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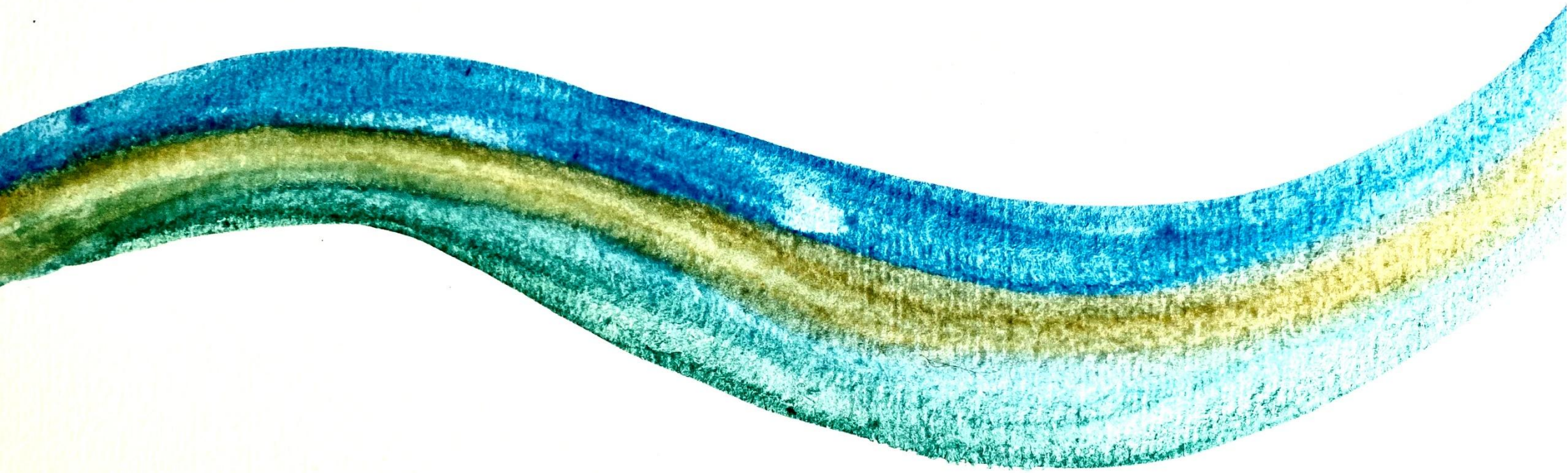


Shaping Places Plan

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/Parcllyn, 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/

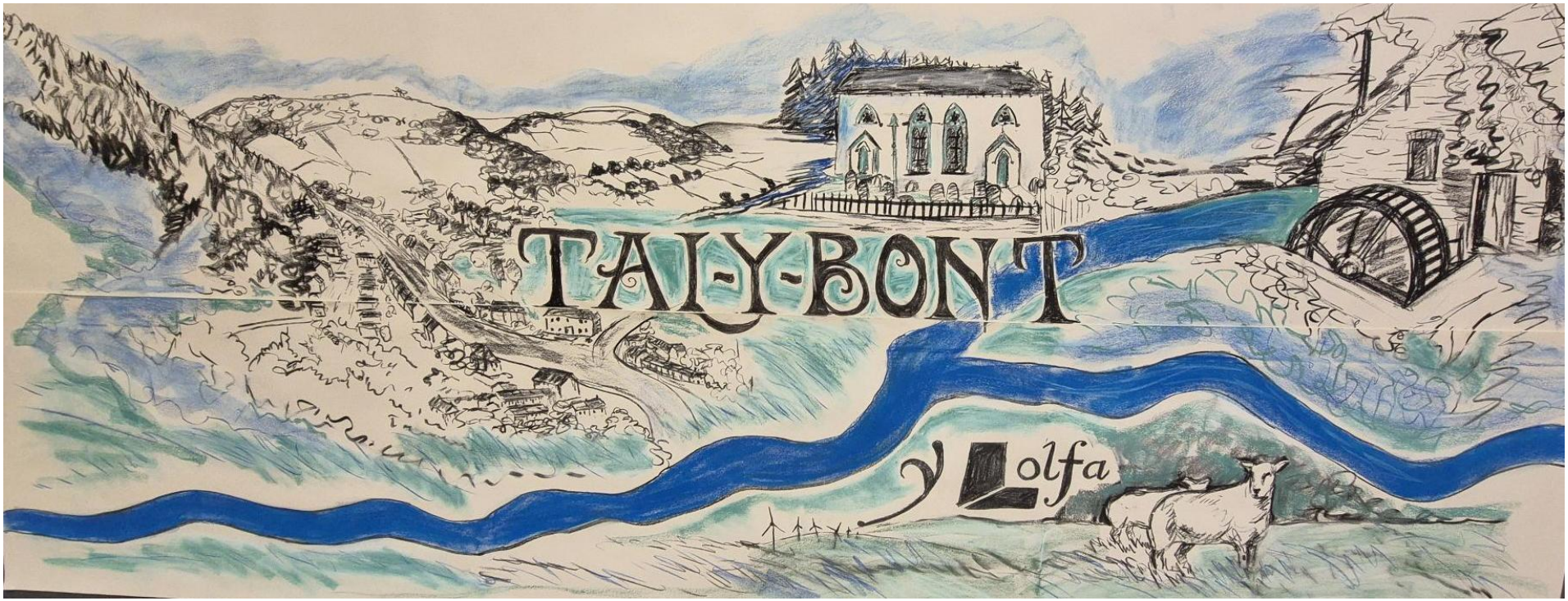
Extract from Mowing Lawns, Lawn Atgofion by Hattie Morrison 2026

