

Borth Community Council Action Plan (June 2017)

Building upon the 'Have your say' Community Survey (2015)

CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Crime, burglary, damage, speeding, vandalism – respondents number 1 priority

Anti-social behaviour graffiti, noise

Your views & priorities in 2015	What's happened in response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pretty safe and clean to live in, crime getting better • Speeding seen as a significant issue, key areas; Glanwern, High Street, Clarach road up from Nisa, Ynyslas, along golf course • Mixed response on action; road humps, no road humps, camera trap • Noise related, passengers leaving train station, music in holiday period, dogs barking • Group/individuals causing trouble on front, station and North end of Borth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced a Community Speed Watch Scheme • Liaised with the local police force, reported incidents, speeding problems and areas • Attend PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meetings raising issues and advertised meetings more • Brynbala bends, Clarach Road has new road signs • Speed strips have been used in Ynyslas • Councillors removed graffiti from the playground. • Advertised Police surgery for public, 10-11am on Tuesday mornings in Nisa • Asked for more regular police presence in the village
What's next	What could you help with?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the Community Speed Watch to Glanwern and Ynyslas • Raise awareness about late night noise • Engage with young people to explore their needs and ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up to help with speed awareness in the village • Try to reduce late night noise in residential areas

FLOODING

Flooding sea, river, surface – respondents 2nd highest priority

Your views & priorities in 2015	What's happened in response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defences mostly working. Lots better since improvements to sea defences • Mostly maintaining Leri and seawall defences • Repair the seawall at Ynyslas. • Concerned about sea defences opposite Premier Store, shingle incursion in future. • Leats/ditches need clearing/maintenance, blocked, overgrown • Appearance of mud/quicksand holes near rock defences a concern for safety on the seaward side near WCs. • Concerned about cracks to house from sea defence work. • Concerned about fires against timber sea defences in Ynyslas car park. • Positive that the wall near boat park has been extended • Flood damage behind toilet block still to be repaired. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairs to Ynyslas sea wall defences • Community Emergency Plan is available from http://www.borthcommunity.info/index.php/emergency-plan • Increased the number of community wardens • Email and text groups to share emergency messages • Installation/removal of storm boards in Borth • Purchased 3 portable heaters for evacuation/rest centre at Family Centre, Coastguard also has key • Road drains by golf course cleaned to reduce flooding • Maintained leats around sports fields • An information note on leats has been started • NRW River Levels Online service to check Afon Leri water level at Dolybont monitoring station, www.naturalresources.wales/river-levels-online • Shared FloodRe - insurance for houses that may flood • Shared survey results and respondents views with NRW, Ceredigion County Council, RNLI, Coastguard • Attended Flood Warden Volunteer Network Event • Contributed to Review of Flood Awareness • Attended Scrutiny Committee public session to review the coastal defence scheme and flooding matters

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas that regularly flood e.g. by golf club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the formal opening of the 2nd phase of Borth sea defences
What's next	What could you help with?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain need for repairs to Ynyslas sea defences • Pursue a management and action plan for the leats • Increase the number of Community Wardens, including with businesses with overnight guests • Contact adjacent community flood warden groups • Maintain need for a solution to flooding by golf club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan what you would do in an emergency • Be aware of neighbours around you that might need help or checking upon • Take measures to protect yourself and your property during emergency events • Register with Floodline • Become a Community Warden including sharing messages with close by neighbours in an emergency

