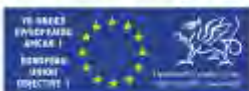


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This Action Plan was adopted at a public meeting held on 12th July 2006, following the circulation of the draft action plan to all households in the community.

History Of Llanteg

The parish name 'Crunwere' derives from 'Crunwear' and there is mention of 'Llan Cronnguern' as far back as the 12th century. 'Llan Cronnguern' could mean *the church on the bend of the gwern* (with *llan* for church, *cron or crwn* for round) and *gwern* being the name of the little stream or representing alders which would have grown along its banks.

The name *Llanteg/Lanteague*, can be traced back to 1324 (*as Llanteg*) and 1329 (*as Nanteg*), the latter possibly meaning fair/pleasant brook (from the Welsh *nant* and *teg*) – perhaps referring to the stream that forms the county boundary.

There are many old farmsteads in the parish – the oldest possibly being Trenewydd, which has been found in records back to 1568 (then referred to as *Trenewyth*).

This is traditionally a scattered farming community, becoming more built up only in the past 50 years. Records show that population numbers have fluctuated:

1563 – 25 households
1670 – 34 tax payers
1801 – 191 people (44 families)
1851 – 289 individuals (70 households)
1981 – 169 individuals.

The village was always short of water and the main source was the well and tap on Rectory Hill. Electricity arrived in Llanteg in the early 1950's.



The old network of roads and tracks can still be traced on a map, with many now being recorded as footpaths or bridleways. Since the 1830's the village has been bisected by what is now the A477 trunk road, but was then Thomas Telford's new mail coach road to Hobbs Point in Pembroke Dock.

It was at this time that the two milestones were installed – one at each end of the village (by Moss and Son in 1838). One is near the garage (opposite Myrtle Villa) and the other is on the old road near Oaklands. We also have a county boundary marker stone, set into the bridge at Castle Ely on the old road.

In the mid 19th century there were two coaching inns - one at Oaklands and the other, called The Golden Lion, at what is today a house known as The Laurels. However, both of these hostelries were short lived and for many years the parish was 'dry', until the opening of the Llanteglos clubhouse, now called The Wanderer's Rest.

In the early 1980's the A477 was straightened - mainly following the route of the previous road but in a straighter line from Middleton, west towards Sparrowsnest.

St Elidyr's Church is on the north easterly boundary of the parish. It is a grade II listed building and sits in an isolated position in the middle of a sloping field reached by a lane (which was once the main route through the village).

The names of rectors are recorded from 1344 but any village that once existed in the vicinity of the church has long since disappeared, although Cambria Archaeology believes that aerial photographs may show evidence of hut circles in the field to the west of the church, suggesting an early settlement.

There were two chapels in the village – now both sadly closed. Zoar Baptist Chapel, with its rising gallery of seats, was converted to a chapel of rest in 2005. Mountain Congregational Chapel closed in 1999 and was virtually demolished and the stone used to convert the vestry into a dwelling. The chapel's site has now become a memorial garden.



In the mid 19th century, a small school was run by William Oriel at the Toll House at Llanteg Cross (he was known as 'Billy the Gate'). A Public Elementary School opened in 1877 with 15 pupils. This continued to serve the community until falling numbers made it unviable and it eventually closed on 20th December 1946 when the eight remaining pupils were transferred to Amroth School.

Source:

- *Llanteg History Society*

The Action Planning Workshops

The 2006 Community Visioning Workshops consisted of the following exercises:

- Something Special – celebrating the special qualities of Llanteg.
- A Community Audit – listing the main features and facilities
- Llanteg in the Bigger Picture – considering global and local issues
- Weaknesses, Threats, Strengths and Opportunities
- The Vision for 2016 – an idealised view of the future
- Skills and Resources Audit – illustrating the variety of local skills
- Translating Ideas into Action – using the information to plan projects
- Pledge Wall – identifying main issues considered to be important.

Llanteg, Its People & Its Sense Of Place

Local people describe Llanteg as a friendly and welcoming place with traditional values. They feel that it has a safe and healthy environment with a low crime rate. A number of people have lived in the community for more than 70 years.

