RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES AND ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS REVIEW

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek Council's approval of the Final Proposals of the Community Review so they may be forwarded to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That Council approve the Final Proposals for the Review of Community Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements as set out in the Appendix to this report at pages 143-154.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Sections 55 and 57 of the Local Government Act 1972 require the Council to keep under review Community Areas (Boundaries) and Community Electoral Arrangements. The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 amended the 1972 Act to require the Council to publish every 15 years a report of how it has discharged the functions. The last Review was undertaken in 2005.
- 3.2 The current Review builds upon the 2005 Review and takes into account a number of anomalies that have arisen mainly as a result of new housing developments.
- 3.3 An extensive consultation process was begun on 1st June 2013 including Members, Community Councils, members of the public and interested parties. All were invited to contribute to and comment upon the Review.
- 3.4 The Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee were also consulted as a stakeholder and a working group was set up to contribute to the Review.

- 3.5 Comments and submissions were made at two stages of the Review; the preliminary investigation where comments informed the draft proposals and subsequently the consultation on the draft proposals which informed the Final Proposals.
- 3.6 Welsh Government Officers have confirmed the importance of completing the Community Review notwithstanding any uncertainty arising from the Williams Report. The Community Boundaries constitute the building blocks upon which any future arrangements (whatever they may be) will be built.

4. FINAL PROPOSALS

Aberaman

- 4.1 The Final Proposals of the Review are set out in the Appendix to this report.
- 4.2 Thirty seven Communities/Community Wards have no changes proposed for them. They are:

Cwm Clydach Llwynypia Penygraig Trealaw Treorchy Ystrad	Cymmer Maerdy Porth Trehafod Tylorstown	Ferndale Pentre Tonypandy Treherbert Ynyshir

Abercynon Hirwaun Llwydcoed Rhigos Penrhiwceiber Penywaun

Cilfynydd Gilfach Goch Glyncoch
Hawthorn Llanharry Pontyclun
Pontypridd Town Rhondda Rhydfelen/llan
Taffs Well Trallwng Tonteg

Taffs WellTrallwngTontegTonyrefailTreforestYnysybwl

Aberdare

4.3 Thirteen Communities have one or more changes proposed for them. They are:

Cwmbach

Brynna Llanharran	ChurchVillage Llantrisant Town
	Tyn-y-Nant
	Brynna Llanharran Talbot Green

- 4.4 Nine of the proposals, listed below, received no objections. They are:
- CBR A2 Tyn-y-Nant/Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change
 B1 Llantwit Fardre/Tyn-y-Nant Boundary Change

- C1 Llantwit Town/Talbot Green Boundary Change
- C2.1 Llantwit Fardre/Tyn-y-Nant/Llantrisant Boundary Change
- C3.2 Beddau/Llantrisant Town Boundary Change
- F1 Llanharan/Brynna Boundary Change
- F2 Llanharan/Llanilid Boundary Change
- H1 Communities of Aberaman, Aberdare and Mountain Ash to be split to overcome electoral division anomaly.
- 4.5 Four of the proposals, listed below, were subject to objections but were recommended by the Scrutiny Working Group and are included in the Final Proposals.
- CBR A1 Graig/Beddau Boundary Change
 - D1 Church Village/Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change
 - E1 Church Village/Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change
 - G1 Cwmbach/Mountain Ash Boundary Change

5. **CONCLUSION**

5.1 Council is recommended to approve the Final Proposals so they may be forwarded to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

as amended by

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Stage 3: Final Proposals

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Introduction

On the 1st June 2013 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council commenced a community review to consider what changes, if any, are needed to existing community arrangements across the whole of the County Borough.

Terms of Reference

The first stage of the review is to ask all residents and interested parties to consider the current arrangements and submit their views of support or proposals for change. All submissions will then be considered and draft proposals drawn up and made available for further public consultation. The submissions received will again be considered and final proposals drawn up, published and adopted.

The review will start on 1st June 2013 with the final recommendations being submitted for adoption in July 2014.

For the purpose of the review a community will be viewed as having a characteristic of a sense of identity that is often accompanied by a sense of separation from people living outside the area. This characteristic stems from a combination of social, economic, geographical and cultural influences.

