

Community of Trellech United

Current Community Format

1. The current community arrangements in Trellech United consist of seven wards, Catbrook, Llandogo, Llanishen, The Narth, Penallt, Trellech Town and Whitebrook. The community has a total electorate of 2199 and is represented by 13 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors is as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Catbrook	319	2
Llandogo	441	2
Llanishen	274	2
The Narth	342	2
Penallt	414	2
Trellech Town	327	2
Whitebrook	82	1

Natural Boundaries / Key Features

2. The boundaries to the east of the community of Trellech United are the local authority boundary which cannot be considered as part of this review.

Electorate Forecast

3. There are no developments proposed within the Trellech United community that would significantly alter the electorate.

Representations Received

4. A number of representations were received regarding the community arrangements in Trellech United
 - 4.1. A number of representations were received, including representations submitted by residents within the area, to propose that the Far Hill area is moved to form part of Trellech Town ward rather than the Llanishen ward. Many of the residents use the facilities within Trellech Town rather than Llanishen and use Trellech Town for their main channels of communication rather than Llanishen.
 - 4.2. Trellech Community Council submitted representations proposing the above amendment for the Far Hill area. In addition, the council proposed that the Trellech Grange ward of Tintern Community Council be moved under responsibility for Trellech United and merged with the Llanishen ward. The Council state that there are established links between Llanishen and Trellech Grange, the school catchment area for Trellech Grange is Trellech Primary School

within Trellech United and that the Fountain Inn is the 'local' for residents within the Catbrook ward of Trellech United.

- 4.3. George Weston, Community Councillor for the Llanishen ward of Trellech United Community Council submitted a detailed proposal for new community arrangements within the Trellech United community. In summary his proposals were:
- Proposing to merge the Trellech Grange ward of Tintern Community Council with the Llanishen ward of Trellech United Community Council and provides a number of evidence based reasons as to links between the two areas.
 - A detailed proposal supporting the views of local residents in moving the Far Hill area in to the Trellech Town ward from Llanishen.
 - A secondary representation was submitted in response to the representations submitted by a County Councillor.
- 4.4. County Councillor Ann Webb submitted representations strongly opposing the representations received regarding moving Trellech Grange ward of the Tintern Community in to the community of Trellech United.

Recommendations

External Boundaries

5. The group considered all representations received during the initial consultation period and are minded to accept the proposal to include the Trellech Grange ward of the community of Tintern in to the community of Trellech United. 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. 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 then 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.
- 5.1. Having considered representations regarding the arrangements for the Trellech Grange ward, the group also considered the arrangements for the other wards of Tintern Community in relation to the rest of the Trellech United community. In particular 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

- 5.2. The working group considered the internal community arrangements for Trellech United and highlighted a number of properties that potentially fall within the wrong ward given its close proximity to the internal ward boundary. The properties are:

Address	Current Ward	Potential Ward
Traligael Cottage, Whitebrook, Monmouth	Penallt	Whitebrook
Grist Mill, The Narth, Monmouth	The Narth	Whitebrook
Spring Cottage, Maypole Road	The Narth	Whitebrook
Petersbroke, Moor Lane	Whitebrook	The Narth
Falls Cottage, Llandogo Road	Llandogo	Trellech Town
Fir Barn, Cleddon, Trellech	Trellech Town	Catbrook
Nine wells Cottage, Cleddon, Trellech	Trellech Town	Catbrook

The working group request feedback from local representatives as to the most suitable ward for the above properties with the changes taking effect at the final proposals.

Catbrook, The Narth, Penallt & Whitebrook

- 5.3. The working group considered the current arrangements for these wards and considered the arrangements fit for purpose and meet the criteria set in the Terms of Reference for the review.

Trellech Town & Llanishen

- 5.4. The group considered the representations received regarding the Far Hill area in Llanishen and agree with the proposals received that the area has common links with the Trellech Town ward rather than the Llanishen ward. The group propose to split the Llanishen ward along Penarth Brook with the area to the north of the brook merging with the Trellech Town ward. Everything to the south of the brook within the existing ward boundary will remain as the Llanishen ward.

Proposed Community and Community Ward Names

6. The working group propose no change to the community and community ward names of Trellech United but welcome representations as to more suitable names for the area.

Proposed Electoral Arrangements

7. The working group consider the community of Trellech United 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
Catbrook	319	2
Llanishen	212	1
The Narth	342	2

Penallt	414	3
Trellech Town	389	3
Whitebrook	82	1
Trellech Grange	72	1

Working Group Individual Member Comments

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

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