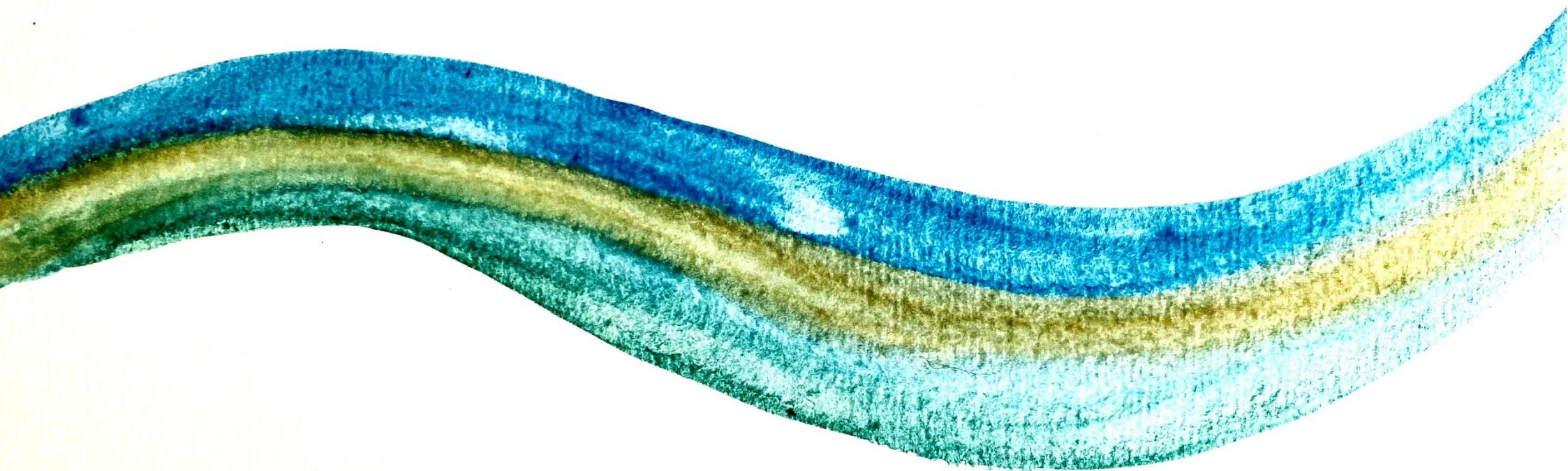


# Aberporth-Parcellyn



## Shaping Places Plan

You can view this plan at

[www.placemaking-ceredigion.wales](http://www.placemaking-ceredigion.wales)

where you can learn about your community, read stories, watch short films and listen to local people talking about what their village means to them, from their memories to present day through to hopes for the future.



## Purpose

Ceredigion County Council is prioritising engaging in its communities and places.

Having developed Place Plans for the county's main towns some years ago, the focus is now on helping smaller, rural communities.

The thirteen communities are:

Aberporth/Parclyn, Bow Street, Cenarth, Felinfach/Ystrad Aeron, Llanarth, Llanilar, Llan-non, Llanrhystud, Penrhyncoch, Pontarfynach (Devil's Bridge), Pontrhydfendigaid, Talybont, Y Borth

The Shaping Places project has been about helping communities understand their needs, shape a vision and identify priorities, all of which are presented in this unique Shaping Places plan document [website](#).

This is the Shaping Places plan document.

The plan has been shaped by understanding your community through the creation of a place profile and through a series of both face-to-face and digital engagement activities.

## Key Outputs

### Your Place Profile

This has provided a resource where local residents and groups can find out key facts and figures for their community such as population, housing, health, economic activity and more. To understand what local shops and facilities can be found in your village and how people move around.

### Your Community Story

As part of the project, a series of opportunities were provided for the respective communities to have their say on needs and ideas within their villages. A mix of face-to-face community sessions and digital engagement options ensured that as many community members as possible had the chance to take part.

