

Cyngor Cymuned Y Borth / Y Borth Community Council

Croeso Welcome

Chairs Report for 2015-16

This report shares with you some of the activities, projects and events that Borth Community Council has been connected with in the last year.

Borth Community Council delivers services, works in partnership and represents the interests of the community including responding to residents' concerns. We aim to make a positive difference, which may relate to improvements in the locality or lending support to local people and projects. Margaret Walker, the Clerk, does an excellent job and is fundamental to the success of the Community Council. All Councillors are active and together we make a good team, each of us bringing the benefit of different knowledge and experience. Input may not always be very visible to everyone but the commitment to making a difference and the time, given voluntarily, is very much appreciated.

Thank you also to; Ray Quant, County Councillor, he actively liaises with the County Council on our behalf to get many things done in the community; to Graham Taylor for adding and sharing so much information through the Borth Community website and to the Community Wardens spread throughout Borth and Ynyslas, supporting the community in emergencies but also with sharing information.

All-important are the residents and visitors who add vibrancy and uniqueness to this beautiful, highly valued and challenging location, you make the community. Thank you for looking out for your neighbour, buying something locally or sharing your views or concerns with the Community Council.

With best wishes,

Cllr. Jill Hulse

Chair, Borth Community Council

Borth Community Council Meetings

Held at Borth Community Hall 07:00pm in the Upstairs Room on the 1st Monday of the month (or 2nd Monday if a Bank Holiday, no meeting in August). **Anyone is welcome to attend**, however if you wish to have an issue raised in a meeting you will need to inform the Clerk in writing, three full working days, before the meeting.

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For further information visit <http://www.borthcommunity.info/> and use the Community Council links on Councillor's contact details and responsibilities, minutes of Community Council meetings, Borth Community Action Plan, Community Emergency Plan, Information Notes, a link to Borth Community Council Facebook page

Finances. Precept is set at 65% for 2016-17 which amounts to an income for Borth Community Council of £18,814.25 derived from the £26.45 that each household pays in their Council Tax (this is a significant decrease on the precept payments for 2015/16 with no loss of services). We set a budget each year for the work of the Clerk and items such as maintenance, safety checks, the playground, the Community Hall, grass cutting, signs, insurance and the Christmas tree. We consider and support many donation requests. Accounts are reported every month in the meeting minutes and accounts are returned annually. The audit and accounts are always made available for public inspection.

Borth Community Council 2015-16	
Examples of Services we deliver	We contract grass cutting services for the open spaces that Borth Community Council owns including on the sea front and Coronation Path. The shrubs were also cut back along the railway line this year to maintain visibility for train drivers. We have continued with the Service Level Agreement with Ceredigion County Council to keep the public toilets next to the RNLI open from 1 November to 31 March. We maintain the CCTV by the Community Hall.
Community survey and action plan	A Borth Community priorities survey was undertaken this year to help us set future priorities and respond to community preferences. The bilingual survey was posted through letterboxes, made available on the website, posters were put in noticeboards and shops. Councillors and Community Wardens distributed the survey. The results were analysed and presented to Council. The information was used to prepare a community action plan in July, with updates in December and April. The top 5 priorities of the survey were 1 st Crime, 2 nd Flooding, 3 rd Dogs, 4 th Litter, 5 th Community, 6 th Sustainability and open spaces. The summary report and action plan are available from the Borth Community website.
Crime, Speeding, graffiti	Councillors attend the Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings raising issues from residents and meetings. Reporting speeding problems, particularly at Brynbala bends on the Clarach Road (new road signs are now in place here), Ynyslas and Glanwern. Six Councillors have registered to help with a Police community speed watch scheme. Local damages including to telephone and bus shelters. Councillors removed graffiti from the slide in the playground.
Flooding and emergencies	The Community Emergency Plan was reviewed in October, up to date information is shared as it arises, for example; flood risk maps, the River Levels Online service and flood leaflets. The storm boards in Borth were installed for the winter and removed in the spring. Two Councillors are Community Emergency Plan Coordinators, together with the network of Community Wardens they respond to flood warnings and alerts when required including 23 September and during the heavy rain on 13 November. Attended the Ceredigion County Council Scrutiny Committee public session to review the coastal defence scheme and flooding matters, also a Flood Coordinators Event. Councillors attended the formal opening of the 2nd phase of Borth sea defences. We contributed to the NRW Independent Review of Flood Awareness. Persisted in encouraging repair work to the sea wall in Ynyslas.
Dogs	Additional signs made and painted on steps and entryways to the beach in Borth alerting people to the Dog Order between May-September
Fly tipping, litter and recycling	Dealt with fly-tipping on the Common Land and reported where it has occurred elsewhere. Overflowing bins in Borth and at Ynyslas turn have been reported. Councillors have done litter collections along Coronation path, the car park and the beach. We helped raise awareness of a County Council electrical recycling day where small electrical items could be dropped off, the day was a success. The distributors for the bottle and paper banks are notified when they become full.
Supporting events, people and art	Councillors attended the Public Engagement evening in September and were available to answer questions about the Community Council and Emergency Plan. Councillors attended the Remembrance Sunday service at St. Matthew's Church, Borth and laid a wreath from the Community Council. Councillors are members of the WW1 Centenary