History and heritage is a local passion, evidenced by active membership of the Llanteg History Society and its production of a range of books.

Tranquil, beautiful surroundings are important to many residents - one described it as 'the best location in the British Isles.' The village has scenic views and nearby Colby woodland gardens provide a welcome haven. Local people value its proximity to the coast and take pride in the variety of wildlife and birds.

Residents have a range of skills and talents which they are willing to share and there is a history of gathering together for a variety of community activities. It is felt that there is potential for further development – perhaps through the medium of events and exploring the creative side of local people and their various talents.

Llanteg In The Bigger Picture

Local people are fully aware of global and local sustainability issues and show concern for a wide variety that might affect their community in the future.

The cost of waste, the use of unnecessary energy, the effect of increasing road use and use of chemicals, were highlighted at the community visioning workshops. Concerns include the effects of poor quality food and diet, especially on health, the development of children and their education.

People were concerned about the effect of supermarkets on local shops and the way in which 'ready meals' could have an impact on health, causing poor eating habits which could lead to obesity. They emphasised the importance of making the most of local produce to cut down the food miles and the cost of packaging, along with encouraging healthier eating habits.

Making an effort to become more aware of these issues was also regarded as an important means of becoming more empowered when dealing with 'authorities'.

It was felt that the government should help people make the most of opportunities at a local level. This could mean halting the decline of local services such as post offices and improving existing ones such as waste disposal and recycling.

A north Indian proverb was favoured by many participants – 'the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof'.

The 21st Century Vision

During the Community Visioning exercise, participants were asked to envisage their ideal community in ten years time.

Their vision was of an active and engaged community with a clear focus, set in a sustainable countryside where there was year-round employment and young people were able to afford local housing.



Local services, including a post office and school, would be viable. Community transport would be highly efficient and a bus shelter would have been built on Stanwell Corner and opposite the pond. In the interests of safety, there would be a bridge or tunnel across the A477. Street lighting, drainage and sewerage systems would have been installed to give Llanteg the facilities other community take for granted.

Existing activities would continue to be supported by a wide range of local people. Further activities, an annual festival and facilities for all ages, including a cinema, would have been developed. Newer residents would be encouraged to participate and to contribute their skills and talents.

It was suggested that the tourist season should be expanded and the area be developed as a venue for artists, providing a specialist market.

A Village Events Committee would play an important role in co-ordinating and promoting all local activities. Llanteg Village Hall would have been extended to become an all round Community Centre which would act as the venue for activities including facilities for church services. Youth facilities and activities would have been developed and would include a multi purpose area for sports and recreation.

Tree planting and other environmental projects would maintain the essential balance of the landscape and local people would be encouraged to care for the environment. A Village Map would raise awareness of the geographical area and highlight facilities such as a new water park, playing field, tennis court and recycling centre.

Residents wanted limited housing development, with priority being given to a small scale young person's housing project - to encourage local youngsters to live and work in their home area. There should be no additional holiday homes.

Action Plan Proposals

Issues raised in the workshops have been grouped into broad themes and, where appropriate, related to specific sites to highlight objectives and recommendations.

Community Activities, Events & Communication

Commentary:

There is a strong community spirit in Llanteg and a warm welcome is extended to newcomers. But there is a sense that a physical divide – the A477 road – which means that even greater effort is needed to ensure real cohesion and shared aims.

‘Community is communication made visible’ and ‘there is a growing awareness that we need to communicate and share varied expertise and information’ were comments recorded during the Community Visioning workshops.

There is a sound base for this through the hard working Village Hall Committee, which has continued to develop the building and facilities. The community raised funds for the renovation of the hall in 1999 and also contributed a variety of skills – from administration to painting and decorating.

In addition to a main hall space, there is a smaller meeting room which is used for computer classes and a secure room used by the History Society. The premises are very well used – these include Llanteg History Society; the Community Council; Hall Committee; computer classes; bowls; exercise classes; Mothers Union and Yoga.

It is felt that there is still capacity for further classes, including more computer tuition and gardening classes. A darts club is based at The Wanderer’s Rest Inn and French classes at Red Gables.

