

**LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR  
WALES MEETING  
HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2020 VIA SKYPE**

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**Present:** Dr Debra Williams (Chair); 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); Mr Josh Lovell (Review Officer); Miss Hannah Toor (Business Support Officer).

**Time Started:** 14:30

**Time Finished:** 15:30

**Apologies:** N/A

**1. Declarations of Interest**

1.1. No declarations of interests were made.

**2. Update from Meeting with Welsh Government**

2.1. CE gave an update from Elaina Chamberlain regarding the correspondence received in relation to the Cardiff Final Recommendations report.

2.2. It was **noted** that the Minister will not make a decision whilst there are ongoing (possible) legal proceedings.

2.3. It was **noted** that Welsh Government has also received correspondence in relation to the Flintshire and Caerphilly Final Recommendations Reports.

**3. Vale of Glamorgan Electoral Review**

3.1. Consideration was given to the Report dated 17 November 2020 by the Review Officer. The number of representations received was 126.

3.2. The meeting has been reconvened to reconsider the options agreed for Vale of Glamorgan at the 24 November 2020 meeting due to errors in the report proved to the Commission in the previous Options paper. It was agreed that the decisions made at the previous meeting would be revised

by the decisions today. The Final Recommendations Report would be drafted based on the decisions made today.

- 3.3. The Commission considered the proposals for the existing electoral wards for Region 1 Cowbridge, Llandow/Ewenny, Llantwit Major, St. Athan and St. Bride's Major and **agreed option 1**. This option comprises the five electoral wards of Cowbridge, Llandow, Llantwit Major, St Athan and St Bride's Major.

The following reasons were noted in support of the decision:

- Creates no split communities.
- Avoids the creation of a new three-member ward in a large rural area and has the support of the Vale of Glamorgan Cabinet and Llantwit Major and Welsh St Donats Community Councils.
- Provides some improvement to electoral parity.
- Option 2 does not provide electoral parity.

**This option returns a total number of twelve members, an increase of two from the existing membership.**

- 3.4. The Commission recommends adopting the names as recommended below:

English Name	Welsh Name
Cowbridge	Y Bont-faen
Llandow	Llandŵ
Llantwit Major	Llanilltud Fawr
St Athan	Sain Tathan
St Bride's Major	Saint-y-brid

- 3.5. The Commission considered the proposals for the existing electoral wards for Region 2 of Baruc, Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland, Court, Dyfan, Gibbonsdown and Illtyd and **agreed option 1**. This option comprises the eight electoral wards of Baruc, Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland, Court, Dyfan, Gibbonsdown, Illtyd.

The following reasons were noted in support of the decision:

- Creates no split communities.
- Provides significant improvements to electoral parity.

- None of the wards remain greater than +/- 25% of the proposed county average.
- Returns electoral wards that are recognisable to the electorate and have easily identifiable boundaries.
- This option was also supported by the Cabinet of Vale of Glamorgan Council as well as a number of other representations.

**This option returns a total number of 20 members, an increase of two from the existing membership.**

3.6. The Commission recommends adopting the names as recommended below:

English Name	Welsh Name
Baruc	Baruc
Buttrills	Buttrills
Cadoc	Cadog
Castleland	Castleland
Court	Court
Dyfan	Dyfan
Gibbonsdown	Gibbonsdown
Illtyd	Illtud

3.7. The Commission considered the proposals for the existing electoral wards for Region 3 of Peterson-super-Ely, Rhose and Wenvoe and **agreed option 1**. This option comprises the four electoral wards of Peterson-super-Ely, Rhose, St Nicholas and Llancarfan, and Wenvoe

The following reasons were noted in support of the decision:

- Provides improvements to electoral parity specifically in Wenvoe.
- Creates no split communities.
- None of the wards remain at greater than +/- 25% of the proposed county average.
- This scheme has the best arrangements for the area and has the support of the Vale of Glamorgan Cabinet and avoids the creation of another new four-member ward in a semi-rural area.

A third option was considered. This concerned an amendment carried in the Cabinet, that the communities of St George-super-Ely and Peterston-super-Ely remain within Peterston-super-Ely, with current arrangements continuing.

**This option returns a total number of six members, an increase of one from the existing membership.**

3.8. The Commission recommends adopting the names as recommended below:

English Name	Welsh Name
Peterston-super-Ely	Llanbedr-y-fro
Rhose	Y Rhws
St Nicholas and Llandcarfan	Sain Nicolas a Thresimwn
Wenvoe	Gwenfô

3.9. The Commission considered the proposals for the existing electoral wards for Region 4 of Cornerswell, Llandough, Plymouth, St. Augustine's, Stanwell and Dinas Powys and **agreed option 3**. This option comprises the six electoral wards of Cornerswell, Llandough, Plymouth and St. Augustine's, Stanwell, Dinas Powys.

The following reasons were noted in support of the decision:

- Retains five (80%) of the existing electoral wards.
- Provides significant improvements to electoral parity.
- Returns five multi-member wards (Cornerswell, Dinas Powys, Plymouth, St. Augustine's, Stanwell).
- Creates no split communities.
- This option resolves to conform to a majority of representations received.

**This option returns a total number of fourteen members, as per the existing membership.**

3.10. The Commission recommends adopting the names as recommended below:

English Name	Welsh Name
Cornerswell	Cornerswell
Llandough	Llandochau
Plymouth	Plymouth
St Augustine's	St Augustine's

Stanwell	Stanwell
Dinas Powys	Dinas Powys

#### 4. Any other Relevant Business

- 4.1. It was **noted** that the CE will contact the Electoral Commission and invite them to present within the Commission meeting on 26 January 2021.
- 4.2. The presentation will include information regarding the overview of the role, electoral registration, and electoral voting systems in Wales.
- 4.3. **Action:** CE to invite the Electoral Commission to the meeting on 26 January 2021 meeting.

#### 5. Date of next meeting 15 December 2020