### Face to Face

A community drop-in session was organised in each of the thirteen community council areas, in partnership with local councillors and community venues. Each session ran for approximately seven hours and was designed as an informal, open-access event where residents could attend at any time during the day to share their views through a range of interactive activities. Promotion took place via

social media, printed posters, and email networks. The event format included:

- A brief introduction to the Shaping Places initiative, explaining its purpose, objectives, etc.
- Participants were invited to assess how well their village performs in areas such as transport, facilities etc, using a simple rating system.
- Placing pins on a large map of the village to identify key issues and ideas centred on specific locations, buildings and spaces.
- Open discussions to encourage attendees to share additional thoughts, concerns, and aspirations beyond other activities.
- Engaging with the three artists and their creative media to discuss the village and its sense of place.

### Digital

The project also provided digital ways for people to submit comments, including an online mapping tool, a survey, and the option to send comments by email.

All of these comments were brought together into a report of consultation.

### Community Vision and ideas

From analysing data and figures, meeting local residents and groups at village drop-in sessions through to reading peoples' digital comments, the community conversations helped the project reach the task of suggesting ideas for each village.

These ideas were shared digitally with the local community by using an interactive ideas map which sought views on ideas that were associated with specific locations. It also asked local people and groups about ideas that were not associated with specific locations, e.g. improve digital broadband, as well as providing an opportunity for people to make general comments on this project.

***All of the local comments from the local community drop-in sessions through to digital ideas maps and survey have helped this plan for your community. Thanks to those people that have helped shape this plan.***

If you want to view your local place profile, your own community story including the work of the three artists on your village's sense of place, please visit:



<https://placemaking-ceredigion.wales/>

## Extract from *Mowing Lawns, Lawn Atgofion* by Hattie Morrison 2026

*“The village used to be a hub of industry and fishing, where boatsmen and farm hands would row and tow the mackerel into land. The village had a purpose that Cardigan Bay knows, but as time passes over, the future has to come, and will go. What is there to say about Aberporth and Parcillyn? Beautiful two beaches, nearby towns within arm’s reach. Neighbours know each other, and a brilliant school to teach. The memory of wartime lingers firmly on the cliff and the people who live here have plenty of stories to give.”<sup>1</sup>*

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Extract from *Mowing Lawns, Lawn Atgofion* by Hattie Morrison 2026. To read or listen in full to Hattie Morrison’s monologue about Aberporth-Parcillyn, [click here](#)

## Vision

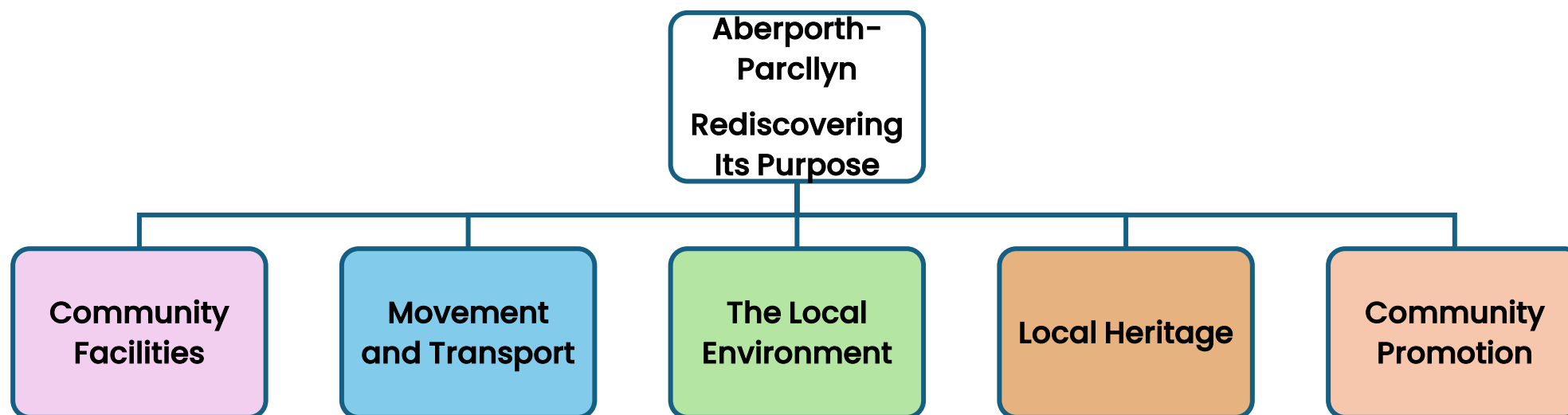
A connected and thriving coastal community where wellbeing and a strong sense of belonging are at the heart of life for people of all ages and backgrounds. Aberporth and Parcilyn have grown in a way that balance the pressures of coastal demand, housing, and tourism with the provision of vibrant community facilities, safer movement, and opportunities for all. Protected landscapes, improved access to nature, and a celebrated cultural heritage strengthen the identity of the whole community.