	<p>group, activities this year have included talks, film shows and a monthly newsletter. The 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. We were pleased to help the Borth rowing regatta in a small way by opening the car park to boat trailers from visiting clubs and at Borth Carnival, including the associated flowerbed competition. The Community Council has supported several art projects including a Community Art project that included a laser cut seat and wooden spoons designed in the village by all ages being created and attached to the slipway and groynes. We have been pleased to have presentations and hear about projects as part of Cymerau and have supported a proposal to the Arts Council for Wales for a project linked to the submerged forest. We were pleased to support a group of artists from Borth with their exhibition to showcase their work.</p>
Communication and sharing information	<p>Reviewed and improved our compliance with the Access to Information on Community and Town Councils Statutory Guidance May 2015. Prepared information notes on Borth Community Council 'land ownership, leases and licences', 'Leats, Leri and outfalls' and 'Planning Training'. Maintain Community noticeboards and submit information to the Borth Community website where we have a dedicated section for Community Council matters and notices/events are posted. A community email group (to join email Cllr. Jill Hulse at jillbullen@gmail.com) was set up and a Facebook page for Borth Community Council https://www.facebook.com/BorthCommunityCouncil Facebook page has 498 'likes', some posts reach thousands of people.</p>
Health & Safety	<p>The annual ROSPA Play Area Inspection is completed each year. Playground repairs were carried out by Ceredigion County Council. Arranged and held 1 of 2 defibrillator training sessions. The two defibrillators are now mounted and installed in containers, one by the Community Hall and one on the toilet block by Cambrian Terrace.</p>
Parking	<p>A new car park sign has been made for the Borth Community Council carpark that advertises the free parking available, but no overnights, and where coach drivers could obtain a key. Notices were prepared discouraging overnight campervans on Borth High Street and the seafront, last summer we provided a list of campsites and holiday parks.</p>
Transport	<p>Liaised with Mid Wales buses to reinstate some services that were dropped and contributed to reprinting the timetables when they were reinstated (but services may be changing/reduced soon). Bus stops, shelters and some benches were painted and repaired.</p>
Educational	<p>The Workers Education Association gave a presentation to the Community Council, new adult learning classes have now started up</p>
Consultation	<p>We always consider planning applications we receive. Also completed consultations on the Climate Change Commission for Wales survey for the 21st United Nations Climate Change conference (COP21), the Business Transformation Consultation on the Library Service, Council Tax and Grants payable to external organisations and the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill on Reforming Local Government.</p>
Invasive species	<p>Started to record and map occurrences of Japanese knotweed, including raising awareness with a poster, residents have kindly helped and have sent in photos, the intention is to work in partnership to help eradicate the knotweed.</p>

Borth Community Council Councillors (In alphabetical order)

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