



ABER-PORTH
Cyngor Cymuned Community Council

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025



**Serving the communities of Aberporth,
Parcllyn, Blaenporth & Blaenannerch**



CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

Cllr Jackie Brown

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Aberporth Community Council's Annual Report for 2024–2025 and to reflect on what has been another productive and rewarding year for the Council. Over the past twelve months, the Council has worked hard on behalf of our community, building on previous achievements while responding to new priorities and challenges. This report highlights the progress we have made, the projects we have delivered, and the many ways in which we have sought to represent and support the interests of residents. From improving local facilities and supporting community initiatives to strengthening communication and engagement, the Council has remained focused on making a positive difference for Aberporth.

None of this work would be possible without the commitment and dedication of our councillors, clerk, and the many volunteers and partner organisations who give their time, skills, and enthusiasm to the community. I would also like to thank residents for their continued involvement, feedback, and support, which helps to guide our decisions and priorities.

Serving as Chair during this period has been a pleasure, and I am proud of what the Council has achieved collectively over the year. As we look ahead, we remain committed to listening, working collaboratively, and continuing to act in the best interests of Aberporth.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report and for your ongoing support of Aberporth Community Council.

THE COUNCIL

The Council is made up of 12 members that represent the community. These members make decisions on a range of services and activities which support the local community and liaise with Ceredigion County Council when other issues of concern or interest arise. Aberporth Community Council has a range of responsibilities and powers that, depending on financial and other resources, enable the development and improvement of facilities and services for both residents and visitors.

The Council's work is supported by committees that meet to address specific matters. Each committee has defined terms of reference and membership approved by the Community Council and reviewed annually.

- Planning
- Footpath & Maintenance
- Finance
- Procedure Review
- Community Enhancement & Social Wellbeing

- Collaborates with various organisations, community groups, and the community to ensure the best outcomes for our residents.
- Advocates on behalf of local residents
- Maintains and enhances the environment.
- Considers and responds to planning applications.
- Engages with consultations, always considering the impact on local residents.
- Applies for grants or sources of funding that support the vision and aims of the Community Council.

The Council has adopted a Member's Code of Conduct and Councillors must declare any interests at the start of each meeting.

The Council employs a part time Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer who is member of the Society of Local Council Clerks.

The Council is a member of One Voice Wales.

Council meetings are held at 6:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month except August. These hybrid meetings are conducted both in person at the Vestry Blaenannerch Chapel and remotely via Zoom. The public is welcome to attend all meetings, with opportunities provided for public participation.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

During the 2024–2025 financial year, Aberporth Community Council continued to manage its finances responsibly while delivering significant projects for the benefit of the community.

The Council received £46,299 in income from the annual precept, an increase on the previous year, alongside £20,700 in additional receipts, which included grant funding. Total income for the year was therefore higher than in 2023–2024.

Total expenditure increased significantly during the year, reflecting the Council's commitment to investing in long-term community assets.

Key areas of increased expenditure during the year included:

- A grant-funded project to make improvements to the play area at Parclyn, enhancing facilities for children and families.
- The completion of a feasibility study relating to the potential purchase of the football field at Parclyn,

Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Accounting statement 2024-25 for:

Name of body: Aberporth Community Council

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2024 (£)	31 March 2025 (£)	
Statement of income and expenditure/receipts and payments			
1. Balances brought forward	81285	81454	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Must agree to line 7 of the previous year.
2. (+) Income from local taxation/levy	41088	46299	Total amount of income received/receivable in the year from local taxation (precept) or levy/contribution from principal bodies.
3. (+) Total other receipts	499	20700	Total income or receipts recorded in the cashbook minus amounts included in line 2. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.
4. (-) Staff costs	10828	10767	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, taxable allowances, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and termination costs. Exclude reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on external borrowing (if any).
6. (-) Total other payments	30590	116150	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	81454	21536	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6).
Statement of balances			
8. (+) Debtors	0	0	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of debts owed to the body at the year-end.
9. (+) Total cash and investments	81454	21536	All accounts: The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held at 31 March. This must agree with the reconciled cashbook balance as per the bank reconciliation.
10. (-) Creditors	0	0	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of monies owed by the body (except borrowing) at the year-end.
11. (=) Balances carried forward	84494	21536	Total balances should equal line 7 above: Enter the total of (8+9+10).
12. Total fixed assets and long-term assets	64494	136454	The asset and investment register value of all fixed assets and any other long-term assets held as at 31 March.
13. Total borrowing	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

- The purchase of the Parclyn field, which represents a significant investment in protecting and securing an important community asset for long-term public use.

As a result of this planned investment, the Council's balances reduced from £81,454 at the start of the year to £21,536 at 31 March 2025. This reduction was anticipated and reflects the use of reserves for agreed capital and community projects rather than ongoing operational costs.

If you would like more information about the Council's finances, projects, or how decisions are made, please contact Aberporth Community Council via our website or speak to the Clerk. We are always happy to explain our work and how community funds are used.

A YEAR AT A GLANCE

MAINTAINED • CONSULTED • INVESTED • SUPPORTED • PROTECTED

Maintenance & Core Services

- Green spaces, play areas & footpaths
- Safety inspections & repairs
- Defibrillators & community safety
- Working with County Council on local issues

Community Facilities

- Play area improvements at Parcllyn
- New fencing, gates & equipment
- Youth bench installed

Investing in the Future

- Feasibility study for Parcllyn field
- Parcllyn field purchased and secured for community use

Community & Wellbeing

- Community consultation & engagement event
- Support for local groups & services
- Community fridge & food-share support

Safety & Resilience

- Emergency rest centre opened during storms
- Blood loss kit installed
- Emergency planning reviewed

Seasonal & Events

- Big Lunch community event
- Christmas trees provided
- Support for children & young people's activities



Watch our Look back video here

FUTURE OUTLOOK

CONSULT • INVEST • MAINTAIN • SUPPORT • GROW

Parcllyn – Community Facility

- Community consultation on future needs
- Seeking funding to develop a community facility
- Improving facilities for all ages

Blaenporth Poetry Trail

- Develop a digital app celebrating local history and poetry
- Improve the Blaenporth path to support access and interpretation

Public Toilets & Clean Environment

- Secure the future of public toilets through partnership working
- Improve rubbish management during busy seasonal periods
- Work with Ceredigion County Council to keep the village clean and welcoming

Continuing What Works

- Maintain existing services and facilities
- Continue regular maintenance, safety checks, and inspections
- Deliver established community events and activities

Youth Services

- Explore opportunities to develop youth provision



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