

Community of Llantilio Pertholey

Current Community Format

1. The current community arrangements in Llantilio Pertholey consist of six wards, Croesonen East, Croesonen West, Mardy, Pantygelli, Sgyrrid East and Sgyrrid West. The community has a total electorate of 3098 and is represented by thirteen community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors is as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Croesonen East	556	2
Croesonen West	1131	5
Mardy	874	3
Pantygelli	85	1
Sgyrrid East	180	1
Sgyrrid West	272	1

Natural Boundaries / Key Features

2. The working group consider key features in the community of Llantilio Pertholey to be Hereford Road, the A465 as well as the River Gavenny.

Electorate Forecast

3. There is additional development proposed within the Croesonen East ward that will increase the electorate of the ward to 600.
 - 3.1. There is also a proposal contained within the LDP for 300 additional properties within the Mardy ward. This could increase the electorate of the Mardy ward to 1474.

Representations Received

4. Detailed representation was received from Abergavenny Town Council in relation to the arrangements for their own community as well as that of Llantilio Pertholey. In summary, their representation proposed amalgamating Mardy and Croesonen East & West into a community with Abergavenny and part of Llanfoist. The full representation is available in the appendices.
 - 4.1. Llantilio Pertholey submitted an initial representation recommending amendments to anomalies to the boundaries within their area as well as including the proposal to amalgamate Croesonen East and West and Sgyrrid East and West into their own wards of Croesonen and Sgyrrid.

Llantilio Pertholey submitted a detailed secondary representation objecting to the proposal put forward by Abergavenny Town Council. In summary they object for the following reasons:

- Object to Abergavenny Town Council suggestion that the current community arrangements are not fit for purpose to deal with future changes
- Provided examples of where communities are currently working together and capable of dealing with any future changes
- The current arrangements allow for local knowledge, relationships and community cohesion that benefit residents
- Detailed negative effects and potential loss of services based on the proposals put forward by Abergavenny Town Council.

Recommendations

External Boundary

5. The working group considered representations received by Abergavenny Town Council and Llantilio Pertholey Community Council in relation to the proposal by Abergavenny to merge some of the Llantilio Pertholey wards into its area. The working group conclude that whilst there is very little geographic separation between the communities of Abergavenny and Llantilio Pertholey, in particular the wards of Croesonen East and West, there are differences between the two communities that require the need to maintain a separation between the two areas, particularly in relation to Sgyrrid East and West and Pantygelli where there is little link with these wards with the community of Abergavenny. In their representation, Llantilio Pertholey Community Council provided the working group with a comprehensive submission of the work that the council in its current format provides to its residents. The working group do not believe that a large community consisting of Llantilio Pertholey and Abergavenny would be able to continue to provide the services unique to the individual areas as they currently do in isolation. It is therefore proposed that the current boundary between the communities of Abergavenny and Llantilio Pertholey remain with small alterations to the existing boundary to ensure there is a clear definition between the two communities.
 - 5.1. One of the alterations is to amend the boundary between Abergavenny and Llantilio Pertholey in the Heol Hamelin area. The current boundary intersects the housing estate dividing housing between two community councils. It is proposed that the houses contained in the area, Heol Hamelin and Clos Bury Capel, are included in the Priory ward of Abergavenny as access to the properties is via Grosvenor Road which is in the Priory ward.
 - 5.2. Another amendment is to the boundary between Llantilio Pertholey and Abergavenny that follows Llwynu Lane. Currently a large number of properties along this road are split between the two communities which causes confusion for electors and administration purposes. It is proposed that all properties of Llwynu Lane, including Vale View and Lavendar Gardens are included in the Lansdown ward of Abergavenny.

Internal Boundaries

Croesonen East and West

- 5.3. As stated in the Llantilio Pertholey representation, the working group propose that the Croesonen East and Croesonen West wards are merged to form a single community ward with the external boundary made up of the changes in 5.1 and 5.2 above.

The eastern boundary of the Croesonen ward is slightly amended to follow the centre of the A465 which is a continuation of the amendment to the boundary in the community of Abergavenny.

The northern boundary of the ward also has a few alterations due to anomalies with the current boundary. The current boundary intersects 'The Newlands' estate splitting houses in this area between Croesonen and Mardy. It is therefore proposed that this boundary follows the road above 'The Newlands' estate but below Mardy Park Lodge. It also proposed that all properties associated with St Davids Road, including St Davids Close, Ysgol Gymraeg Y Fenni and the recreational hall and grounds are included in the Croesonen ward. Therefore the boundary will follow Hereford Road north until Gwent Road where it follows Gwent Road and follows the properties behind Gwent Place and join the existing boundary at Dan-Y-Deri.

Mardy

- 5.4. The boundary for Mardy remains largely unchanged with the only amendment coming on the eastern boundary of the ward. It is proposed that the boundary is moved from following Hereford Road to follow the Gavenny River which will ensure that all properties along Hereford Road are contained within a single ward.

Sgyrrid East and West

- 5.5. The working group agreed with the representation from Llantilio Pertholey Community Council that these two wards should be merged. Therefore a new ward named Sgyrrid will be created using the existing boundary for the two wards but taking account of the amendments made in 5.4 above.

Pantygelli

- 5.6. The working group propose no change to the Pantygelli ward.

Proposed Community and Community Ward Names

6. The working group propose no change to the community and community ward names other than those wards that are merged above.

Proposed Electoral Arrangements

7. The working group consider the Llantilio Pertholey 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
Croesonen	1614	6
Mardy	1379	6
Pantygelli	85	1
Sgyrrid	328	1

Working Group Individual Member Comments

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

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