Why are we undertaking this review?

Rhondda Cynon Taf is required to ensure that the community structure we have in place is relevant and reflects the identities and interests of the community in each part of the County Borough.

A separate review of the County Borough electoral divisions is to be conducted by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales ("the Commission") in their programme of reviews which commences in 2014. In undertaking their review, the Commission will view the community structure in place as the primary building blocks for their review. It is therefore essential that this community review be undertaken ahead of the Commissions review to ensure that the interests of the community are represented at all levels of local government.

What is the aim of the review?

Rhondda Cynon Taf aims to ensure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and that it is both effective and convenient. We want to ensure that community governance of our County Borough is robust, representative and enabled to meet the challenges that lie before it. Furthermore Rhondda Cynon Taf wants to ensure that community councils are clear in the areas that they represent with electoral arrangements — warding arrangements and allocations of councillors — that are appropriate, equitable and readily understood by their electorate.

What can be considered under this review?

In general terms the review covers the physical boundaries of a community and its electoral arrangements. It will consider community related matters that include:

- boundary matters (creating, merging, altering or abolishing communities);
- naming of communities;
- electoral arrangements for the communities (provision or otherwise of a community council, the number of councillors to be elected to the council and community warding); and
- grouping communities under a common community council or de-grouping communities.

Who will undertake the review?

Rhondda Cynon Taf is responsible for undertaking the review within its area. It will consider all representations made at each stage of the review process.

If, after completing the review, it is proposed to make changes to the boundary of the community under Section 55(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (LGA 72) then the recommendations will be submitted to the Commission. If the Commission thinks that the recommendations are apt for securing effective and convenient local government in the area then the Commission shall make the proposals for change to Welsh Ministers, with, or without modifications.

If, after completing the review, it is proposed to make changes to the communities' electoral arrangements (ie the number of councillors) under Section 57(4) of LGA 72 then Rhondda Cynon Taf will make the Order giving effect to those changes.

Public Consultation & Submissions

When undertaking the review Rhondda Cynon Taf is required to undertake such steps as it thinks fit to ensure that persons who may be interested in the review are informed of the proposal to conduct it and are informed of any draft proposals or recommendations. Rhondda Cynon Taf undertakes to meet these duties by writing to:

 community councils, other local authorities and public bodies that are concerned;

- councillors, AMs, MPs and local branches of political parties
- other community groups and interested parties

Rhondda Cynon Taf will also give press notices at different stages of the review, deposit copies of reports and documents at public libraries and the Council's main office and by placing copies of reports and documents on its Electoral Services website.

Comments and submissions may be made at two stages of the review; the preliminary investigation where comments inform the creation of the draft proposals and then the consultation on the draft proposals which inform the final proposals and recommendations.

All comments and submissions will be given due consideration in the review if the following criteria are met:

- Comments shall be received on the pro-forma submissions form or a form to like effect.
- Comments are received by midnight of the timetabled deadline.
- All comments are received with a name and address identifying the sender.
 Anonymous submissions will not be accepted, though personal details of members of the public will not be made public. Submissions from representative bodies and persons such as Councils, Councillors & AMs, etc will be named within the report.
- Where an organisation or individual is making submissions concerning the
 electoral arrangements for the community, naming of the community or
 grouping/de-grouping communities, they shall show how those "changes are
 desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government".
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 electoral arrangements for the community, naming of the community or
 grouping/de-grouping communities, they shall show how those "changes are
 desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government".
- Where an organisation or an individual is requesting that changes be made to the warding arrangements within a community they shall provide a supporting statement for their proposals in which "regard shall be had to the questions whether – (a) the number or distribution of the local government electors for the community is such as to make a single election of community councillors impracticable or inconvenient; and (b) it is desirable that any area or areas of the community should be separately represented on the community council".
- Where an organisation or an individual is making a general submission, it shall show how it is made "in the interests of effective and convenient local government".

Rhondda Cynon Taf will publish its recommendations as soon as practicable and take such steps as it considers sufficient to ensure that persons who may be interested in the Review, including all persons that made a valid submission, are informed of the recommendations and the reasons behind them.

