

MOYLEGROVE



ACTION PLAN

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COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN For Moylegrove

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This action plan was agreed at a public meeting held on 8th July 2008 following circulation of the draft action plan to all households in the community.

Background to the Action Plan

Moylegrove is located in north Pembrokeshire about six miles south of Cardigan and four miles north of Newport.

The community has a tradition of self help, with local groups organising activities over the years, along with the church and chapels. These days there is an active community association, Cymdeithas Trewyddel (Moylegrove Community) which was established in 2002. This was in response to the threatened loss of the village primary school. It was recognised that with a shrinking population and few amenities or services – there is no pub, shop or post office – the school's closure was regarded as a real threat to the fabric of the community. Although it did not succeed in saving the school, Cymdeithas Trewyddel developed as an organisation and is now responsible for the school building, publishes a newsletter and serves the community well. (See *Community Activities section*)

In 2007 it was agreed to compile an Action Plan, to gain a snapshot of local needs and aspirations for the future. In January and February 2008, two Community Visioning Workshops were facilitated by PLANED.

The Visioning Workshops consisted of the following activities: Something Special – celebrating the special qualities of the Moylegrove community.

- A Community Audit – listing the main features and facilities
- The Community in the Bigger Picture – considering global and local issues
- Weaknesses, Threats, Strengths and Opportunities
- The Vision for 2018 – an aspirational view of the future
- Skills and Resources Audit – illustrating the variety of local skills
- Translating Ideas into Action – using the information to plan projects

The Workshop findings and the results of a community questionnaire has been drawn up into this Action Plan which was circulated to all residents before being discussed at the public meeting.

A total of 30 families responded to the community questionnaire, 14 had lived in the community for more than 16 years, while 9 had lived in Moylegrove for between 6 -15 years. The remainder had lived here for less than 5 years.

Reasons for moving to the community in the first place, if not born here were for a better quality of life, retirement, proximity to the coast and countryside and to be closer to friends and family. Reasons for any proposed move from the community were for education and employment.

The Action Plan Area

This Action Plan covers the community of Moylegrove or Trewyddel which consists of 61.8 square kilometres. It lies along the 3029 road which runs from St Dogmaels to Newport with the villages of Nevern and Felindre Farchog to the south.

The village lies at the centre of the community, about six miles south west of Cardigan and four miles north east of Newport, with a mix of surrounding farms and cottages, bordered to the north west by the sea.

It has a deeply rural setting with steep valley sides rising from the village centre and the River Nyfer is crossed by a traditional stone bridge to the north of the village, where the old forge stands. Visitors are drawn to the picturesque village centre with its tumble of painted cottages and grey stone chapels, topped by the old school on the hill above. The parish church of St Andrews lies about half a mile to the east.

About a mile south east of the village is the National Trust owned Ceibwr Bay, a great environmental and geological asset, which is a source of local pride and regarded as the community 'beach' as well as attracting many visitors. Most of

Moylegrove is located in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. Limited community facilities and services exist and Moylegrove which uses Newport, Cardigan or Fishguard for its main commercial and shopping needs.

Moylegrove is part of the Nevern Community Council area which is geographically the largest in Pembrokeshire. There are 240 people on the electoral roll for Moylegrove, represented by four community councillors.

Local History

Moylegrove has a rich heritage which is evident from a leisurely walk around the parish. The remains of standing stones and old burial grounds stand in the outlying fields while traditional cottages and Victorian chapels make up the village streetscape.

Residents are keen to preserve the heritage and interpret it. Various stories and myths exist and there is enthusiasm to record the local history. Old family names persist and the old properties have a history of their own. There are many sources to be consulted (an example is shown below) as well as a rich social history to be explored.