DOGS

Dogs beach access/ control, fouling, bins - respondents 3rd priority

Your views & priorities in 2015	What's happened in response
<p>27% pleased / 56% concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer access to the beach. Suggested that dog policy could be reconsidered (one suggestion by member of the public was to consider allowing early morning/late evening or school summer holidays only). • Dog notices need to be clearer, bigger and lots more signs • Needs to enforce dog ban, not all abide by summer ban. • Still fouling e.g. lane to church. • Important to maintain beach access for owners with dogs beyond Borth. • Details of other places to walk the dog where don't have to drive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added new signs in 2015 and 2016 and new larger signs/ banners in 2017 • Put signs on every access point to the beach in Borth, on the pavement or nearby • Continuously looking into options for a dog warden • Bins accept litter and dog waste • Uphold allowing dogs on the beach after the end Borth/golf course to Ynyslas • Raised awareness of the problem of dog waste on Church Land • Installed a bin on Church lane which Councillors are emptying • Raised awareness on the new banners that to keep the blue flag status we need to keep dogs off Borth beach May to September
What's next	What could you help with?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More information on other areas to walk dogs in the village during beach restrictions • Explore contracting a dog warden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe the dog restrictions during May to September and let your friends and visitors know too • Pick up dog waste and put it in the litter bins provided

LITTER, RECYCLING, PRIDE

Litter, bins, fly tipping, cleanliness - 4th priority

Community, spirit, pride - 5th priority

Sustainability recycling, local produce, cycling - Joint 6th priority

Your views & priorities in 2015	What's happened in response
<p>Litter/bins/flytipping 36% pleased / 41% concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly about litter bins, especially over flowing in summer. Several specifically mentioned the good work the County Council litter collector does, also the new litter/dog bins is an improvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealt with fly-tipping on the Common Land • Bins emptied daily in the summer • Raised awareness that new bins are dual purpose for litter and recycling • Obtained an additional/larger bin in Ynyslas • Larger bin near It's a Gift • Moved bins from locations where repeated instances of household rubbish filling them up

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More bins at Ynyslas to save the bus stop bin from being overfilled. • Disposal of large items a problem. • Fly tipping on cliff/Cambrian Terrace • Flytipping in Glanlerry woods <p>Sustainability/recycling 38% pleased / 32% concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street side recycling comprehensive, very good. • Many wished for a recycling centre. Closure of recycling centre is a great loss especially without a car. Many asked for reopening. 20 mile trip for garden waste. Suggested community project. More recycling bins. • Overflowing bottle bank, bottles left at the side. Another bottle bank wanted to the north in Borth. Big sign on car park showing where recycling bottle bank is. • Tidy area near recycling in Borth to reflect well on village. • Glass collection for older people. <p>Community pride/spirit 72% pleased / 7% concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 72% value/pleased with the community, its spirit and neighbourliness. • Taking pride in the area a few areas were identified as unsightly; old garage, scrap metal, boat park • Drainage pipe by RNLI an eyesore 	<p>were a problem to other areas where they were needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested additional litter bin emptying during the summer at busy weekends, will occur when possible • Rubble and fences were cleared from the garage site • Tidied the Community Council carpark and boat park • Drainage pipe by RNLI attended to • Ceredigion County Council green waste collection service and Bulky Household Collections (chargeable) • New signpost to bottle bank • Arranged for the bottle bank to be emptied when full • Monitored the bottle bank area and raised awareness that people are regularly leaving collections of bottles rather than putting them in – even when the bottle bank has room • Electrical recycling day in Borth was held January 2016 • Community Council funds the Christmas tree and lights by the RNLI each year and a small tree for the Christmas services at St. Matthew's Church.
<p>What's next</p>	<p>What could you help with?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bin to be moved from the promenade down to the roadside • Encourage holiday home owners to recycle too • Keep litter bins and their locations under review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycle as much as possible, use the free roadside recycling collection service (Wednesdays in Borth, Fridays in Ynyslas) • Report flytipping • Don't put domestic rubbish in litter bins • Report when the bottle bank is full (via the Clerk or phone the number on the bottle bank) • Share the community spirit and neighbourliness – our great asset

SPACES AND PLACES

Open spaces play areas, green spaces, community garden - Joint 6th priority
Children and Youth, local school, play groups, local facilities

<p>Your views & priorities in 2015</p>	<p>What's happened in response</p>
<p>Open spaces and play areas 56% pleased / 14% concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More care of open spaces/green areas by beach. • Needs attention/clear up/replanting - boat park, around church, near phase 2 toilets. Some greenery maintenance around Community Hall sign, Coronation walk. Capping slabs to right of public toilets need fixing • Den/adventure play area requested. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintained the contract to mow green spaces and the playground • Arranged additional cutting along Coronation footpath • Pay for the summer flowerbed competition • Planted daffodils in Borth and Ynyslas • Registered for wild seeds Grow Wales • Capping slabs have been fixed • Borth Family Centre including Saturday Dads club

