

## Community of Llanelly

### Current Community Format

1. The current community arrangements in Llanelly consist of three wards, Clydach, Darrenfelin and Gilwern. The community has a total electorate of 3261 and is represented by 14 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors is as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Clydach	549	2
Darrenfelin	502	2
Gilwern	2210	10

### Natural Boundaries / Key Features

2. Much of the external boundary of the community of Llanelly is the external local authority boundary which cannot be considered as part of this review. Natural boundaries within the community of Llanelly are the A465, River Clydach and River Usk.

### Electorate Forecast

3. There is no additional development within the community of Llanelly that would significantly alter the current electorate.

### Representations Received

4. No representations were received in relation to the current arrangements for the community of Llanelly.

### Recommendations

#### External Boundary

5. The group propose little change to the external boundary of the community of Llanelly. The working group considered the current arrangements suitable and fit for purpose with the area uniquely separated from the rest of Monmouthshire due to the River Usk and Gilwern Hill.
- 5.1. The working group however identified an anomaly along the boundary between the community of Llanelly and Llanfoist around Ty Pwll Farm, Twyn Allwys Road, Govilon. Whilst the property has a Govilon address, the access to Ty Pwll Farm adjoins properties along Ty Gwyn Road and it appears this property shares a common link with these properties in Gilwern than it does with the rest of the community of Llanfoist. It is therefore proposed that the boundary in this area is re-aligned to include Ty Pwll Farm in the community of Llanfoist.

## Internal Boundary

### Darrenfelin

5.2. The working group propose no change to the boundary of Darrenfelin.

### Clydach and Gilwern

5.3. The group propose a change to the eastern boundary that separates the communities of Gilwern and Clydach. The current boundary follows the road in two areas at Church Road and Lower Station Road and in doing so splits the properties along these roads into two separate wards which is contrary to the Terms of Reference for this review.

In order to follow natural boundaries and ensure effective and convenient local government is established from the proposals the working group propose to amend the boundary to follow the Nant Dyer stream rather than follow Lower Station Road. It will follow the stream northwards to the River Clydach and will continue to follow this northward until it reaches the A465. It will then double back on itself and follow a stream on the opposite side of the A465 and intersect Church Road east to west, rather than north to south, just above the property Ger-Y-Nant. The boundary will then follow the stream and the contour of the land between Main Road and Cwmro Road until it joins up with the external boundary of the community.

## Proposed Community and Community Ward Names

6. The working group propose no change to the name of the community of Llanelly and the wards contained within it.
- 6.1. It was requested however that a recommendation is made to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales when reviewing the electoral arrangements to ensure that the Llanelly Hill Electoral Division which encompasses the community of Llanelly is renamed to just Llanelly in line with the community.

## Proposed Community Electoral Arrangements

7. The working group consider the Llanelly 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
Clydach	452	2
Darrenfelin	502	2
Gilwern	2307	9

## Working Group Individual Member Comments

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

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