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Subject: Call out for good practice/examples in response to global warming and climate change / Galwad am arfer da/enghreifftiau wrth ymateb i gynhesu byd-eang a newid hinsawdd

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Call out for good practice/examples in response to global warming and climate change

Dear Chair and Clerk

Evidence from across the world shows that greenhouse gas emissions are leading to global warming and climate change. We are already experiencing the effects of this in Wales. Warmer temperatures, rising sea levels, changing rainfall patterns and more extreme weather events are now familiar. In response, the Welsh Government launched their [Net Zero Wales](#) plan in October 2021. Under the Environment Wales Act, Welsh Ministers must prepare and publish a report for each budgetary period setting out their policies and proposals for meeting the carbon budget for that period. The Net Zero Wales Plan sets out how Wales aims to meet the second carbon budget (2021-2025). Welsh Government has also set out plans for the public sector in Wales to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in their '[Net zero carbon status by 2030 - A route map for decarbonisation across the Welsh public sector](#)'.

What can we do locally in response? One Voice Wales and Friends of the Earth Cymru are working together to produce a resource with ideas on what Community and Town Councils can do in the fight against climate change and nature destruction. There are of course limits as to how much Community and Town Councils can do but there are already many positive nature and climate projects going on in communities all around Wales. By working together and encouraging good practice within their local communities, Community and Town Councils can make a real difference. Many Community and Town Councils may already be active in initiating, helping and supporting schemes in their area. We would like to hear from you about any initiatives/actions being taken and being considered. Examples may be across a range of areas:

- **Chemicals**
Paint, pesticides and weedkillers can be a problem. Are there any communities/towns which have become pesticide free?
- **Energy**
Have any communities/towns introduced energy efficiency measure, installed renewable energy generators, switched to a green tariff or using best energy rated appliances in Council owned buildings? Has your community/town brought groups of residents together for bulk purchases e.g. solar power, heat pumps or formed Climate Action Groups?
- **Food**
Are there initiatives to reduce the food carbon footprint e.g. by buying local or moving to plant based options for catering events? Other actions could include encouraging reduction of food waste in the community.
- **Nature**
Have any communities/towns undertaken initiatives to improve biodiversity, access to and management of green spaces, planting trees or become bee friendly?
- **Procurement**

Have any Councils considered their procurement practice in order to promote sustainability and minimise damage to the environment?

- Transport
Have any Councils been involved in local solutions such as safe walking and cycle routes, changed to use of electric vehicles or provided parking for bicycles? Other actions may involve encouraging the use of public transport or car sharing schemes.
- Water
Have any Councils introduced or encouraged water saving measures, water refill points or rainwater harvesting?
- Zero Waste
Are there any initiatives to reduce food or paper waste? Has any Council undertaken a waste audit, organised litter picking or encouraged sharing in the local community?

If you are able to contribute to this, please could you email me on cjones@onevoicewales.wales by Friday 1st July 2022.

Thanks very much
Yours sincerely
Dr Catrin Jones
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