

Community of Goetre Fawr

Current Community Format

1. The current community arrangements in Goetre Fawr consist of two wards, Goetre and Mamhilad. The community has a total electorate of 1889 and is represented by 12 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors is as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Goetre	1309	9
Mamhilad	580	3

Natural Boundaries / Key Features

2. The southern and eastern boundaries are local authority boundaries that cannot be considered as part of this review.
 - 2.1. The A4042 and railway are two prominent features that run north to south the community of Goetre Fawr.

Electorate Forecast

3. There are currently no developments proposed within the community of Goetre Fawr that would significantly alter the current electorate.

Representations Received

4. No representations were received regarding the community of Goetre.

Recommendations

External Boundary

5. The working group considered the existing boundary of the community of Goetre and questioned the location of Little Mill within the community of Goetre. The Little Mill village is currently situated in the Mamhilad ward of Goetre Fawr Community however it has very little links with the remainder of the ward due to the intersection of the A4042. The group believe that given the link Little Mill has with the wards of Llanbadoc along the A472, that the village should be incorporated into the community of Llanbadoc as its own ward with the eastern boundary being the railway adjacent to the A4042.
 - 5.1. As part of the review into the community of Llanover the working group considered that the Llanover ward should not form part of the existing community of Llanover due to its strong links with the village of Goetre along the A4042. To that end the working group propose that the

ward of Llanover is incorporated into the community of Goetre with the existing boundary forming the ward boundary.

- 5.2. The group also propose to amend the boundary that currently divides Goetre and Llanfair Kilegeddin near Nant-Y-Derry. The current boundary follows a stream adjacent to Chain Bridge Road however this places a number of properties, Lower Pen-Twyn Farm & Lower House Farm which have clear links to Nant-Y-Derry, into the Llanfair Kilegeddin ward. It is therefore proposed that the boundary in this area is amended to follow field boundaries around these properties incorporating these properties in to the Nant-Y-Derry ward of Goetre Fawr.
- 5.3. Within the representation submitted by Llanbadoc Community Council, they reference Penpedairheol Farm as being better suited to the Llanbadoc community rather than its current community of Goetre as every other property situated on its road falls within the Llanbadoc community. The working group see no reason to object to this proposal and provided no objection is received will include the amendment in the final proposals.

Internal Boundary

Mamhilad

- 5.4. As mentioned in paragraph 5 above it is proposed that the Mamhilad ward is amended so that the village of Little Mill is no longer included in the ward. The working group noted that the current boundary between Goetre and Mamhilad runs east to west along the community when all communication links along the A4042, the railway line and Goetre Wharf area run north to south. To that end the group propose a new ward of Goetre Wharf to replace the Mamhilad ward which incorporates properties to the west of the A4042 into a single ward that runs north to south through the community to the boundary for the Llanover ward.

Nant-Y-Derry

- 5.5. The working group also propose a new Nant-Y-Derry ward which incorporates the area to east of the A4042 that is northern and easterly of the village of Goetre and the railway. The group are conscious that the majority of the population of the community of Goetre is centralised within the village however there are a number of small hamlets within the community that require separate representation to that of the Goetre village itself.

Goetre

- 5.6. The group also propose to retain a ward for the village of Goetre that is focused around the village itself rather than including the areas mentioned in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 above.

Proposed community and Community ward names

6. The working group propose to amend the existing community name of Goetre Fawr to Goetre Wharf. As stated above the group propose four wards within the community named Goetre,

Goetre Wharf, Nant-Y-Derry and Llanover. The working group welcome representations being made for suitable alternative names of the community or community wards.

Proposed Electoral Arrangements

7. The working group consider the Goetre community to fall within the mixed category for elector/councillor ratio resulting in an ideal ratio of 250 electors per councillor. The above changes to the community boundaries will result in the following electoral arrangements for the community.

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Goetre	994	4
Goetre Wharf	331	2
Nant-Y-Derry	147	1
Llanover	241	1

Working Group Individual Member Comments

8. All members of the working group approved the proposals for the community of Goetre Wharf.