The Church service is held in the Village Hall, local people have suggested alternative provision such as building a new church at the ‘clay pits’ site or building a church room behind the Village Hall.

Llanteg has a successful Village newsletter which has been running for several years. The newsletter is produced quarterly and is distributed by volunteers throughout the village. There are also notice boards at the Village Hall, the garage, and on the Lower Amroth road at York Lodge. There is a community website www.llantegcommunity.com



It is proposed to set up a Llanteg Events Committee to bring people together to plan a range of events and activities – some of which could be included in a Llanteg Festival. St Dogmaels provides a good example, where an events programme is drawn up to avoid clashes of dates. An annual Festival combines traditional events, such as the Eisteddfod, with new ideas.

There is also scope for complementary events. For example, an afternoon walk might be followed by a tea in the Village Hall where the History Society is staging an exhibition. A version of this works well in Carew.

Potential activities suggested by local people include a village fete, sankey concerts; bingo; ‘get together evenings’ with a meal and entertainment; ‘organised events such as the very successful murder mystery’; choirs, a chamber orchestra and drama. A number of existing factors support this idea, including the successful Llanteg Newsletter, which has been running for four years and is sponsored by 11 local businesses. It would promote events, keep everyone informed of ideas being discussed and invite input from the whole community.

There is also a range of skills, talents and experience to assist the proposal. These include a variety of administration experience, graphic and other artistic skills and budget management. Other people have musical, singing and drama talents to contribute to the events. Enthusiasm and local knowledge, along with a history of committees working well together would support this idea.

Indoor activities would take place in the Village Hall but other venues, such as The Wanderer’s Rest, could also be used – a Cinema Club was suggested. It was felt that a survey should be undertaken to assess the potential range of activities and events.

The proposal links to a number of themes, including tourism - visitors would spend money in the community; access to the surrounding countryside through organised walks which would also have a health benefit; use and promotion of local products; a chance to interpret local history and heritage; involvement of all ages; further development of the website and a general bringing together of the whole community.

A Village Map has been proposed. It would show all the local properties and facilities, public rights of way and historical features. The benefits would include the creation of a visible representation of the parish and the project would draw residents together in a single purpose.

Proposals:

- Form a Llanteg Events Committee to organise annual events and a Festival.
- Ask for advice from other communities who have a successful formula.
- Organise a survey to find out what additional events and activities could be incorporated into an annual calendar.
- Find out who is willing to help with organising events and providing support.
- Research funding sources for such events and organise local fund raising.
- Organise publicity and develop the website.

- Support the website and look for funding and additional volunteers to make an input.
- Assess interest in holding further classes and find space in the Hall timetable.
- Explore options for the future of religious worship in the parish.
- Organise a Parish Map project.

Youth, Sport & Recreation

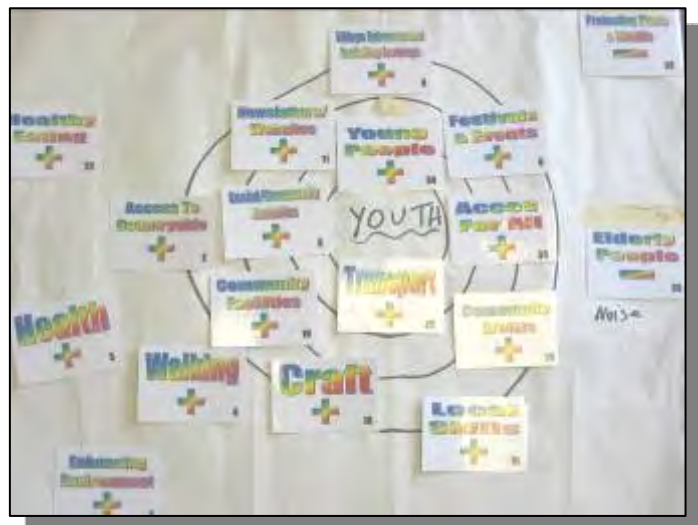
Commentary:

There is interest in forming a Youth Club with links to the Princes' Trust and other youth groups. A number of people are enthusiastic and have offered their assistance.

The first step would be to organise a survey of young people's interests and suggestions for activities which might include trips, darts, table tennis and chess which is already a local interest.

