

**LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR
WALES MEETING**

HELD ON 09 JUNE 2020 VIA SKYPE

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Present: Mr Ceri Stradling (Deputy Chair); Mr David Powell; Mrs Julie May; Mr Theodore Joloza.

LDBCW Officers attending: Mrs Shereen Williams (Chief Executive); Mr Tom Jenkins (Head of Policy and Programmes); Mrs Cher Cooke (Review Officer); Mr Josh Lovell (Review Officer); Mr Nathan Sweetman (Business Support Officer).

Time Started: 13:00

Time Finished: 15:00

Apologies: Dr Debra Williams (Chair)

1. Declarations of Interest

Mr Theo Joloza and Mrs Shereen Williams declared an interest in Newport as both of them reside in Newport. Mrs Julie May declared an interest in Neath Port Talbot, as a co-owner of a property.

2. Minutes of the Commission meeting held on 12 May 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. Neath Port Talbot Review - Draft Final Report

- 3.1. Consideration was given to the Report dated 01 June 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 – 60

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. It was decided that the circumflex is not to be included in the name Bryn-coch.

English Name	Welsh Name
Aberavon	Aberafan
Blaengwarch and Glynneath West	Blaen-gwrach a Gorllewin Glyn-nedd
Bryn and Cwmavon	Bryn a Chwmafan
Bryn-coch North	Gogledd Bryn-coch
Bryn-coch South	De Bryn-coch
Cadoxton	Llangarwg
Glynneath Central and East	Canol a Dwyrain Glyn-nedd
Cimla and Pelenna	Cimla a Phelenna
Coedffranc Central	Canol Coed-ffranc
Coedffranc North	Gogledd Coed-ffranc
Coedffranc West	Gorllewin Coed-ffranc
Crynant, Onllywn and Seven Sisters	Creunant, Onllwyn a Blaendulais
Cwmllynfell and Ystalyfera	Cwmllynfell ac Ystalyfera
Cymer and Glyncoerwg	Cymer a Glyncoerwg
Dyffryn	Dyffryn
Godre'r Graig	Godre'r-Graig
Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynamman	Gwauncaegurwen a Brynaman Isaf
Gwynfi and Croeserw	Gwynfi a Chroeserw
Margam and Tai-bach	Margam a Thai-bach
Pontardawe	Pontardawe
Port Talbot	Port Talbot
Resolven and Tonna	Resolfen a Thonna

Trebanos	Trebanos
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3.5. The Commission approved both the Equality Impact Assessment and the Welsh Language Impact Assessment for the review of Neath Port Talbot Council.

4. Newport Review - Draft Final Report

4.1. Consideration was given to the Report dated 02 June 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 - 51

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. It was decided that the name Tredegar Park should come before the name Marshfield.

English Name	Welsh Name
Allt-yr-Yn	Allt-yr-Ynn
Beechwood	Beechwood
Bettws	Betws
Bishton and Langstone	Trefesgob a Langstone
Gaer	Y Gaer
Graig	Y Graig
Lliswerry	Llyswyry
Llanwern	Llan-wern
Pillgwenlly	Pilgwenlli
Ringland	Ringland

Rogerstone East	Dwyrain Tŷ-du
Rogerstone North	Gogledd Tŷ-du
Rogerstone West	Gorllewin Tŷ-du
Stow Hill	Stow Hill
Tredegar Park and Marshfield	Tredegar Parc a Maerun
Victoria	Victoria

- 4.5. The Commission approved both the Equality Impact Assessment and the Welsh Language Impact Assessment for the review of Newport City Council.

5. Any Other Relevant Business

- 5.1. CE stated that consultation dates have been circulated and confirmed that one response has been received for the Pre-review questionnaire for Monmouthshire.
- 5.2. The CE to follow up with Monmouthshire County Council regarding its response to the pre-review consultation for the Monmouthshire Electoral Review.
- 5.3. CE confirmed that the local authorities for Anglesey, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Wrexham and the Vale of Glamorgan have been updated with the consultation period re-start dates. Cardiff Council informed CE that they will not be submitting a collective response – responses will come from the political party groups within Cardiff Council. Extensions have been agreed for the Wrexham Draft consultation, and the Vale of Glamorgan Draft consultation as the Vale of Glamorgan Council informed the CE that they will not be reconvening until after the summer.
- 5.4. HPP stated that there have been changes in the assignment of reviews, for Review Officers. This is due to two Review Officers being on secondment at Welsh Government, to undertake a project.
- 5.5. CE confirmed that a Group Leaders briefing is due to take place on 23 June 2020 regarding the Anglesey Electoral Review.
- 5.6. CE provided an update on orders. All orders to be made by Welsh government, prior to local government elections in 2022.
- 5.7. CE confirmed that draft orders are with Welsh Government.
- 5.8. HPP confirmed that the Flintshire Final Electoral Review will be published on 16 June 2020.

- 5.9. CE provided an update concerning the re-opening of the LDBCW office. This included that the office will be open from 15 June, Monday - Thursdays, with staff working from home on Fridays. There is to be no more than four members of staff in the office, at the same time. Parking allocations have been suspended. Face masks and hand sanitizer will be available.
- 5.10. The CE to discuss suitable dates and times with Mr David Powell and Mrs Julie May for Q&A sessions.

6. Date of Next Meeting: 30 June 2020