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<sup>2</sup> Artwork created by Meinir Mathias and local school children during Aberporth-Parcilyn community drop-in session, November 2025

## Focus and Themes



## Aspirations

| Theme                | Aspiration No. | Title and Description                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Type of Project          | Lead Organisation                                     | Timetable |        |      |
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|                      |                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                          |                                                       | Short     | Medium | Long |
| Community Facilities | 4.             | Explore options for youth provision within a number of community venues as well as a programme of outdoor activities. Activities have a focus on youth enterprise, nature/outdoor based activities and innovation/technology. | Development project      | Aberporth Community Council/Ceredigion County Council |           |        |      |
|                      | 5.             | Develop play provision for a wider age group that is accessible and inclusive at Banc Y Dyffryn Play Area and the neighbouring recreation field.                                                                              | Capital works            | Aberporth Community Council                           |           |        |      |
|                      | 6.             | Improve beach access and facilities including public toilets and storage area, viewing deck, surf club, proper stepping stones over Nant Owni on the beach, ways to restrict cars                                             | Capital works Management | Multi-organisation                                    |           |        |      |

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|  |     | parking on beach and other improvements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                              |                                                                   |  |  |  |
|  | 8.  | Assess the capacity of local infrastructure e.g. sewerage within the community, specifically between Parcilyn and Aberporth e.g. Nant Gilwen corridor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Feasibility<br>Capital works                 | Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water                                             |  |  |  |
|  | 10. | <p>Creation of a new community hub and amenity space.<br/>Specifics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New pavilion with two team changing rooms</li> <li>▪ Plus a group changing and social space, suitable for multi-use, including small keep fit classes, Pilates, meetings and refreshments, supporting the field activities</li> <li>▪ Extend the current pitch footprint to a full-size senior competitive pitch and upgrade</li> </ul> | Land purchase<br>Development<br>Capital work | MOD Infrastructure and Property<br>Aberporth<br>Community Council |  |  |  |

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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduce two 9v9 youth pitches</li> <li>▪ The overall area will enable summer activities – fete, festival sports days, fun runs, rounders, baseball, cricket.</li> <li>▪ Car parking for 30 cars</li> <li>▪ Upgrade the entrance</li> <li>▪ Develop a biodiversity area alongside the MOD open space boundaries</li> <li>▪ Walking paths and picnic areas/benches, litter bins, dog walking zone</li> <li>▪ Introduce a roadside hedge to improve the physical aspect of the site, and biodiversity.</li> </ul> <p>Further ideas for the site could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pump track within the biodiversity zone</li> <li>▪ A skatepark between the main pitch and junior pitch.</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |  |
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|                        | 11.            | Enable delivery of rural housing on allocated sites that support age balanced homes and that meet local design codes, and integration with the local community. Awareness of existing second homes supply. | Public/private sector led      | Housing developer/provider                             |           |        |      |
|                        | 12.            | Develop mobile health services that use community venues for health-checks, screening, vaccinations, wound care and GP services.                                                                           | Feasibility<br>Revenue funding | Hywel Dda University Health Board                      |           |        |      |
|                        | 13.            | Develop well-being activities e.g. men's sheds, allotments, community café.                                                                                                                                | Feasibility                    | Aberporth Community Council                            |           |        |      |
| Movement and Transport | 1.             | Improve gateways and reduce traffic speed into the villages with staged features that maintains speed limit and raises awareness of blind bends and other risks. Signage, build outs, planting (if         | Capital works                  | Ceredigion County Council/ Aberporth Community Council |           |        |      |