To succeed, a Youth Club would require adults to act as volunteer helpers. It would need effective promotion through the community Newsletter and local radio. Other considerations would include road safety as there is concern about young people crossing the road to the Village Hall.

It was felt that the formation of a Youth Club could be the focus for a number of linking activities, including health issues, environmental projects and getting involved in community activities with people of all ages. It is hoped that young people would contribute their skills and talents to any village festival that might be developed. Social interaction was considered important - there was a suggestion of an 'adopt a granny or granddad' scheme.



Outdoor activities include walking, cycling, horse riding, bird watching and netball. There is interest in developing sports and recreation facilities so that a range of sport such as tennis and tai chi, might be enjoyed by all ages. This would tie in with the idea of healthy eating and use of local produce. There is interest in leisure facilities, including gym, spa and swimming. Children's play facilities are also needed.

Further activities could be developed through the Princes Trust and other youth groups. This could include environmental projects and outward bound type activities.

There is a general feeling that the community's young people should be helped in every way possible so that they had maximum opportunity of employment and a chance to live locally if they wish to do so. Also, that they should be given the opportunity to contribute to the social fabric of community life.

Proposals:

- Undertake survey to assess interest in starting a Youth Club and potential for assistance from adults.
- Contact Princes Trust to discuss potential for partnership.
- Contact Pembrokeshire County Council and other relevant authorities to assess support available – training, grants etc.
- Ask what activities youngsters would be interested in undertaking.
- Look at Hall current facilities and assess what sort of changes might be needed to accommodate extra indoor activities e.g. badminton.
- Investigate potential site for an outdoor multi use games area.
- Assess potential for establishing a children's play area – site, safety requirements, maintenance, funding, etc

Environment, Enhancement & Recycling

Commentary:

Threats to the environment are a concern – from mobile telephone masts, pylons and traffic to global warming and changing weather patterns. The challenge of maintaining the balance of wildlife and the landscape is another concern.

Local people appreciate the natural environment and are keen to help sustain it and make opportunities for others to enjoy it without compromising it in any way. The combination of coast and countryside is seen as a bonus.

There is interest in conserving the public rights of way and in encouraging people of all ages to use them. Awareness of the importance of farmland ensures that work on footpaths would be carried out in liaison with local landowners. Using the local path network is also a way of linking to the parish heritage and has a health benefit too.

Llanteg has its own community woodland which was established some years ago through local effort. Tree planting and conservation is regarded as important and people of all ages are encouraged to get involved. This type of project could be supported by forming an Environment Group.

A proposal has been made to improve the area behind the Old School. This is managed by the Community Council and was once a recreation field but it is need in of attention. An appeal is to be made for local volunteers to help regenerate it.

The aim would be to restore it as a garden amenity area for the community – particularly for the young and elderly. A play area and quiet seating is part of the proposal. This project would have health benefits and would improve quality of life. It could also have an educational aspect and would encourage biodiversity.

It is felt that extra help is needed to get the project started and this might be provided through the Probation Service. The situation could then be assessed and specialists consulted to design a suitable scheme and sustainable planting programme.

There is a general interest in gardening so perhaps an Environment and Gardening Group would be a good option. Gardeners would be welcome at the School ground area and there is also enthusiasm in maintaining the memorial garden at Mountain Chapel which could also be developed as a community gardening project. This would provide a means of sharing gardening skills with those who are keen to learn.

Recycling is popular and extra facilities in the village would make this more convenient and effective and there is interest in the 'orange bag' scheme, where people can sort their recyclable rubbish ready for collection.

Other contributions to looking after the environment include lobbying for a mains sewer and picking up litter. Renewable energy sources are another interest and further information is needed to explore the options for the area.

Proposals:

- Form an Environment Group/Gardening Group for community projects.
- Regenerate area behind the Old School - consult specialists regarding design and planting scheme.
- Involve people of all ages in the development and maintenance of the area.
- Organise survey of public rights of way.
- Investigate possibility of 'orange bag' scheme via Community Council.
- Organise a pressure group to lobby for improved drainage and sewage system.
- Seek specialist advice on sources of renewable energy such as wind turbines and work with PLANED's area enterprise network.