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daffodils and community gardens were recognised as good. • Beach, SSSI at Ynyslas and Cors fochno are UNESCO sites of great interest and acknowledged as 'the best' <p>Children/ Youth 35% pleased / 9% concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots for young children to do less for teenagers. • Recreational area/skateboard park for teenagers requested by many, seen as valuable for social activities, sports, discourage antisocial behaviour. More youth services. • Family group very good, local school appreciated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional hut has been installed in the playground • Annual ROSPA Play Area Inspection is completed • Playground repairs completed • Considered options and reality of a skateboard park/pump track, advised that a group could come forward with a business plan • Prepared a leaflet on Japanese Knotweed for the community
<p>What's next</p>	<p>What could you help with?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuously look for opportunities to tidy up open spaces including the look of the prom • Explore an 'adopt a flowerbed' scheme for all year round • Look for opportunities for children and youths in open spaces and places • Treat all Japanese Knotweed on land we own • Raise awareness and share information about Japanese Knotweed on private land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share ideas for improving open spaces and what we need • A group could come forward with a business plan for an activity area for older children/youths • Get in touch if you'd like to help in any way

<p>COMMUNITY WELLBEING Health & wellbeing Social activities, art and village events Community, volunteering and educational opportunities</p>	
<p>Your views & priorities in 2015</p>	<p>What's happened in response</p>
<p>Health & wellbeing 53% pleased / 9% concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical centre, GP services, pharmacy all much valued. Concern at threat of Borth surgery closure and getting Doctor appointments. • More information on noticeboards/flyers/leaflets would be good, especially if no computer access. • Sheltered public footpaths valued – improve winter use with shale/loose chippings. Keep footpaths clear • Age concern exercise class excellent. • Multi use/cycle path between Borth and Ynyslas, along golf course road (was under sustainability section) <p>Social activities 47% pleased / 7% concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More social activities welcomed. • More information needed, local magazine to publicise events. Need noticeboard/non-computer based adverts • Carnival enjoyed by all <p>Volunteering 39% pleased / 3% concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated noticeboard for volunteering and community opportunities • More volunteering activities <p>Educational opportunities 27% pleased / 8% concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer/tablet, sewing, cooking, Welsh classes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arranged defibrillator training and wall mounted containers for the 2 defibrillators More information has been shared through the Borth community website and Borth Community Council Facebook page, also noticeboards • Joined the Adopt a Footpath Scheme to have been survey and improve footpaths • Raised issue of need for a multi-use path to connect the two villages in the Rights of Way Improvement Plan and in any future defence work along the coast • Responded to consultations on re-location of the Pharmacy • Workers Education Association- new adult learning classes • Public Engagement evening each September to find out more about activities in the village and the Community Council • Remembrance Sunday service at St. Matthew's Church, Borth, the Community Council lay a wreath • WW1 Centenary group, activities include talks, film shows and a monthly newsletter. • Community Hall noticeboard shows activities, volunteering, general notices

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village hall ideal Very much appreciate mobile library service <p>Public Art 9% saw this as a priority 19% pleased / 18% concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always room for more art, exhibitions, must be good quality. More mosaics Love the sculpture. There is enough, no more mosaics - falling apart on the sea wall. Keep arts we have well maintained Borth beautiful enough. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertised Borth Community Councillor vacancies as they arise Several projects including Cymerau project, the laser cut seat by RNLI, wooden spoons designed in the village by all ages being created and attached to the slipway and groynes Supported a group of artists from Borth with their exhibition to showcase their work. Explored scope for repairing mosaics
What's next	What could you help with?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to raise the need for a path between Borth and Ynyslas Welcome and encourage more classes in Borth Raise awareness and understand more about what the Dyfi Biosphere means for our area Continue to explore opportunities to provide facilities the play area, older children and youths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join us a volunteer adopting footpaths in our village Join the WW1 Centenary group You can advertise village events on the Borth Community website Share information on community and art projects