In 1833 S, Lewis wrote in his *Topographical Dictionary of Wales*: "MOYLGROVE, a parish in the hundred of Kemmes, county of Pembroke, South Wales, 5 miles (W. by S.) from Cardigan, containing 419 inhabitants. This parish, which by the Welsh is called "Trêv Gwyddel," is situated on the coast in the north-eastern part of the county, and comprises a moderate extent of arable and pasture land, which is all enclosed and cultivated. The surrounding scenery is not characterized by any peculiar features, and the views over the adjacent country are barren of interest: in general the shore is abrupt and rugged, with a good depth of water. The living is a discharged vicarage, annexed to that of Bayvill, in the archdeaconry of Cardigan, and diocese of St. David's, endowed with £600 royal bounty. The church, dedicated to

St. Andrew, is about half a mile from the village, being situated on the left bank of a stream which falls into St. George's Channel at no great distance: it is not remarkable for any architectural details. There is a place of worship for Independents. Within the limits of the parish is a well, the water of which is considered efficacious in several diseases. The average annual expenditure for the support of the poor is £122. 17."

People & A Sense of Place

During the community visioning workshops residents identified the essential qualities of their community.

'We all love Moylegrove!' one resident stated. It was described as a tranquil and unspoilt community, in a valley setting, with standing stones and other historic monuments nearby.

It has 'special places' like Ceibwr Bay, the 'interesting beach' and 'the Witches Cauldron' and is home to a wide variety of wildlife, ranging from red kites to seals. Its National Park status and the related protection this affords, was appreciated. Good quality of life was a general theme.

Green lanes and the coast path are a valuable part of its beautiful scenery and the hedgerows are fringed with wild flowers in spring and early summer. It is unpolluted and the clarity of the night sky is valued.

Locals and visitors enjoy the area - fishing, swimming and kayaking in the sea, walking and riding the paths and playing golf nearby. They appreciate the views and regard it as an 'artists' paradise.'

The village itself is 'unspoilt-houses fit well into the

landscape.’ The buildings are traditional and the church and chapels are an integral part of the built environment. It includes ‘one of the most romantic cottages in Wales’ and the former school is of course an important landmark and social hub. The relatively small amount of traffic is appreciated and the Poppit Rocket bus provides some public transport.

People are extremely important and there is a strong community spirit and a sense of neighbourliness. Residents are friendly, there is a low crime rate and ‘special community events’ such as the carnival, raft race and fireworks, mark the changing time of year. Coffee mornings and the choir are among valued regular activities.

Moylegrove in the Future

At the Community Visioning workshops, global issues with local implications were discussed. These included the economic and environmental cost of supermarkets importing food out of season, instead of making the most of local produce and traditional varieties. Compromised nutritional value of imported food and the potential impact on children’s behaviour was a concern, as was the impact of poor diet on the health service with increasing cases of obesity and other maladies.

Over packaging and energy wastage generally were concerns as was the need to recycle more thoroughly. The loss of post offices and shops were regretted and the need to be less influenced by convenience and market forces was recognised. Global warming is a worrying threat for many. All of these issues contribute to how people perceive the future development of their community.

Workshop participants’ vision for the future of Moylegrove centred on a strong and vibrant community with little housing

development other than affordable houses for young local people. Holiday homes owners would pay an enhanced community charge which would subsidise older peoples' care.

The community would be as self sufficient as possible - to include energy generation. There would be a well-developed learning and resource centre at the School and a strong community tele-working network which would provide mutual support.

In this ideal world, Moylegrove would also have a pub, post office and health centre. The environment would be safeguarded and the coast and surrounding landscape protected. The value of farming, especially organic, would be recognised and there would be incentives to keep farming, producing food and managing the land.

Much would be unchanged – the village would retain its traditional charm and would be crime free, clean, green and peaceful, with improved public transport. There would be more employment opportunities for young people who would be encouraged to bring up their families locally. The church and chapels would be thriving and there would be an informal meeting place too, perhaps a kind of pub or social club.

There would be even more community spirit and small enterprise such as craft businesses and history interpretation would be encouraged. Tourism development would be sensitive and in keeping with the area, for example, the School could include bunk house accommodation. Traditional countryside skills might be among workshops run there and visitors would enjoy the coast and landscape and boost the local economy by spending money on local produce and services.

