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Dear Mr Pearson,

Review of Communities and Electoral Arrangements in Monmouthshire

First, on behalf of Llangybi Fawr Community Council I wish to apologise for the very late response to the consultation on the above proposals, but trust that it is not too late for my Council's comments to be noted. Two of our councillors did attend the presentation held in Llangybi at the very end of January, but our Chairman was then away throughout February and the first half of March so that it was not until this month's Council meeting that we were able to agree our response.

As a Community Council with three Wards and with one County Councillor's representation we feel that the current arrangements are manageable, and well accepted and understood by our three communities. We note the use of the criteria for three categories viz. Rural, Urban, and Mixed, and the suggested electoral numbers and county councillors. The direct application of these criteria might affect our current position, but councillors would wish for consideration also to be given to the geographical spread of our Wards and the distances required for travel for such needs as meetings and site visits. At present the situation works well for all concerned and my Council would wish such arrangements to continue – and we note that any changes proposed in the Local Development Plan in respect of housing are likely only to affect one of our three Wards and only to a very small degree at most. We would also hope that the present distribution of councillor members, viz. Llangybi 5, Llangefedd 2, and CoedyPaen 2, would be retained – any reduction in that total



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representation would in my Council's view impact on the effectiveness of Llangybi Fawr C C in carrying out its range of duties and obligations.

Thank you for allowing us to comment and again our apologies for the delay.

Yours sincerely

Jem Quemper, Clerk