wildflower plugs & bulbs planted, bird boxes and bench installed, compost bin and log piles added. Cllr Hill wrote a management plan for the continued maintenance of the churchyard	Grant completed March 2025. Maintenance on going.
Mynydd Illtyd	Llanilltyd Church site	Discuss management with farmer who currently grazes site – possible changes for wildlife. Tree Safety assessment completed – report received.	Ownership confirmed to be GTCC May 2024 On going - Tree maintenance to be completed 2025.
Mynydd Illtyd	Common	Make contact with Commoners. Can we	To be discussed

		support any actions for wildlife/biodiversity?	
Community engagement		Eg moth night supported by wildlife trust/ moth group	To be discussed
Brecon Beacons National Park	Management strategy	Several Councillors attended and contributed to consultations and deep dive sessions	Management Strategy published 2023
Ty Mawr, Libanus.(National Trust)	Potential community involvement in nature recovery project	Cllr Hill attended steering group meeting. Chris Smith (NT) attended GTCC meeting to provide GTCC with information & engagement options	On going
Libanus	Land adjacent to URC Chapel	GTCC to take ownership and draw up a management plan for the site including biodiversity actions	To be discussed in 2026
Date Passed: 14th October 2025			
Signature of Chair: <i>Paul S. Woods</i>			
To be reviewed on: 14 th October 2026			