

Community of Llangybi Fawr & Llanhennock

Current Community Format

1. The current community arrangements in Llangybi Fawr consist of three wards, Llangybi, Coed-Y-Paen and Llandegfedd. The community has a total electorate of 740 and is represented by nine community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors is as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Coed-Y-Paen	116	2
Llandegfedd	153	2
Llangybi	471	5

The current community arrangements in Llanhennock consist of three wards, Llangattock Nigh Caerleon, Llanhennock and Tredunnock. The community has a total electorate of 413 and is represented by eight community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors is as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Llangattock Nigh Caerleon	96	2
Llanhennock	162	3
Tredunnock	155	3

Natural Boundaries / Key Features

2. The western boundary of both communities and southern boundary of Llanhennock is the external boundary of the local authority which is not being considered as part of this review. The eastern boundary of both communities follows the River Usk.

Electorate Forecast

3. There are no developments planned within the communities of Llangybi Fawr and Llanhennock that would significantly alter the existing electorate.

Representations Received

4. Llangybi Fawr submitted a representation stating that the current arrangements are accepted, manageable and well understood by the three communities. The council wish for consideration to be given to the geographical spread of the wards within its communities and the distance needed to travel for meetings and site visits. The Council wish to retain the existing arrangements in boundaries and elected members and feel that any reduction in representation would impact on the council's effectiveness to carry out its duties.
 - 4.1. No representation was received from Llanhennock community council.

Recommendations

External Boundaries

5. The working group reviewed the current arrangements for the Llangybi Fawr community and felt that both Llanhennock and Llangybi Fawr communities should be merged to create a larger Llangybi Fawr community and therefore both communities have been reviewed together.

When considering the communities, the working group identified that the main road access between many of the wards of both communities centre on an area near the Cwrt Bleddyn Hotel with easy access north to Llangybi, east to Tredunnoch, south to Llanhennock and west to Llandegveth creating a central point which covers both communities lending itself to the decision to merge the two communities.

Whilst the working group accept the representation from Llangybi Fawr Community Council in that geographically the community area is already quite large for members to conduct their business, the proposed community would not be the largest community in Monmouthshire. Having a central focal point as mentioned above with good road access to other areas of the community would enable councillors to carry out their role as councillor relatively easily compared to other communities with similar geography.

Internal Boundaries

6. The working group propose no change to the internal wards of both communities. As mentioned above, the working group accept that the villages of the communities are geographically separate from each other but well linked via the roads crossing through the community. Therefore the working group are keen to ensure that whilst the community itself may be increase geographically, that there is still local representation for the individual villages of the community.

Proposed Community and Community Ward Names

7. The working group propose that the merged community is to be called Llangybi Fawr. The working group propose no change to the ward names of the community and therefore there will be six wards within the new Llangybi Fawr community of Coed-Y-Paen, Llandegfedd, Llangybi, Llangattock Nigh Caerleon, Llanhennock and Tredunnoch.

Proposed Electoral Arrangements

8. The working group consider the Llangybi Fawr 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
Coed-Y-Paen	116	1
Llandegfedd	153	1
Llangybi	471	3
Llangattock Nigh Caerleon	96	1
Llanhennock	162	1
Tredunnoch	155	1

Working Group Individual Member Comments

9. All members of the working group approved the proposals for the community of Llangybi Fawr.

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