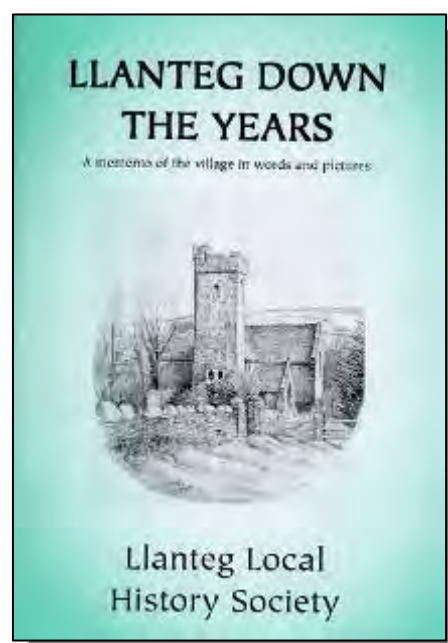
History & Heritage

Commentary:

Llanteg has a very active local History Society which meets on a regular basis and has organised several very successful exhibitions, which promoted a huge amount of community interest and led to co-operation on a number of projects.

Since its formation in 1999, the Society has published ten books on subjects as diverse as the history of Llanteg WI, grave inscriptions and village recipes.

Other projects include a Millennium census where all residents were recorded and photos taken of their houses. A survey of past and present field names and a hedgerow survey have been undertaken. A pictorial record of all village features has been made, which included stiles and milestones.



A Memorial tapestry was worked to commemorate those who fell in the two world wars and is displayed in the Village Hall. An interpretation panel was placed at the site of the demolished Mountain Chapel and research on Zoar Chapel was undertaken.

Over 1000 photographs of the parish and its activities have been collected and these are currently being catalogued.

The History Society is keen to involve new members and runs a varied programme, which includes trips, meals and speakers. There is still a whole range of projects proposed over the next few years.

Proposals:

- Revise village leaflet and put up interpretation board in the Village Hall.
- Undertake a second graveyard study.
- Erect signs to recall old road and lane names.
- Re-point traditional stone stiles – Mountain Chapel and near Old School.
- Produce a booklet on Crunwre School and Crunwre Church
- Tape reminiscences – oral history project.
- Further picture books
- Continue collecting photographs and other memorabilia.
- Excavate Roman ruins
- Organise another History Exhibition.

Business, Employment & Tourism

Commentary:

Local people are proud of the variety of businesses in Llanteg. These include farmers and craftsmen, holiday parks, a garage, tourism providers, organic meat producer and plant nursery with cafe. An artist, designers and decorators also work locally.

There is enthusiasm for developing this spirit of enterprise and making the most of the local heritage, resources and skills, without compromising the essential quality that makes Llanteg special.

Ideas inspired by maximising the area's potential, include putting together a visitor's tour package and encouraging the re-establishment of a post office – a suggested site was Pendeilo Leisure Park – this might also sell local produce.

Promotion of the village as 'a centre of tourism for Wales' was embodied into a proposal called 'Celtic Vision' put forward at the second community workshop. Participants believed that local business experience, a talent for working together, an extensive range of skills and experience, combined with the location of the village on a main transport route, were major strengths.

The aim would be to build on the reputation of Llanteg and the surrounding area for its rich diversity of heritage which ranges from ancient remains, through to coal mining and the changes mapped through buildings such as old schools and churches, and the military history. North America was identified as a strong potential market where Celtic and Welsh heritage are of great interest. Art and culture would be a strong component too. Wales has more artists than Cornwall and it was felt that much more could be done to promote this.

The countryside and rights of way were seen as another important resource, offering potential for activity holidays and sustainable tourism opportunities, majoring on the rich biodiversity of the area. There is enthusiasm for training and networking with other areas where this sort of approach has been successful. Other communities such as Dale have experience of researching military history and interpretation methods.

This proposal would complement the idea of developing an annual Llanteg Festival of events which would be a draw for visitors and would help to boost the local economy.

There is interest in building in sustainable measures such as using public transport and minimising the impact on the local environment in every possible way. The idea of local purchasing and listing local services in a Business Directory was also mooted.

