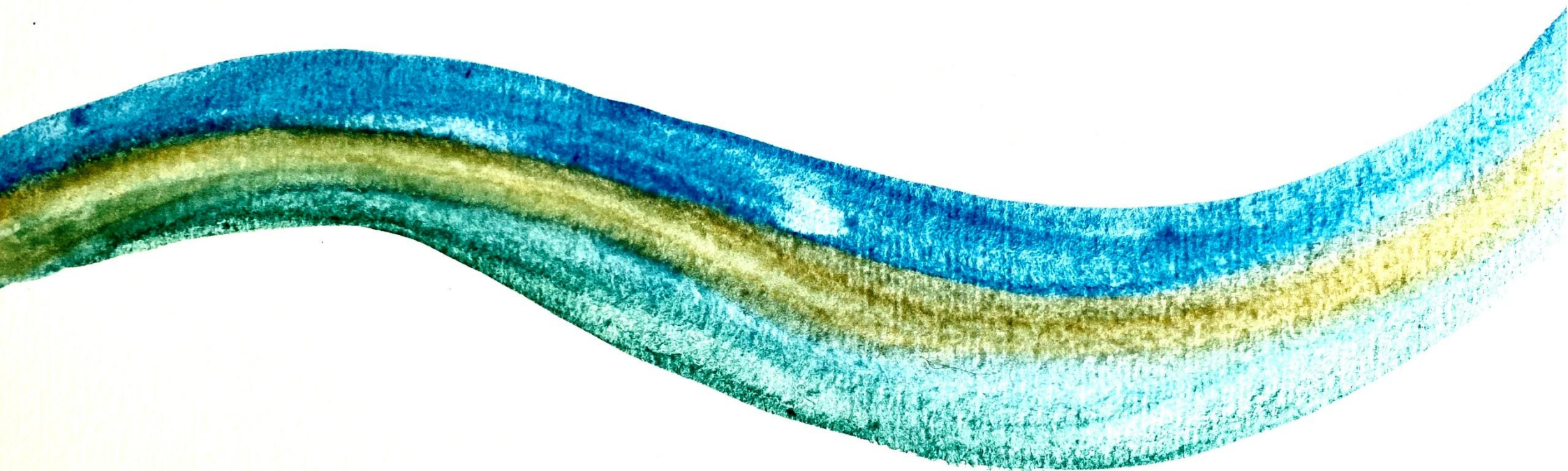


Cenarth



Shaping Places Plan

You can view this plan at

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/Parcilyn, 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:

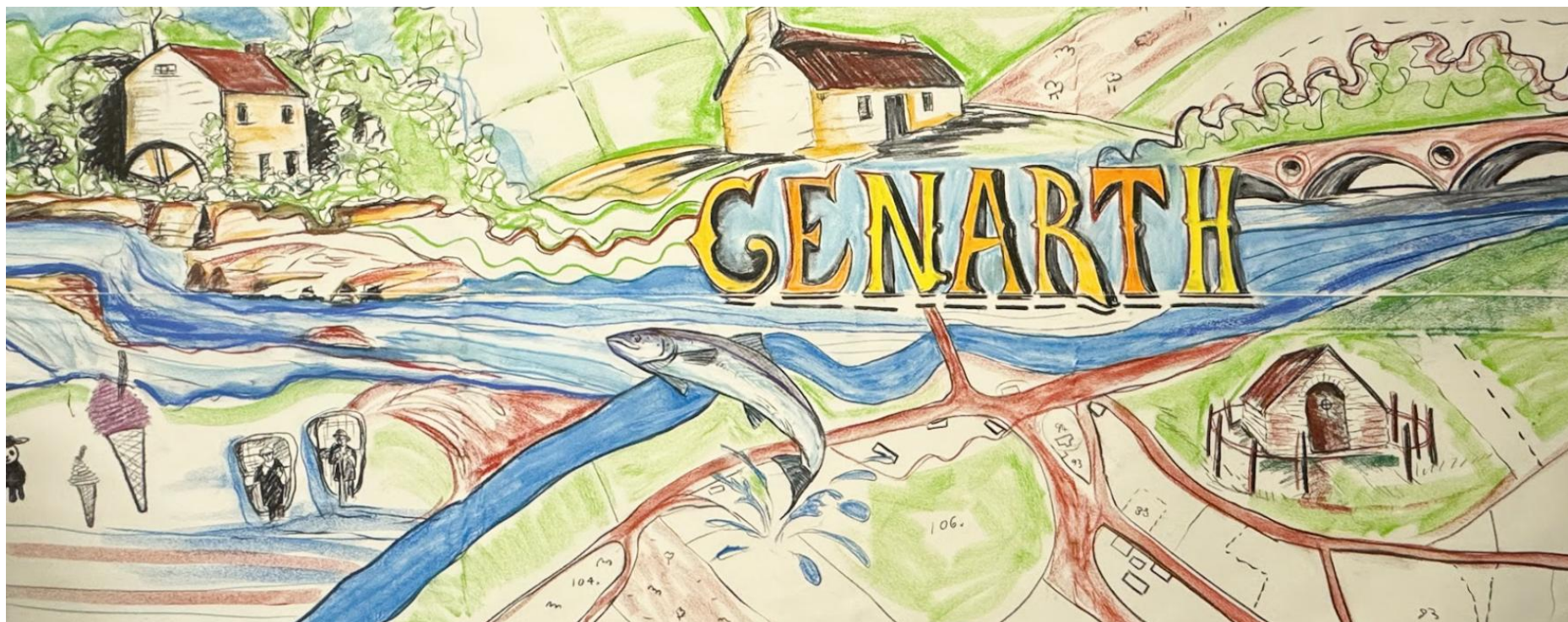


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Extract from Mowing Lawns – Lawn Atgofion, Hattie Morrison

“To have a village that skirts the water it sits around. To meet the people whose grandparents rowed on the boats and farmed on these beds. To hear the tales. To walk the stone on the bridge – it is easy to see the history of this place and feel the stories that came before. But what of now? What of tomorrow? What is happening here? The legends and tales of Cenarth bob on the surface of the village like cwrwgl boats on the river – a river that runs wild and wide.”¹

¹Extract from *Mowing Lawns, Lawn Atgofion* by Hattie Morrison 2026. To read or listen in full to Hattie Morrison’s monologue about Cenarth, [click here](#)



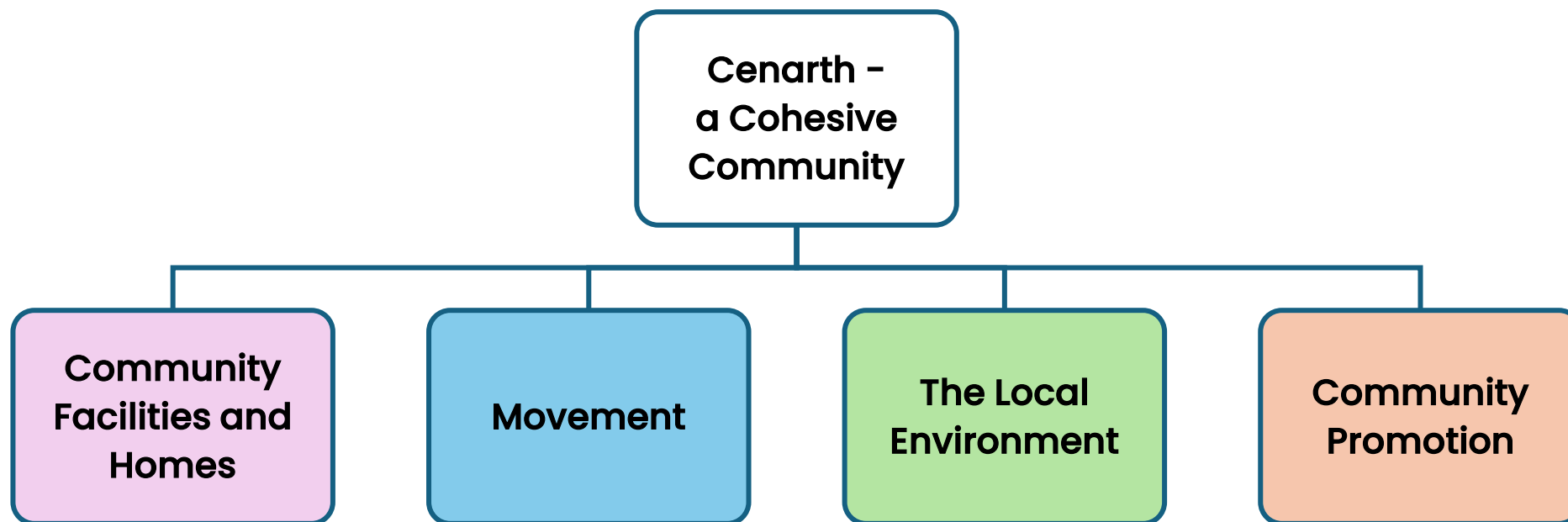
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² Artwork created by Meinir Mathias and local community members during Cenarth community drop-in session, December 2025

Vision

Cenarth is a village where heritage, landscape and community life come together. Its stories and traditions are celebrated more visibly, while revitalised spaces — from the playground to the chapel — bring people together. Care for the River Teifi and its natural surroundings has improved the quality of the village environment, strengthened environmental resilience, and supported community wellbeing.