Getting Action Underway

Residents are encouraged to support Cymdeithas Trewyddel to help get Action Plan proposals underway. This is the village committee established by common consent to provide a residents voice to represent the views and aspirations of the community in furthering its community interests, fostering community spirit and supporting any joint representations to authority, which meets six times a year to review progress and discuss next steps etc.

The community workshops and Action Plan process gives the whole community an opportunity to take a fresh look at their needs and get involved.

The Village Committee can apply for funding to implement proposals. Funding agencies ask for evidence of local participation and reports from the visioning workshops and the resulting Action Plan provide good examples.

Issues raised in the workshops have been grouped into themes with specific proposals.

Community Facilities

Commentary

Moylegrove's main venues for meetings and activities are Bethel Chapel vestry and the old School building (*pictured opposite*). St Andrew's Church is also active and used for a variety of events such as Songs of Praise and events at Christmas and Easter, in addition to regular worship.



Efforts to save the school in 2002 led to the formation of Cymdeithas Trewyddel, which although it failed to save the building for its original purpose, did secure it for community use.

The group is going through the process of becoming a Trust and acquiring legal title to the School. It is applying for grants to develop the facility and there is an ongoing programme of fundraising events. Annual running costs are currently estimated at up to £3000 for heat light and maintenance.

The group has a vision for the future use of the school which sees it as an important resource, training and education centre, with internet and copying facilities. There would be a strong social element with lots of different classes. Some sort of sport area would be of interest which might take the form of a Multi Use Games Area – MUGA and associated equipment. Local people feel that the community needs a focus for activities, it needs a 'heartbeat.' A visitor Centre and area for local history was also suggested as part of the enterprise. (*see Community Enterprise and Tourism section*).

The initial push is to develop more activities at the school (see *Community Activities section*) which would cater for all ages, with emphasis on the need for encouraging young people's participation to keep the community thriving. Today the village children attend school in St Dogmaels and Cardigan.

A range of facilities are needed to meet the needs, including meeting rooms and conference style facilities to raise revenue by hiring space to external organisations. Broadband access, electronic equipment and facilities for occasional cinema use would all be required. The potential for use as an information centre and bunk barn would require more extensive plans.

A feasibility study would help to agree an overall vision and involve the community at all stages. This exercise has been undertaken at the old school site in Bwlch y groes and has included a business plan as well as spatial planning. There has been thorough community involvement.

There is concern that it is difficult to keep organising events to cover running costs and yet have sufficient time develop the facility. Making grant applications is time consuming and demands high commitment and co-operation between all groups to ensure joined up thinking and evidence of a real need. A management plan from the feasibility study would help to chart the future of the building and look at ways of raising revenue.

The value of other facilities is recognised. The chapel and church would benefit from more members and there is potential for extending their use for other activities (see *Community Activities section*). The village centre car park and toilets are appreciated and need to be retained. A coastguard storage centre is also located here. The local notice boards are good but the need for a village map showing house names and the location of outlying properties was suggested.

There are no children's play facilities and this might be a requirement in future and might tie in with a proposed MUGA area. They would be appreciated by existing families and might encourage young families to move into the community. The need to encourage this was mentioned on several occasions and the need for children to feel a 'Moylegrove identity' was suggested.

Proposals

- Commission an Old School feasibility study to agree best use of the existing building for future use. Any future development would of course be on sustainable principles including energy efficiency, rain water harvesting etc.
- The Study should include a business plan to consider best investment of funds and potential for match funding through newly emerging EU and other funds.
- Obtain advice on the enterprise element e.g. developing small scale meeting facilities, tourism information and accommodation.
- Explore potential for developing a social club or 'pub'.
- Support the chapels and church and look at ways of extending their use for music and drama or other appropriate events.
- Consider long term potential for other community facilities, including the car park and toilets.
- Is a multi games area needed? There was interest in a range of sporting recreation activities during the visioning workshops.
- Is a children's play area needed? Is there land available e.g. at the school?

