

Community of Tintern

Current Community Format

1. The current community arrangements in Tintern consist of four wards, Chapel Hill, Penterry, Tintern Parva & Trellech Grange. The community has a total electorate of 687 and is represented by 8 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors is as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Chapel Hill	200	3
Penterry	55	1
Tintern Parva	360	3
Trellech Grange	72	1

Natural Boundaries

2. The boundaries to the east of the community of Tintern are the local authority boundaries which cannot be considered as part of this review.
- 2.1. A main feature of the community of Tintern is the A466 road linking Chepstow and Monmouth which runs north to south through the area.

Electorate Forecast

3. There is no proposed development for the area which would significantly alter the current electorate.

Representations Received

4. Representation was received from County Councillor Ann Webb who strongly opposed moving the Trellech Grange ward of the community of Tintern in to the community of Trellech United.
- 4.1. Representations were received from Trellech United Community Council and a Trellech United Community Councillor in relation to the Trellech Grange ward.

Recommendations

External boundaries

5. The working group considered the arrangements for the community of Tintern and concluded that the Llandogo ward of Trellech United would be better suited in the Tintern community. The group consider the main access along the A466 which links Tintern and Llandogo to be the main channel of communication for its residents rather than the single track lanes that link

Llandogo with the rest of Trellech United. The group therefore propose that the existing Llandogo ward be moved into the community of Tintern.

- 5.1. The group received various representations regarding the Trellech Grange ward in the community of Tintern. The group received a number of evidence based reasons as to why the Trellech Grange ward should be included in Trellech United community and with little evidence to suggest otherwise propose this change. However, the group do not believe that the Trellech Grange ward should be merged with the Llanishen ward of the Trellech United community. The two areas are split by the B4293 and, as stated in the representation received, as the residents of Catbrook regularly use the Fountain Inn, it may be better to merge those two wards rather than Trellech Grange and Llanishen. The working group however consider that all three areas, Catbrook, Llanishen and Trellech Grange, should retain their own wards and propose that the three wards form part of the community of Trellech United.
- 5.2. The group propose changes to the external boundary of Tintern in the Penterry ward as detailed in 5.3 below.
- 5.3. The working group also consider that that the Llandogo ward of the Trellech United community would be better placed within the Tintern community rather than its current Trellech United Community. The group considered the Llandogo ward of the Trellech United Community had more common links and channels of communication with the community of Tintern via the A466 than it did with the rest of the Trellech United Community. The group consider that this is the main link which joins up with the community of Tintern, rather than the single track lanes that link Llandogo with the rest of the community of Trellech United. The group therefore propose that the Llandogo ward of Trellech United is moved into the community of Tintern.

Internal boundaries

Penterry

- 5.4. The group also considered the arrangements of the rest of the wards in the community of Tintern in conjunction with the adjoining community of St Arvans, in particular the Penterry ward. The group consider that a number of properties within the Penterry ward should be in different wards to which they are currently situated. Examples of this include Penterry Farm and Banton whose main channels of communication are to the south and towards the village of St Arvans. Additionally, the properties known as 'The Cot' and 'Fairoak' are on the border with the community of Devauden and those properties would be more closely associated with that village than with the community of Tintern. The group therefore propose that the Penterry ward no longer exists with the new boundary following the eastern edge of Ravensnest Wood where it follows the brook south until it reaches the existing boundary of the Devauden community. The area to the west of the proposed boundary will be included in the community of Devauden and the area to the east will be incorporated into the existing community of St Arvans.

Chapel Hill & Tintern Parva

5.5. The group considered the current arrangements for these two wards and propose that the wards are merged to form a single ward known as Tintern. The current boundary between the two wards follows Forge Road and intersects a number of properties on this road between Chapel Hill and Tintern Parva wards which is contrary to the terms of reference for this review.

The working group considered the potential for retaining separate wards but given that the main channels of communication for both Chapel Hill and Tintern Parva return to the A466 and with no clear separation between the two areas, the group consider the best option to merge the two wards together.

Llandogo

5.6. The working group propose no change to the boundary of the Llandogo ward other than merging the ward with the Tintern community rather than Trellech United as stated in 5.3 above.

Proposed Community and Community ward names

6. The working group considered the area that the current Tintern community covers and believe that the name 'Wye Valley' may be better suited to defining the area that the community covers. The working group wish to receive representation on its proposal to change the name from Tintern to Wye Valley.

6.1. No changes are proposed to the existing ward names.

Proposed Electoral Arrangements

7. The working group consider the Wye Valley 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
Tintern	560	4
Llandogo	441	3

Working Group Individual Member Comments

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