Such a project would provide an opportunity for promoting local produce thus reducing food miles and packaging. Encouraging recycling and composting which could be used on the community green spaces.

This sort of project would create jobs and lead to a more sustainable local economy with people of all ages deriving a benefit. Community organisations would play an important role in helping to promote the essential qualities of the area – its sense of place and the great variety of assets it has to offer – which would help in the aim to draw the community together in a common goal.

Experienced local business people would contribute a great deal of knowledge to this project, along with findings from research carried out by a range of agencies including PLANED and the Wales Tourist Board.

Assistance from the authorities should include reduced business rates and other incentives, to encourage greater entrepreneurship amongst communities. Currently, it is felt that there is ‘an increasing burden on local businesses.’

Proposals:

- Work with PLANED’s Area Enterprise Network to investigate area tourism and business opportunities.
- Carry out research and network with successful projects in other areas
- Carry out research on potential niche markets, including artists
- Investigate bulk purchasing of necessary items
- Pursue the re-installment of a Post Office for the village, e.g. at Pendeilo Park.
- Start a local Business Directory.

Transport, Traffic & Highways

Commentary:

Concern about the increasingly busy A477 road and the associated safety issues was a recurring theme during the community workshops. It was felt to compromise quality of life in the community and cause a potential health risk through pollution. Suggestions included organising a pressure group to lobby for a bridge or tunnel across the A477 near the garage.

There is a need for a much better public transport system that would encourage locals and visitors to leave their cars at home was identified. There should be a better general bus service and maybe a community bus loop could be established with other villages, similar to the Green Dragon bus in the Crymych area.

Llanteg is near to a train station at Kilgetty where there is also a National Express coach stop for London, so there is plenty of opportunity for encouraging sustainable transport options but much work needs to be done with transport operators to co-ordinate times etc.. There was also interest in bio-energy and cooking oil as fuel. So there is plenty of enthusiasm and a will to try and change the general mind set but it would need lots of support.

Proposals:

- Organise a public meeting with representatives from Pembrokeshire County Council transport department and community transport (PACTO) to discuss transport issues.
- Investigate potential for road crossing.
- Contact County Council's transport department to discuss a Community Bus
- Help form a South Pembrokeshire rail user's network similar to the North Pembrokeshire.
- Work with Pembrokeshire Greenways to improve sustainable transport options.

Housing & Services

Commentary:

Local people are keen to retain the character of their village and surroundings and do not want large scale housing development. However, they recognise that affordable housing (and employment) is needed if young people are to stand any chance of working and living in the area where they were born and brought up.

Concern about declining services was voiced – this included the lack of a post office and shop and concern about threats to local hospitals.

The sewer system, drainage and street lighting were other issues that caused concern and it was felt that the Community Council should be given maximum support to pursue improvement of these services.

Proposals:

- Work with the Community Council to:
- Look at the joint unitary development plan to assess potential for small scale affordable development.
- Meet with the Rural Housing Enabler to undertake a local needs survey to assess demand.
- Support the Business Group in their Celtic Vision which would include the re-establishment of a Post Office and Shop.
- Work with the Community Council to seek the installation of a sewage system and improve drainage and lighting.
- Support the calls for retaining local hospital services.

Implementation / Activity Groups

In order that the Action Plan can be progressed effectively it is proposed to form special interest Working Groups within the local forum - Llanteg Community Association. Also to work in co-operation with the Community Council and County Council. The Groups would, in consultation with the relevant providers, for example the Highway Authority, concentrate on preparing more detailed action programmes giving priority and focus to those proposals which are capable of early implementation.

The Groups could be centred on:

- Community - activities, events and communication.
- Youth Sport and Recreation
- Environment enhancement and recycling
- Heritage and History.
- Employment, Business & Tourism – taken forward through PLANED's Area Development Group.
- Traffic, Highways & Transport.
- Housing & Services.

It is important that the Groups:

- Work within the agreed Action Plan and report to the main Forum – Llanteg Community Association.
- Work with existing groups and organisations, including the Community Council and other local authorities.
- Meet on a regular basis.
- Keep the broader community informed of progress through the Forum.