Community Activities & Communication

Commentary

Residents say the strength of community feeling and support for events are among the advantages to living in Moylegrove. Local people have always organised activities connected with the church and chapel and there used to be an annual carnival but the closure of the village school in 2003 and lack of a community centre was a challenge.

The formation of Cymdeithas Trewyddel in 2002 to fight the closure of the school prompted residents to look at the community's future. They raised funds and this resulted in them organising more activities and events. Today the group is a registered charity, has a bank account and consists of six members who are registered trustees, along with co-opted members who contribute various skills and experience.

It provides a forum for debate and airing of any local issues, while Nevern Community Council serves its designated purpose, liaising with the County Council on statutory matters such as highways and waste collection.



A full notice board reflects the variety of local activities

A number of regular activities such as village social evenings and scrabble/games nights take place at the School. Annual highlights include a Raft Race, Beach Barbecue, Car Treasure Hunt, Bonfire Night and a Christmas party.

Cymmdeithas Trewyddel's Business and Services sub committee ensures events run smoothly.

Along with garden open days, a church flower festival, hymn singing on the beach and Christmas carol singing at Bethel chapel, all combine to make a good quality of life in Moylegrove. Local people also participate in various activities outside the village, ranging from Rotary Club to Pony Club and an Art Club to Boat Club.

Residents would like to develop educational classes e.g. computer use and more activities in the village. Suggestions included:

- Music, dancing and singing
- Gardening club
- Fishing club
- Photography club
- Arts and crafts activities
- Drama group
- Bridge club
- Book club
- Language classes and specifically Welsh classes which might help to integrate community members.
- 'Open House' coffee and newspaper Saturday mornings at the old school.
- Occasional 'cinema' sessions at the old School and film club

Replies to the community questionnaire suggest people are interested in looking after their health and would like more opportunities to exercise. Lack of spare time, improved health and better local facilities were among suggestions to make it easier to participate in exercise. The most popular ways to exercise are walking and gardening.

There is interest in healthy living and recreation suggestions included:

- Keep fit classes for 'a Healthy Heart for over 50's'
- Yoga and meditation classes
- Table tennis
- Badminton
- Gym
- Fit ball classes
- Tug of war events

People enjoy many activities in the local environment and there was a suggestion to make more of outdoor pastimes like swimming, rowing, walking and running - through clubs or events similar to the Newport Spring Festival walks and cycles.

There was also lots of enthusiasm for a public house or social club and an interest in reviving the carnival and organising a real ale/wine festival, which might also encourage the formation of an associated club for beer/wine tastings etc.

A Community Activities Survey would help to determine what activities would be really well supported. This could also ask people to indicate skills and experience that might contribute and plan a new activities programme. This would supplement information from the visioning workshops. People are sometimes willing to contribute their time and experience to sharing a particular specialism or to running classes.

The existing volunteers need all the help they can get, especially as plans for the old School take up a lot of time and commitment. There is a real will to build on the strong foundation of local goodwill to develop a sustainable and thriving community for the future. Activities should be mutually inclusive so that groups support each other's events so that all can continue egg explore ideas any opportunity to share

insurance and licensing costs. There is concern about the future of church activities and the suggested increase in musical activities could be directed through this facility.

Communication in Moylegrove is very good. In addition to notice boards and word of mouth, Cymdeithas Trewyddel successfully applied for funds from PAVS to run a community Newsletter which is a great example of its kind. The computer equipment and a camera they purchased ensure great it is attractive and well presented. They are always interested in help to produce it and need plenty of articles to keep it going. It is complemented by an informative web site that is useful for locals and visitors.

The group fought long and hard to obtain better Broadband coverage for the village which was a great advantage for local businesses.

Proposals

- Encourage support of Cymdeithas Trewyddel and involve more residents to get involved in driving forward the Action Plan proposals so that the core group can concentrate on developing the Old School building and activities.
- Undertake a Community Activities Survey to determine what local people really want and how they might be able to assist.
- Support each other's activities and think of ways that the church and chapels could be used for additional activities.
- Support the newsletter and website by contributing articles and help.