Focus and Themes

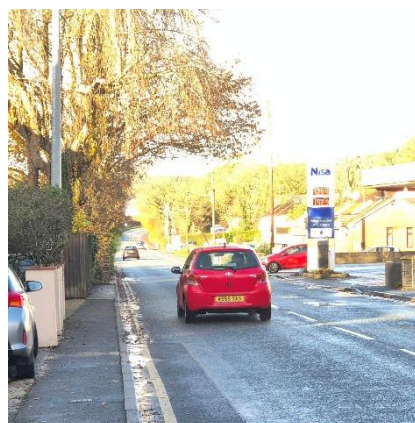


Aspirations

Theme	Aspiration No.	Title and Description	Type of Project	Lead Organisation	Timetable		
					Short	Medium	Long
Community Facilities and Homes	1.	Improving the playground off Glan-yr-afon with new play equipment and fencing.	Medium capital funding	Beulah Community Council			
	2.	Improving the vestry within Cenarth Chapel that enables greater community use e.g. improved Wi-Fi, audio visual and equipment for inter-generational activities.	Minor revenue funding	Cenarth Chapel			

	3.	Keep the public toilets open on the A484 as a partnering project with Ceredigion County Council. ▪ Explore the feasibility of a community asset transfer and options to maintain access and regular cleaning and maintenance and use of renewable energy and rainwater harvesting. ▪ Provision of a tourist information point and access to the mindfulness garden below.	Revenue funding Capital grant – repair and use of renewable energy and water-recycling	Beulah Community Council			
	6.	Enable delivery of rural housing on the allocated site that meets local needs and integrates into the local community physically and socially.	Public/private sector led	Housing developer/provider			
	10.	Explore ways to create a community space within existing venues in the village that supports community life and viability of buildings.	Local co-ordination Feasibility study	Beulah Community Council			

Movement	4.	Improve gateways into the village that help announce the village and reduce traffic speed through use of gateway entrances, planting in verges and working on a campaign with the local primary school.	Minor capital works Community planting scheme	Beulah Community Council/Ceredigion County Council			
	7.	Improve the pedestrian experience in and around Cenarth bridge that raises awareness of pedestrians within the carriageway. e.g. changes in carriageway surface and re-inforce courtesy arrangements.	Capital works	Beulah Community Council/Ceredigion County Council/Carmarthenshire County Council			



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Movement	11.	Provide cycle stands and equipment (bike mechanic station/E-bike charging) at a central and visible location that will support local residents and day cyclists.	Minor capital works	Beulah Community Council/Ceredigion County Council			
	12.	Identify sites for off-street parking provision in the village, primarily for visitor use.	Feasibility study	Beulah Community Council/ Ceredigion County Council			
The Local Environment	8.	Promoting local walks alongside the River Teifi towards Troed-y-rhiw-Sion and creating a circular trail with signage and a map from the public toilets.	Minor capital works	Beulah Community Council/Ceredigion County Council/Landowners			
	9.	Managing the River Teifi. Support People's Plan for the Teifi with actions around i)	Management Capital works Diversification	Multi-organisation			

		ensure all public rights of way are accessible and managed properly, ii) control of invasive species, such as Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed, iii) maximise habitats for nature whilst also addressing issues related to water quality, flooding and access. Work with farmers and landowners to deliver catchment-level restoration work along the Teifi and its tributaries.					
	13.	Develop heritage interpretative material on key historical buildings, sites and stories across the community and	Minor capital works	Beulah Community Council Local residents			

		promote them physically and digitally.					
Community Promotion	14.	Develop a community event that brings people together and celebrates a local tradition, story or pastime/industry.	Community/volunteering time Revenue funding	Beulah Community Council Local groups and residents			
	15.	Develop a community website that celebrates life in Cenarth, the role of the community council, "what's on" and other local information.	Revenue funding	Beulah Community Council			

Plan