"Tal-y-bont, mae'r gymuned yn gryf.
I've lived here my holl life - I did move away for a couple of years, but came back because it didn't make sense. My roots are here. This is my home.
Mae'r cymuned yn teulu fawr.
It's changed a lot, of course, but we're so lucky to live alongside a river here because it reminds us that everything is constantly moving, constantly changing. And that accepting change is important to let things grow."[1]

[1] Extract from Mowing Lawns, Lawn Atgofion by Hattie Morrison 2026. To read or listen in full to Hattie Morrison's monologue about Tal-y-bont, click here

Vision

People of all ages feel connected, welcomed, supported and at home in Tal-y-bont. Spurred on by its strong social fabric and people-centred outlook, improved community facilities now offer a broader range of activities, from live music and cultural events to social gatherings, alongside a renewed focus on local heritage.
Its streets are safer and more walkable, with parking easier for all. Environmental improvements bring visual cohesion and create focal points across the village, while river restoration, better water quality and flood mitigation have strengthened environmental resilience through a coordinated multi-agency response.



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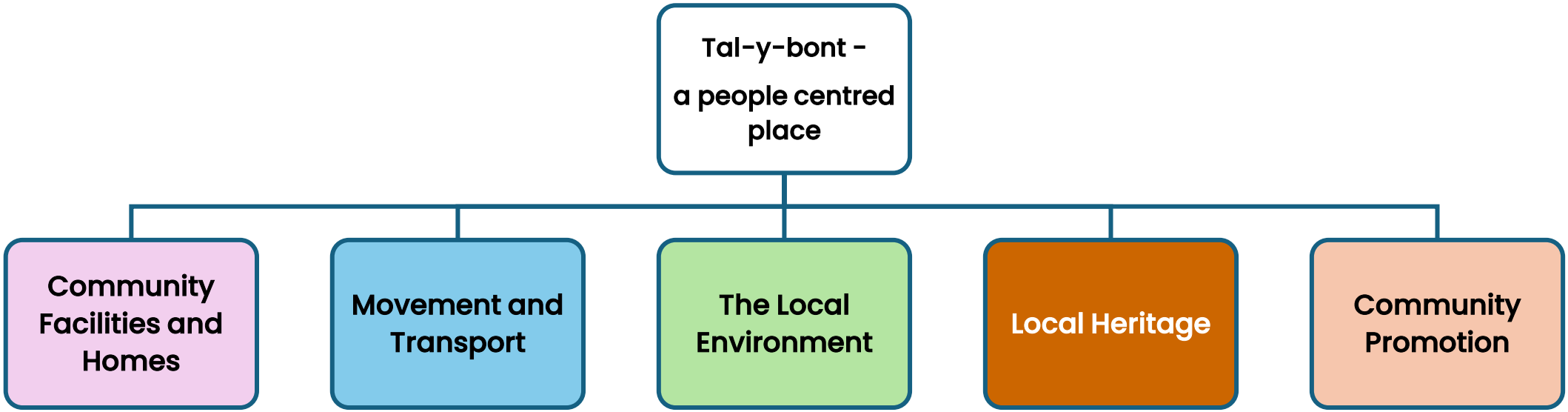
[2] Artwork created by Meinir Mathis and local community members during Tal-y-bont community drop-in session, November 2025