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|  |            | feasible), primary school designed campaign.                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                |                                                        |  |  |  |
|  | <b>3.</b>  | Improve footpaths and lighting on key routes (school shops, the beach) that are demand sensitive (motion/traffic sensors).                                                                                                       | Feasibility<br>Capital works   | Ceredigion County Council/ Aberporth Community Council |  |  |  |
|  | <b>7.</b>  | Manage traffic and people around Ffordd Yr Odyn that signals pedestrian in the area, directing people through car park, disabled parking provision and ramped access to the beach. Carriageway treatment and additional signage. | Feasibility<br>Capital works   | Ceredigion County Council                              |  |  |  |
|  | <b>14.</b> | Identify sites for off-street parking provision (seasonal/peak period/overflow).                                                                                                                                                 | Feasibility<br>Capital works   | Ceredigion County Council<br>Landowners                |  |  |  |
|  | <b>15.</b> | Feasibility of a community e-bike hire scheme that connects outlying neighbourhoods.                                                                                                                                             | Feasibility<br>Revenue funding | Aberporth Community Council/Ceredigion County Council  |  |  |  |



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| The Local Environment | 2.             | Control development between Aberporth and Tresaith, protecting green fields and farmland, and the identities of these two communities.                                           | Development plan-led                               | Ceredigion County Council                                                       |           |        |      |
|                       | 9.             | Improve public rights of way across the whole community that clear of vegetation, signed clearly and link together to create circular trails.                                    | Community/volunteering time<br>Minor capital works | Aberporth Community Council/<br>Ceredigion County Council                       |           |        |      |
|                       | 16.            | Deliver improved biodiversity across parks, verges, amenity spaces and under-used public land for native tree and mixed habitat planting that helps with water retention, carbon | Community/volunteering time<br>Minor capital works | Aberporth Community Council/<br>Ceredigion County Council<br>Other local groups |           |        |      |

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|                       |     | capture and general well-being.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                           |                             |  |  |  |
| <b>Local Heritage</b> | 17. | <p>Support the Aberporth Poetry Trail, which is a circular walk of 2.45 miles (3.9 km) through picturesque woodlands with visitors encountering selected poems by Dic Jones. The Community Council aims to deliver on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A free bilingual app that will interpret the trail and provide insights into Dic Jones's life and work,</li> <li>▪ Celebratory Launch Event to be held at Blaenannerch Chapel echoing the spirit of the</li> </ul> | <p>Community/volunteering time</p> <p>Revenue funding</p> | Aberporth Community Council |  |  |  |

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|                     |     | first recorded Eisteddfod held in Cardigan in 1176.                                                                                                |                                                    |                             |  |  |  |
|                     | 18. | Develop heritage interpretative material across the community and promote it at key arrival car points e.g. car park, public toilets, parks, etc.  | Community/volunteering time<br>Minor capital works | Aberporth Community Council |  |  |  |
| Community Promotion | 19. | Develop a community website that celebrates life in Aberporth-Parclyn, the role of the community council, "what's on" and other local information. | Revenue funding                                    | Aberporth Community Council |  |  |  |

# Plan

