

Community of Gwehelog Fawr

Current Community Format

1. The current community arrangements in Gwehelog consist of three wards, Gwehelog, Trostre and Kemeys Commander. The community has a total electorate of 384 and is represented by seven community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors is as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Gwehelog & Llancayo	265	4
Kemeys Commander	34	1
Trostre	85	2

Natural Boundaries / Key Features

2. The working group consider key features within the community of Gwehelog Fawr to be the River Usk, the B4598 and Usk Road.

Electorate Forecast

3. There are no developments within the Gwehelog Fawr community that would significantly alter the current electorate.

Representations Received

4. Gwehelog Fawr Community Council submitted a representation that can be summarised as follows:
 - The council doesn't understand the purpose of the review as any reduction in councillors does not result in any cost saving benefit and will result in less representation for the electorate in the community
 - The council gave an illustration of Llanbadoc community being merged with Gwehelog to meet the requirement of 1,000 electors per community but state that this instance would be in direct opposition to the Government philosophy to enable localism and public participation.
 - The council wish to oppose any reduction in the current level of representation.

Recommendations

5. Upon reviewing the community of Gwehelog Fawr the working group queried the link between the east and west side of the community given that the main channel of communication through the community is via the B4598 and Usk Road which require electors from within this community to travel through the adjoining Usk community before reaching either side. Whilst there is a narrow single track lane that adjoins Gwehelog and Llancayo, the group doesn't

consider this a strong link between each side of the community. Additionally, due to the River Usk and the A449 surrounding the community of Gwehelog there is little scope to alter the community in anyway.

- 5.1. Having regard to the above, the working group propose that the community of Gwehelog is disbanded with the area split into two wards following the Usk Road and B4598 which incorporate the west and east side of the existing community.
- 5.2. The eastern ward, which will be named the Gwehelog ward, will incorporate much of the area of the existing ward up to the edge of Llancayo wood and will form part of the Raglan community. The group consider that the Gwehelog area has stronger links and channels of communication with the community of Raglan via Usk Road than it does with the remainder of the existing community of Gwehelog.
- 5.3. The western ward, which will be named Kemeys Commander and Llancayo, will run north to south through the existing Gwehelog Fawr community incorporating the area of, and including, Llancayo and Trostre wood. This ward will be included in the Llanarth community given the links between Trostre and Kemeys Commander with Bettws Newydd.

Proposed Electoral Arrangements

6. For the proposed electoral arrangements for these wards please see the respective communities the wards are now situated within.