Moylegrove has a spectacular coastal and countryside setting

Environment, Enhancement & Recycling

Commentary

The local environment is regarded as a great asset by residents who are keen to enjoy and protect it. Among Moylegrove's special features are 'red kites, seals, wildlife and flowers', 'footpaths on your doorstep' 'country walks', 'geology' and the 'coast path'.

There is acknowledgement that a balance is necessary between protecting and conserving it for future generations while encouraging local enterprise to boost the local economy and keep communities like Moylegrove thriving. (see *Community Enterprise section*)

Local hedgerows are a source of pride and there is interest in seeing the traditional 'laying' or 'plashing' methods employed wherever possible. This would of course have to be a joint project with farmers and landowners and would involve people who have those traditional skills and might need advice from the Park authority. There was a suggestion that Countryside skills training might be held as part of the old Schools new programme and this could be included so that 'on site' training could be carried out in liaison with local farmers.

The local public rights of way network is popular and in good

working order. It is well signed and maintained by the Park authority which also looks after the long distance coast path. Interest in forming a Walking Group to enjoy the environment and its associated history was expressed. Most paths run over farm land and this and other private land should be respected with careful control of dogs etc.

In terms of enhancement, the village and its surroundings are naturally beautiful and are well cared for by local people and the National Park Authority. There is general interest in keeping the village clean, free of litter and dog fouling

Recycling is popular and the community is due to be served by the County Council's 'orange bag' scheme but more recycling facilities are needed for plastics.

There is considerable interest in renewable energy and 'peak oil' - when fuel production would reach its peak and become scarce – is a perceived threat. The need to own a car, because of the village's relatively isolated position, despite ever rising fuel costs, makes this concern even more relevant.

Concern for fuel costs prompted suggestions of a local bio fuel scheme and certainly more emphasis on public transport and lift sharing. There is potential for a community energy scheme which would promote all things sustainable, from rainwater recycling, to solar and wind energy. This would be relevant to any refurbishment of the old school and also on an individual householder basis. Some residents are already employing some of these elements into their homes.

All of these interests could be covered by forming a local Environment Group that would meet regularly - inviting speakers to provide advice on various topics. The group could also undertake practical works, such as path surveys and encourage local young people and groups to get involved.

Residents already undertake a range of activities that help keep the environment in good order. These range from home composting to beach cleaning, litter picking, gardening for wildlife and tree planting.

There is good support available to such groups. PLANED's Valuing the Environment officer works with local environment groups, providing training and support. The Pembrokeshire Biodiversity Officer will assist in carrying out habitat and species audits; the National Park authority will give advice and support for rights of way issues. There is also a variety of funds available for community environment projects.

Proposals

- Support efforts to balance environmental conservation with sustainable tourism development (see *Community Enterprise and Tourism section*).
- Explore suggestion for re-introducing traditional hedge laying practice, possibly as part of countryside skills training programme at old School.
- Form an Environment Group to provide information on a range of topics including local biodiversity, rights of way and gardening.
- Explore proposal for a community energy scheme.
- Review energy efficiency on a personal and community level and take steps to raise awareness and save energy in every way possible.
- Review Recycling practice in the community.
- Walking enthusiasts could survey paths and undertake improvements in liaison with local landowners and appropriate agencies.
- Continue to look after public areas of village and deter litter, dog fouling etc.

Heritage, History & Culture



Commentary

Heritage and history are an important part of Moylegrove identity and local people are keen to record and conserve it. Residents are proud of the wealth of local heritage which includes ancient cromlechs, Caerau and burial ground at Penrallt, Pencastell Iron Age fort; Chaleabate springs; lime kilns, the parish church, Victorian chapels, traditional Pembrokeshire cottages and the old school. A bishop's palace was also mentioned during the community workshops. A memorial to the war dead stands in the village car park.



Residents have suggested that this heritage should be preserved and interpreted for the benefit of local people and to help visitors better understand the area. This links to

enhancing visitor experience to encourage them to stay longer in the area and support boost the local economy.