Focus and Themes



Aspirations

Theme	Aspiration No.	Title and Description	Type of Project	Lead Organisation	Timetable		
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Community Facilities and Homes	**2.**	Assess current utility infrastructure and make upgrades where required. Frequent incidents of water shortage within the Maes Y Deri neighbourhood that require attention from Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water.	Infrastructure improvements	Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water			
	3.	Enable delivery of rural housing. Deliver rural housing on the allocated site that meets local needs and integrates into the local community physically and socially.	Public/private sector led	Ceredigion County Council			
	4.	Improve the existing playground off Tanycoed including safety surfacing, play equipment, and improve the community recycling point.	Capital works	Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council			

	6.	Neuadd Goffa becoming a community hub. To explore with the hall committee the development of wider activities that include a community café, youth provision, live music including local bands, community cinema and more arts and cultural events.	Management Co-ordination Revenue funding	Neuadd Goffa Talybont Committee/ Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council			
	8.	Promote and manage public toilets. Maintain the toilets, which are owned by Ceredigion County Council but maintained by Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council. Explore ways to reduce costs e.g. rainwater harvesting, use of PV on roof.	Revenue funding Capital grant – repair and use of renewable energy and water-recycling	Ceredigion County Council/ Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council			
	10.	Improve capacity of WW/DC pumping station on the River Leri.	Infrastructure improvements	Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water			
	12.	Develop EV public charging points within the village for local residents and visitors.	Capital works	Ceredigion County Council/Charging Provider			

		To identify off-street parking locations or public lamp-post charging.					

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Movement and Transport	**1.**	Improve village gateways and reduce traffic speed. At the northern and south western approaches there is a need to i) announce the identity of Tal-y-bont that recognises its rural/mill/farming setting ii) links into a series of speed reduction measures within the village section of the A487.	Minor capital works	Welsh Government Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency/Ceredigion County Council/Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council			
	5.	Feasibility for a school pedestrian crossing. As part of a wider speed reduction scheme to explore the	Capital works	Welsh Government Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency/Ceredigion County Council/Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council			

		feasibility of a light controlled crossing within the vicinity of the primary school.					
	7.	Manage on-street parking and reduce traffic speed. Off-street parking is a difficult challenge for residents living on the A487 in Tal-y-bont, with the current on-street arrangement creating a section of single way vehicle movement and limited opportunities for pedestrians to cross the road safely. A feasibility study needs to explore off-street parking provision or management of on-street parking	Feasibility study Capital works	Welsh Government Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency/Ceredigion County Council/Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council			

		that reduces speeds and facilitates pedestrians crossing in an uncontrolled manner.					
The Local Environment	**9.**	Patsyn Glas and Black Lion Hotel. To maintain the simple, open grassed area of the Patsyn Glas as a keynote village space. To manage street clutter within the space. To use the immediate frontage of the Black Lion to support future investment and reopening.	Management and co-ordination	Ceredigion County Council/Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council/Black Lion Hotel			
	11.	Manage river quality and the environment including the flood management plan:	Management / mitigation / adaptation works	Natural Resources Wales/Ceredigion County Council/Tal-y-bont Floodies Group			

		Tal-y-Bont Flood Alleviation Scheme. Control of non-native invasive species, maximise habitat 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 Afonydd Leri, Cyneiniog and Ceulan. To wait for the preferred option from Ceredigion County Council that considers the technical viability, health and safety risks, buildability, environmental					

		impacts and opportunities, and stakeholder support. Options include flood storage areas, Natural Flood Risk Management and River Restoration measures.					

