

Community of Llanbadoc

Current Community Format

1. The current community arrangements in Llanbadoc consist of three wards, Glascoed, Llanbadoc and Monkswood. The community has a total electorate of 671 and is represented by 10 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors is as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Glascoed	221	3
Llanbadoc	205	4
Monkswood	245	3

Natural Boundaries / Key Features

2. The western boundary of the community of Llanbadoc is the local authority boundary and is not being considered as part of this review. The community is surrounded to the north and east by the River Usk and the A472 provides a key channel of communication running east to west through the community.

Electorate Forecast

3. There is no additional development within the community of Llanbadoc that would alter the current arrangements.

Representations Received

4. Llanbadoc Community Council submitted a detailed representation regarding the arrangements within the community. In summary they state:
 - All three wards of the community are densely populated with no central focus point which makes consultation and keeping in touch difficult.
 - The community council gave examples of unique features within the community
 - The council gave examples of two areas where the boundaries can be amended for improvement
 - The council provided an argument for retaining the existing arrangements namely that the lack of focal point in each community make effective representation more challenging and time consuming. The special features of the community lead to a complex and more demanding workload and the current ten councillors is required to meet those demands. The current council works effectively and proactively and are streamlining processes which require the current number of councillors to make those changes work. There are minimal cost implications regarding the number of councillors who give their time freely and rarely claim expenses.

Recommendations

External Boundary

5. The working group considered the community arrangements for the Llanbadoc community and given the natural feature of the River Usk surrounding much of the community to the east and north as well as the local authority boundary to much of the west of the community, the working group propose little change to the external community boundary. However, when reviewing the community of Goetre Fawr, the working group considered that the village of Little Mill should be included in the community of Llanbadoc and not Goetre Fawr. 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 western boundary being the railway adjacent to the A4042 except for Ty Draw Farm which will be incorporated into the Little Mill ward due to the access via Ty Draw Lane.
- 5.1. 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 to it is received will include the amendment in the final proposals.

Internal Boundaries

Glascoed, Monkswood and Llanbadoc

- 5.2. The working group propose no change to the current boundaries of these three wards other than the potential change to be included in the final proposals at 5.1 above.
- 5.3. In their representation, Llanbadoc Community Council wish to amend the boundary of Glascoed so that Honeywell Cottage and Oak Ridge are included in the Llanbadoc ward and not Glascoed. These properties are currently situated within the Llanbadoc ward boundary but incorrectly allocated on the electoral register. The electoral roll will be amended to reflect this change upon its publication on the 10th March 2014.

Little Mill

- 5.4. The Little Mill ward will be the area to the west of the railway line adjacent to the A4042, except for Ty Draw farm, to the existing external community boundary of Goetre Fawr.

Proposed Community and Community Ward Names

6. The working group propose no change to the community and community ward names of Llanbadoc other than the creation of the new Little Mill ward within the community. The working group welcome receipt of representation as to more suitable alternative names for the community.

Proposed Electoral Arrangements

7. The working group consider the Llanbadoc community to fall within the rural category for elector/councillor ratio resulting in an ideal ratio of 150 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
Glascoed	221	1
Llanbadoc	205	1
Monkswood	245	2
Little Mill	414	3

Working Group Individual Member Comments

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