# Aberporth Community Council

**Play Provision Policy and Strategy**

Adopted: May 2025

## 1. Introduction and Vision

Aberporth Community Council recognises the fundamental importance of play in the lives of children and young people and is committed to ensuring they have access to high-quality, safe, inclusive, and stimulating play opportunities within the community. Our vision is to create an environment where play is valued, supported, and accessible to all, contributing to the well-being and healthy development of children and young people in Aberporth and Parcllyn.

## 2. Policy Statement

The Community Council will:
- Promote, enhance, and protect children's right to play freely and safely.
- Provide inclusive play spaces and actively challenge any barriers to access.
- Maintain and improve existing play provision.
- Work with partners, funders, and the local community to develop and expand play opportunities.
- Engage with children, young people, and families in shaping future play provision.

## 3. Strategic Objectives

To deliver our play policy, the council will:

Maintain Existing Play Provision
Ensure regular inspections and grounds maintenance to keep play areas safe and fit for purpose.

Develop New Play Opportunities
Invest in new equipment and upgrade existing facilities where funding and need allow.

Promote Open Space Play
Work with Aberporth Village Hall Management Committee and Ceredigion County Council to support access to beaches and green spaces for informal play.

Engage with the Community
Undertake meaningful consultation with the community, especially children and young people, to inform play provision plans.

Secure Resources and Partnerships
Actively seek grant funding and, if appropriate, explore borrowing with approval from the Welsh Government to support the development and sustainability of play provision.

## 4. Current Play Provision

## Parcllyn Playground

- 2 x Basketball hoops
- Multiplay with overhead bars
- Junior swing – 2 seats
- Toddler swing – 2 seats
- Bin, picnic bench, seat

- Football goal posts

- Play box

The land at Parcllyn has now been purchased from the Ministry of Defence (MOD) by Aberporth Community Council, securing its future for community use. The council has also purchased an additional site in Parcllyn, known locally as the Football Field, with the intention of developing it as a new, high-quality play and recreation area. This development will be carried out in full consultation with local residents, children, and stakeholders to ensure it meets community needs.

## Aberporth (Lower Brynglas) Playground

- Multiplay unit
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- Rocker – 4 seat
- Junior swing & barriers – 2 seats
- Toddler swing & barriers – 2 seats
- Bin, picnic bench, seat

- Play box

Update:
This site, where possible, equipment needs to be replaced or upgraded to improve quality and safety.

## Aberporth Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

Located at Aberporth School, the MUGA received a new surface in 2019 and remains a valuable asset for active play and sports.

## 5. New Development: Parcllyn Football Field

The newly acquired Football Field in Parcllyn presents a key opportunity to design and deliver a flagship play and recreational space for the community. The council is committed to:
- Conducting a comprehensive community consultation.
- Designing a multi-use, inclusive, and accessible space.
- Sourcing grant funding, partnership support, and considering borrowing subject to Welsh Government approval if necessary.

## 6. Partnerships and Promotion

The Council will continue to:
- Work collaboratively with Ceredigion County Council, local voluntary organisations, and third-sector bodies.
- Promote awareness of local play opportunities.
- Encourage community ownership and responsibility for public play spaces.

## 7. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually or sooner if significant changes occur in provision, funding, or legislation. Progress against the strategy will be monitored through:
- Regular play area inspections and maintenance records.
- Community feedback and consultation outcomes.
- Funding secured and development milestones achieved.