TRAVEL Parking, roadside parking, car parks Transport bus and train services	
Your views & priorities in 2015	What's happened in response
<p>17% saw this as a priority 32% pleased / 34% concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better since one hour parking stopped. Roadside parking better for trade More parking needed in centre of village during summer. Good free council carpark. Needs hedge lowering and a tidy up Campervan parking on the front should be daytime only, campervans overstaying. Need signs for overnight camper vans and County Council to help with camper vans. Enforce parking on yellow lines, a concern for emergency services access. Some non-Council car parks permanently closed/ locked. Don't impose restrictions unless residents want them. <p>Bus and train services 15% saw this as a priority. 60% pleased / 22% concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good bus and rail links Great now more trains- big difference. Earlier Sunday train. Train to Chester. Would like a Sunday bus, also for Sunday service from Ynyslas. More evening/late buses to Ynyslas. Road maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New sign prepared for Community Council carpark showing free parking & where to get key for coaches, no overnight parking Notices prepared discouraging overnight campervans on Borth High Street and seafront, provided a list of campsites and holiday parks Improved road to St Matthews Church surfaced that avoids crossing the railway line Raised issue at PACT/Ceredigion County Council about overnight parking on the seafront Liaised with bus company over 512 bus routes, service and late night buses Temporary period obtained 512 bus in evening changed route from Aberystwyth-Borth – Ynyslas-Talybont etc. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, remaining the same – Aberystwyth, Talybont-Ynyslas-Borth for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays changed again in May 2016 Reported pot holes Now an earlier Sunday train Liaised with Mid Wales buses to reinstate some services that were dropped and contributed to reprinting the timetables when they were reinstated. Bus stops, shelters and some benches were given a once over, painted and repaired.
What's next	What could you help with?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend to overgrown, high hedge around car park, make car park more visible More blue parking signs directing people to the car park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report potholes Using the local bus service helps maintain the service

HOUSING AND LIGHTING	
Your views & priorities in 2015	What's happened in response
<p>18% saw this as a priority, 24% pleased / 26% concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More affordable housing and long-term rented housing. Number of holiday homes a concern, standing empty • Conversions allowed where appropriate • Some concerns regarding housing/hostel project • Sort drain by boat park for cliff houses. • Several houses need painting. <p>Lighting 8% saw this as a priority</p> <p>39% pleased / 24% concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great the lights are off midnight to 5 AM and good now energy efficient lights are used. No more lights – can carry torches. Retain low light levels at Ynyslas • Street lights rock in wind, need more, eco-friendly lights - lower visibility. • Keep on longer for last train +20 minutes/til 1am/2am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing enabling officer completed a survey for Borth • Will take comments into consideration when planning applications come to the Community Council for comment • Explore issue with drain by boat park further
What's next	What could you help with?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report non-working lights

Headline key priorities for 2017-18

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CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- Extend the Community Speed Watch to Glanwern and Ynyslas
- Increase the numbers of residents willing to help with Speed Watch
- Engage with young people to explore their needs and ideas

FLOODING

- Pursue a management and action plan for the leats
- Increase the number of Community Wardens by 10%

DOGS

- Explore contracting a dog warden further

LITTER, RECYCLING, PRIDE

- Keep litter bins and their locations under review

SPACES AND PLACES

- Focus on one open space and make a difference
- Continue to explore opportunities to provide facilities the play area, older children and youths
- Treat all Japanese Knotweed on land we own and raise awareness about treatments on private land

COMMUNITY WELLBEING

- Adopt and improve 5 footpaths in Borth & Ynyslas
- Improve linkages and better understand opportunities from the Dyfi Biosphere status

Borth & Ynyslas community, residents and visitors - share your thoughts on what you think may make a difference?

Speak to your local Community Councillors or email mirellaborth@gmail.com