

Resident of Llandogo

As a resident of Llandogo I have been made aware of proposed changes to Community Council boundaries.

The proposed changes to TUCC - to bring us under the Chepstow umbrella - does, as far as Llandogo is concerned, make no sense at all – and probably sits in the same bonkers category as suggesting that Llandogo merge with Coleford.

Llandogo has been traditionally linked with the other 6 villages because of traditional links with Monmouth. We have always been a 'Monmouth' village. Monmouth is closer to us (4 miles away at the nearest points) than Chepstow and it is an easier drive up the valley than down to the closer town for all of our shopping needs. Indeed we tend to go to Monmouth to shop in Monmouth and we tend to go past Chepstow to other places.

And yet, MCC wishes to transfer Llandogo to the Chepstow/Caldicot orbit for mathematical tidiness and to mess up the long established and reliable and treasured bonds that exist as one of the villages of Monmouth. It will no longer be in the rural Monmouth Central Area but in the more urban Chepstow/Caldicot Area with all the disruptive disadvantages that would bring in terms of community cohesion and communication as highlighted above.

Perhaps MCC merging with Coleford was not as bonkers idea, given the above, after all - indeed I can hear the cogs turning in MCC now!

Regards

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