A local history group could undertake research and possibly participate in PLANED's Heritage Training Programme which provides guidance to communities to produce history leaflets and interpretation boards.

A Heritage Trail was mentioned and this could link to the suggestion for the formation of a Walking Group. Routes would need to have public access and be clear of growth which could be part of a local path survey programme and would need liaison with local landowners. A programme of village history talks was suggested and this could be Walks and Talks during the summer months.

A permanent display of the community's heritage has been suggested as another element of the old School development and this would link to visitor information provision.

Proposals

- Explore the potential for formation of a Local History Group to carry out research and produce a history leaflet and other materials..
- Organise a local 'Sense of Place' history exhibition to promote interest and encourage people of all ages to get involved in whatever capacity.
- Create an ongoing collection of photographs and memorabilia of local life.
- Work with a new Walking Group to develop a Heritage Trail in liaison with the local landowners.
- Explore idea of a Walks and Talks programme.
- Consider a permanent heritage exhibition as part of old School development.
- Organise an audit of local historical features – help is available from Cambria Archaeology's Ancient Sites and

- Monuments register and publish a guide.
- Seek advice, training and support from various agencies, including the County's Museums and Cultural Services Department, the National Park Authority and PLANED's Heritage Training programme.

Community Enterprise, Business & Tourism

Commentary

There is a pride in the fact that Moylegrove is a working community with a number of businesses, ranging from farms, the quarry, holiday cottage and bed and breakfast providers, to Penrallt nursery with its popular café. There is also a local plumber, builders, osteopath, Angora goat farm and upholstery business. Wedding carriages and an indoor riding school were also listed during the workshops.



Everyone is keen to support local businesses and to keep farmers farming, with special interest in organic production. A 'veg box' scheme operates locally. An open garden scheme is popular with locals and visitors but on a more practical basis, there may

be potential for swapping produce or selling it at a monthly produce market or a farm shop, along with local crafts –

maybe as part of the old School enterprise. There was also some interest in allotments but this would need land.

There is considerable interest in developing the old School as a community enterprise to raise revenue to sustain it for the future and avoid reliance on constant local fund raising and seeking grant assistance.

This is where the links between Moylegrove's facilities, its environment, heritage and the local economy, become apparent. Moyelgrove has a variety of special features, ranging from the diversity of wildlife to the fascinating geology. Countryside skills workshops were among enterprise ideas suggested for the old School and there may be potential for academic groups interested in the geology, for example, to run residential courses there. Visitors would be encouraged to spend on local food, services and products as well as paying for accommodation and catering.

The community questionnaire indicated 10 respondents owned or managed a business in the community. All of them own their own premises.

Other ideas included a Visitor Centre and Café with space to exhibit local crafts and information about history and heritage.

Proposals

- Ensure old School feasibility study has an enterprise dimension and explore whole range of ideas regarding training and visitor accommodation.
- Support local businesses and buy locally whenever possible.
- Support local food growers and producers and investigate potential for selling through a farmers market or produce stall at the old School.
- Explore interest in developing allotments and whether

any land is available. An offer of land for food production was made during the workshops.

Transport, Traffic & Highways

Commentary

Road safety issues have been an issue in the past and Cymdeithas Trewyddel addressed this by securing a speed limit through the village which has helped considerably. Volume of traffic is rising everywhere which means that the situation needs to be monitored and awareness of the speed limit raised whenever possible. There have been suggestions of a 20mph speed limit which is being discussed at a national level and is particularly relevant through villages approached by narrow country lanes.

Lack of local transport is regarded as a problem. Residents use the popular Poppit Rocket bus which runs a shuttle service to Cardigan and Newport in the winter and as far as Fishguard in the summer and it is particularly useful for visitors who want to walk. The Green Dragon community transport scheme offers a dial and ride scheme to the Theatre Mwldan.

However, Moylegrove residents need cars as the village is relatively isolated. A spasmodic bus service makes it impossible to use public transport for commuting or anything other than basic trips to town on certain days. Local people enjoy alternative transport, such as horses, bicycling and walking and they have no impact on the environment. Realistically, this can only be at a very local level and the hills are a little off-putting for some, although they do help to increase fitness levels!

