

**LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR  
WALES MEETING  
HELD ON 01 SEPTEMBER 2020**

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**Present:** Dr Debra Williams (Chair); Mr Ceri Stradling (Deputy Chair); Mr David Powell; Mr Theodore Joloza.

**LDBCW Officers attending:** Mrs Shereen Williams (Chief Executive); Mr Tom Jenkins (Head of Policy and Programmes); Mr Rhys Brooks (Review Officer); Mr Nathan Sweetman (Business Support Officer)

**Time Started:** 13:00

**Time Finished:** 14:30

**Apologies:**

Mrs Julie May

**1. Declarations of Interest**

David Powell and Rhys Brooks both declared an interest, as residents of Cardiff.

**2. Minutes of the Commission meeting held on 05 August 2020**

- 2.1. It was **Resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting as a correct record of the matters considered subject to some minor amendments.

**3. Wrexham Electoral Review – Final Report**

- 3.1. Consideration was given to the Report dated 21 August 2020 by the Review Officer.
- 3.2. The Commission considered the content of the report, and proposed names for electoral wards.
- 3.3. The Report was **agreed** subject to minor amendments to be made by the Review Officer before beginning the Quality Assurance process.

**Overall total members – 56**

### 3.4. Names:

The Commission considered the proposed names for the electoral wards. Below is a list of the agreed names in both English and Welsh.

<b>English Name</b>	<b>Welsh Name</b>
Rossett	Yr Orsedd
Llay	Llai
Acrefair North	Gogledd Acre-fair
Cefn East	Dwyrain Cefn
Cefn West	Gorllewin Cefn
Llangollen Rural	Llangollen Rural
Penycae	Pen-y-cae
Penycae and Ruabon South	Pen-y-cae a De Rhiwabon
Ruabon	Rhiwabon
Brymbo	Brymbo
Esclusham	Esclusham
Pant and Johnstown	Pant a Johnstown
Minera	Y Mwynglawdd
Ponciau	Ponciau
Rhos	Rhos
Bryn Cefn	Bryn Cefn
Gwenfro	Gwenfro
Gwersyllt North	Gogledd Gwersyllt
Gwersyllt East	Dwyrain Gwersyllt
Gwersyllt South	De Gwersyllt
Gwersyllt West	Gorllewin Gwersyllt
New Broughton	New Broughton
Cartrefle	Cartrefle
Gresford East and West	Dwyrain a Gorllewin Gresford
Holt	Holt
Queensway	Queensway
Smithfield	Smithfield
Whitegate	Whitegate
Wynnstay	Wynnstay
Brynffynnon	Brynffynnon
Erddig	Erddig
Hermitage	Hermitage
Offa	Offa
Bangor Is-y-Coed	Bangor Is-y-Coed
Bronington and Hanmer	Bronington a Hanmer
Overton and Maelor South	Overton a De Maelor
Acton and Maesydre	Gwaunysterfyn a Maes-y-dre
Borras Park	Borras Park

Little Acton	Little Acton
Rhosnesni	Rhosnesni

#### 4. Cardiff Electoral Review – Final Report

- 4.1. Consideration was given to the Report dated 11 August 2020 by the Review Officer.
- 4.2. The Commission considered the content of the report, and proposed names for electoral wards.
- 4.3. The Report was **agreed** subject to minor amendments to be made by the Review Officer before beginning the Quality Assurance process.

#### **Overall total members – 79**

#### 4.4. Names:

The Commission considered the proposed names for the electoral wards. Below is a list of the agreed names in both English and Welsh.

<b>English Name</b>	<b>Welsh Name</b>
Adamsdown	Adamsdown
Cathays	Cathays
Gabalfa	Gabalfa
Plasnewydd	Plasnewydd
Riverside	Glanyrafon
Cyncoed	Cyncoed
Llanrumney and Old St Mellons	Llanrhymni a Phentref Lloneirwg
Pentwyn	Pentwyn
Penylan	Penylan
Pontprennau	Pontprennau
Rumney	Tredelerch
Trowbridge	Trowbridge
Pentyrch and St Fagans	Pentyrch a Sain Ffagan
Radyr	Radur
Heath	Y Mynydd Bychan
Lisvane and Thornhill	Llys-faen a'r Ddraenen
Llanishen	Llanisien
Rhiwbina	Rhiwbeina
Whitchurch and Tongwynlais	Yr Eglwys Newydd a Thongwynlais
Butetown	Butetown

Grangetown	Grangetown
Splott	Y Sblot

## 5. Caerphilly Electoral Review – Final Report

- 5.1. Consideration was given to the Report dated 20 August 2020 by the Review Officer.
- 5.2. The Commission considered the content of the report, and proposed names for electoral wards.
- 5.3. The Report was **agreed** subject to minor amendments to be made by the Review Officer before beginning the Quality Assurance process.

### **Overall total members – 69**

#### 5.4. Names:

The Commission considered the proposed names for the electoral wards. Below is a list of the agreed names in both English and Welsh.

<b>English Name</b>	<b>Welsh Name</b>
Aber Valley	Cwm Aber
Aberbargoed and Bargoed	Aberbargod a Bargod
Blackwood	Coed-duon
Cefn Fforest and Pengam	Cefn Fforest a Phengam
Gilfach	Gilfach
Crosskeys and Ynysddu	Crosskeys ac Ynys-ddu
Penmaen	Pen-maen
Pontllanfraith	Pontllanfraith
Darran Valley	Cwm Darran
Moriah and Pontlottyn	Moriah a Phontlotyn
New Tredegar	Tredegar Newydd
Twyn Carno	Twyncarno
Hengoed	Hengoed
Llanbradach	Llanbradach
St Cattwg	Sant Cattwg
Ystrad Mynach	Ystrad Mynach
Bedwas and Trethomas	Bedwas a Threthomas
Machen and Rudry	Machen a Rhydri
Morgan Jones	Morgan Jones
St Martins	Sant Martin

## **6. Any Other Relevant Business – Update from the Meeting with the Minister**

- 6.1. Chair and CE provided an update from the meeting with the Minister.
- 6.2. It was noted that the Minister was complimentary regarding the briefing notes that were sent to officials when Final Recommendations are published.
- 6.3. The Minister praised the Commission for its hard work and progress concerning the Electoral Review Programme.
- 6.4. The Minister expressed an interest in the wellbeing of staff at the Commission. The Chair reassured the Minister that appropriate measures are in place, with regard to working arrangements and the working environment, in the current climate.
- 6.5. The Minister stated that positive feedback, from councils, has been received concerning the Lead Commissioner's role.
- 6.6. A new portal for the next review programme was suggested. It was noted that this could be particularly beneficial for the purposes of accessing reports.
- 6.7. The Minister was informed that, by the end of 2020, three reports will be outstanding. The Minister emphasised the good progress that the Commission has made with the Electoral Review Programme.
- 6.8. The next round of reviews was discussed with the Minister. Within this, lessons learnt, and best practices from England and Scotland were highlighted.
- 6.9. CE stated that she and the HPP have compiled the relevant information to illustrate the timelines of reports and feedback received.
- 6.10. CE stated that a petition was submitted from Hope and Caergwrle as a result of the Flintshire review and proposals. CE and HPP have provided information and the options report, with regard to this.
- 6.11. CE confirmed that one review, the review for Ceredigion, has received a ministerial decision, to date.

## **7. Date of Next Meeting: 13 October 2020**