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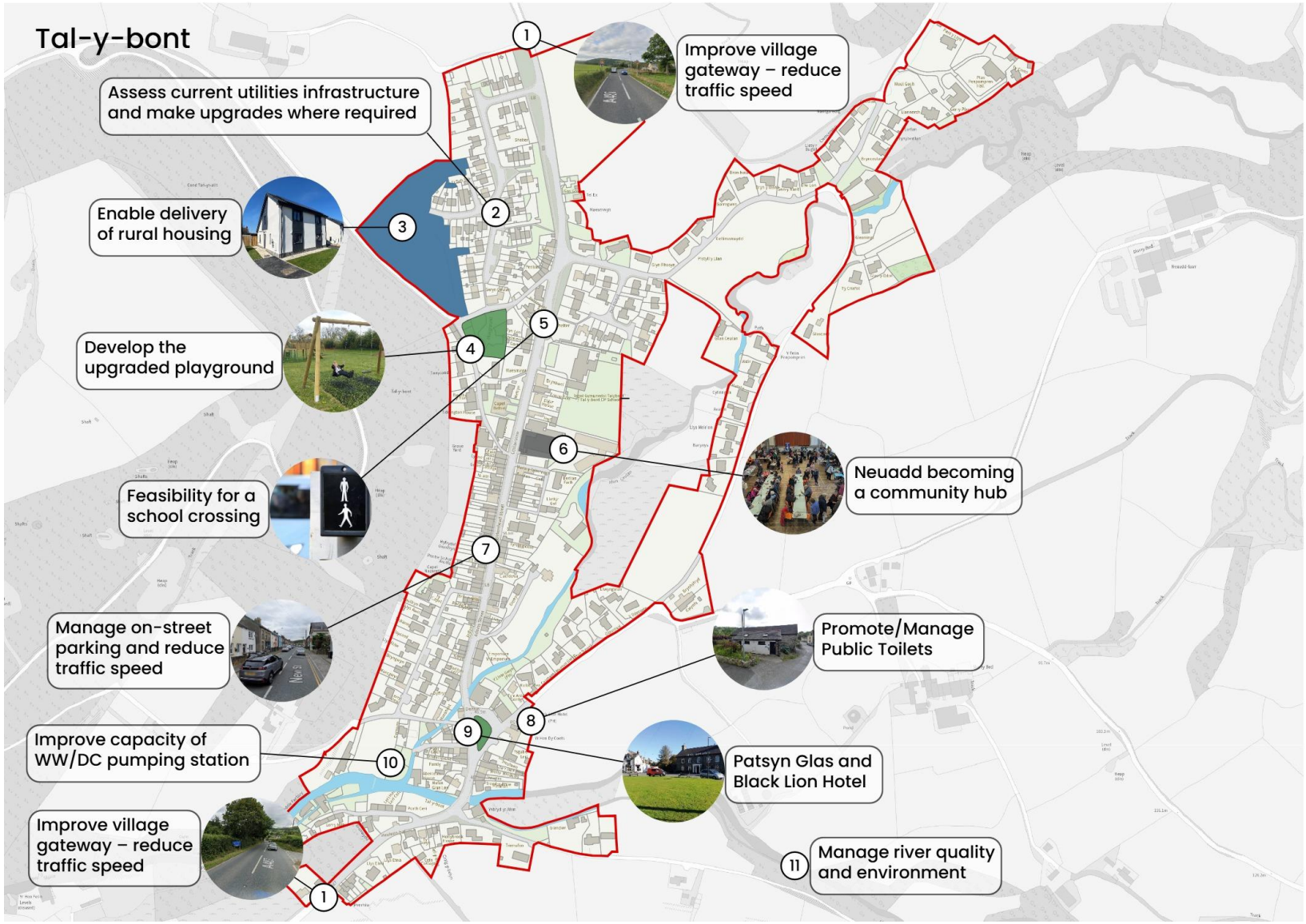
The Local Environment	**13.**	Develop a local design code for street furniture, signage, etc that sets an appropriate suite of benches, bins, bollards, signage and other furniture that works with the village character.	Minor capital works	Welsh Government Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency / Ceredigion County Council/ Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council			

	14.	Village pride activities that encourage volunteering, active lifestyles that target under-used parcels of land, litter picks and community artwork.	Community/ volunteering time Small capital works	Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council			
	15.	Assess lighting luminaires and use of cut off shields to meet dark sky standards.	Feasibility study Maintenance /upgrade works	Ceredigion County Council			
Local Heritage	**16.**	Develop interpretation of former mill heritage and other industries, stories and notable people.	Community/ volunteering time Small capital works	Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council			

		Interpretation could be in the form of an audio trail, physical interpretation plaques or could be a series of artworks around the village that form a circular trail.					
Community Promotion	**17.**	Learn Welsh through history, nature and food. Develop a series of community learning activities that could be through walking groups, village tidy ups, cookery classes and local talks.	Community/ volunteering	Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council			
	18.	Develop a community website that celebrates life in Ceulanamaesmawr, the role of the community council, "what's on" and	Revenue funding	Ceulanamaesmawr Community Council			

		other local information.					

Plan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