There is interest in a Community Transport Scheme, which would include a community mini bus and exploration of bio fuels. The mini bus would be made available via a local

telephone contact and would be available for medical appointments and other essential requirements.

It would also be advisable to check out the Country Car system. These measures would lessen the overall amount of car journeys, so reducing carbon emissions. It would have a social benefit for older people who would have a local transport contact.

The results of the community questionnaire identified the car as the most popular mode of transport for accessing work and facilities. 10 people who replied would prefer to use the bus/public transport. They cite a limited service in the area as a barrier to leaving the car at home!

Proposals

- Work with Community Council to:
 - ◊ Monitor adherence to speed limit to ensure road safety and traffic calming.
 - ◊ Contact Pembrokeshire Transport Co-ordinator regarding public transport, improved timetables and carriage of bicycles on public transport
- Meanwhile undertake Bus Users Survey to assess local needs and support for use of an improved service.
- Assess interest in a community bus service etc.
- Review Country Cars scheme to provide wider range of transport options.

Housing & Services

Commentary

Local people want a balance between retaining the current size and identity of their village, with provision of affordable homes for young people. They see more and more local properties being purchased as holiday homes and this causes concerns about the present make up of the community and its future sustainability.

They recognise that affordable housing (and employment) is needed if young people are to have a chance of working and living in the area where they were born and brought up. Housing for young people would help to encourage a balanced age range and they would be encouraged to be involved in community activities. No more than five or six new units would be appropriate and any new housing should be built on sustainable and energy efficient principles.

Replies to the community questionnaire suggested that 2 families would be seeking a new home in the next two years. They would be looking to purchase a private/ affordable home.

Moylegrove has few services apart from a mobile library. Residents would support more local producers and service providers. They are proud of an unusual local service – the Coastguard Rescue Service which has a base in the village (*pictured right*).



There is concern about the ageing population and a perceived lack of medical facilities and distance from a hospital. A “Meals on Wheels” service would be appreciated for healthy living and social purposes. An alternative would be to establish a Luncheon Club at the old school as part of the community centre proposal. General support for older people was suggested. This might include offers of help with shopping as part of a support network. It is likely that this already happens on an informal basis as part of the natural

neighbourliness which is a feature of Moylegrove.

Lack of a local dentist and distance from a doctor's surgery were cited as concerns during workshops. To balance this, 'Keep fit classes for a Healthy Heart for over 50's' have been suggested. These could be included in the new activities programme at the old School. Exercises would range from aerobics to Tai Chi. Sufficient numbers would be needed to make it viable to engage a class leader.

Proposals

- Work with Community Council to encourage local participation in the Housing Needs Survey.
- Support any proposals for affordable housing for young local home buyers.
- Ensure any new housing is of high standard and built on sustainable principles.
- Support local service providers.
- Explore potential for Meals on Wheels or Luncheon Club at old School.
- Explore idea of help network for older people e.g. shopping.
- Support efforts to provide classes and any healthy living initiatives.

Implementation/Activity Groups

In order that the Action Plan can be progressed effectively it is proposed to work through Cymdeithas Trewyddel – an umbrella body with representatives from the Community Council, all local organisations and the County Council. Working Groups would progress the proposals – reporting back to the whole community committee. Consultation with the County Council is normally through the Community Council.

The Working Groups could be centred on:
Community - Facilities, Activities & Communications.
Environment - Including Rights of Way, Energy & Waste
Heritage, History & Culture
Community Enterprise & Tourism
Transport, Traffic & Highways
Housing & Services

It is important that the Groups would:
Work within the agreed Action Plan and report to the main
forum –
Work with existing groups and organisations, including the
Community Council and other local authorities.
Meet on a regular basis – at least four times a year.
Keep the broader community informed of progress.

Support, advice and funding would be offered by PLANED
and partner organisations to help progress the Action Plan
proposals.