

## Community of Raglan

### Current Community Format

1. The current community arrangements in Raglan consist of three wards, Llandenny, Penyclawdd & Llangovan and Raglan. The community has a total electorate of 1585 and is represented by eleven community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors is as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Llandenny	366	2
Penyclawdd & Llangovan	99	1
Raglan	1120	8

### Natural Boundaries / Key Features

2. The working group consider prominent features within the community of Raglan are the A449 dual carriageway as well as Raglan Castle.

### Electorate Forecast

3. There are no developments proposed within the community of Raglan that would significantly alter the current electorate.

### Representations Received

4. No representations were received for the community of Raglan.

### Recommendations

#### External Boundary

5. The group reviewed the current arrangements for the community of Raglan and queried the reason for the Pen-Y-Clawdd ward to be included in the Raglan community. All channels of communication through the Pen-Y-Clawdd ward run north to south with no clear link between the Pen-Y-Clawdd ward and the rest of the Raglan wards. To that end it is proposed that the Pen-Y-Clawdd ward is removed from the community of Raglan and incorporated into the community of Mitchel Troy which it is linked with via the Cwmcavan ward to the north.
  - 5.1. Additionally the working group felt that the boundary between Raglan and Tregare could be simplified by using the junction for the A449 and Mitchel Troy as the edge of the boundary between the two communities. This would result in the properties of Cuckoo's Row and the Warrage being include in the Tregare ward of Mitchel Troy rather than the community of Raglan.

- 5.2. A small amendment has been made to the boundary between Raglan and Llanarth near Rhiw-Las. Currently the boundary follows a stream and road splitting properties in the same area into three separate wards. Additionally, the property Rhiw-Las Mill is in the Bryngwyn ward of Llanarth whilst all other properties associated with Rhiw-Las are in the Raglan ward. The group propose amending the boundary in this area to follow field boundaries to join up with the existing external boundary following the stream so that the properties Rhiw-Las Mill and all outbuildings associated with Merry Stream Barn are contained within a single ward of the community of Raglan.
- 5.3. When reviewing the community of Gwehelog, the working group proposed that this community be disbanded with electors in the Gwehelog ward be included in the community of Raglan with its own Gwehelog ward.

### **Internal Boundaries**

- 5.4. When reviewing the internal boundaries of the community of Raglan the working group considered that four wards could remain within the community, namely Raglan, Llandenny, Gwehelog and Kingcoed.

### **Raglan**

- 5.5. The existing Raglan ward will remain largely unchanged except for amendments to the external boundary as stated in 5.1 and 5.2 above.

### **Llandenny and Kingcoed**

- 5.6. The boundary for the Llandenny ward will remain largely unchanged with the eastern boundary changed to follow the A449. The area to the east of the A449 that was contained within the Llandenny ward will now form a new ward of Kingcoed within the community.

### **Gwehelog**

- 5.7. The Gwehelog ward will remain largely unchanged but will remove the Llancayo area from the ward with Trostre and Llancayo Wood acting as the western boundary of the ward.

### **Proposed Community and Community Ward Names**

6. No change is proposed to the existing community name of Raglan and the community wards of Raglan and Llandenny. Gwehelog, which was previously known as Gwehelog and Llancayo is proposed to be called Gwehelog as the Llancayo area is no longer included in the ward. Kingcoed has been proposed as the new name for the community east of the A449. The working group welcome recommendations as to more suitable names for the area.

## Proposed Electoral Arrangements

7. The working group consider the Raglan 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
Llandenny	220	1
Kingcoed	146	1
Raglan	1070	4
Gwehelog	223	1

## Working Group Individual Member Comments

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