Timetable for the review

The review will start on 1st June 2013 with the final recommendations being submitted for adoption in July 2014.

Action	Period	Date
Start of Review		1 st June 2013
Preliminary Investigation - Invite initial submissions	Three months	1 st June – 31 st August 2013
Consideration of submissions received	Two months	1 st September – 31 st October 2013
Draft Proposal Consultation - Publish draft proposals - Public consultation period	Three months	1 st November – 31 st January 2014
Consideration of submissions received	Two months	1 st February – 31 st March 2014
Final Proposal Publication - Publish final proposals & recommendations		July 2014

Supporting Information

Further information relating to the review, including electorate figures, community council precept awards and maps showing existing boundaries are available at public libraries, at the Council's main office and on the Councils Electoral Services website.



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The Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee supported the following proposals and recommend they be approved for implementation.

Summary of Submissions

CBR A2 – Tyn-Y-Nant / Llantwit Fardre. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Llantwit Fardre Community, so the entire former Cwm Coke Works Site is relocated into the Tyn-Y-Nant Community.

CBR B1 – Llantwit Fardre / Tyn-Y-Nant Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Tyn-Y-Nant Community to incorporate all the properties of Cadwal Court into the Llantwit Fardre Community.

CBR B2 – Church Village / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Llantwit Fardre Community to incorporate the properties of Ty Crwyn into the Church Village Community.

CBR C1 – Llantrisant Town / Talbot Green. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Talbot Green Community, so the area known as "Y Graig" is relocated into the Llantrisant Town Community

CBR C2.1 – Llantwit Fardre / Tyn-Y-Nant / Llantrisant Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

> Move the boundary of the Tyn-Y-Nant and Llantrisant Community to incorporate all the properties of Rowan Gardens Housing Estate into the Llantwit Fardre Community.



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CBR C3.2 – Beddau / Llantrisant Town. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Llantrisant Town Community to include the two properties in Brynteg "The Gables & Ailsa House" into the Beddau Community.

CBR F1 – Llanharan/Brynna Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Brynna Community to incorporate the properties of Bethlehem View and Chapel Road into the Llanharan Community.

CBR F2 – Llanharan/Llanilid Boundary Change. No Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Llanilid Community to incorporate all the properties of Powell Drive Estate and Heritage Way into the Llanharan Community

CBR H1 – Aberaman. Split the current community of "Aberaman" into "Aberaman North and Aberaman South.

Aberdare. Split the current community of "Aberdare" into "Aberdare East and Aberdare West".

Mountain Ash. Split the current community of "Mountain Ash" into "Mountain Ash East and Mountain Ash West".



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Detailed Submissions

<u>CBR A2</u> – Tyn-Y-Nant / Llantwit Fardre. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Llantwit Fardre Community, so the entire former Cwm Coke Works Site is relocated into the Tyn-Y-Nant Community.

Submission Review: CBR A2 - Tyn-Y-Nant / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change

Four submissions were received from (Cllr R Yeo, Cllr C Willis, Cllr J James and Llantrisant Community Council) regarding the community boundary of the former Cwm Coke Works Site. The area currently sits within the Llantwit Fardre boundary however the only access to the site it through the Tyn-Y-Nant community. Therefore it is proposed the Cwm Coke Works site is transferred from the Llantwit Fardre Community to the Tyn-Y-Nant Community and subsequent change from the County Borough Electoral Division of Llantwit Fardre to Tyn-Y-Nant

There are currently no properties or electorate located within the Boundary change area.

Details of the First stage submissions can be found at Appendix 1 (Cllr R Yeo Appendix 1.1) (Cllr C Willis Appendix 1.2) (Cllr J James Appendix 1.4),

Details of the Second Stage Submissions can be found at Appendix 1 (Llantrisant Community Council Appendix 1.5.1).

A detailed Map of the proposal is provided at Appendix 2, Map A2 showing the area to be moved (hatched).

<u>CBR B1</u> – Llantwit Fardre / Tyn-Y-Nant Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Tyn-Y-Nant Community to incorporate all the properties of Cadwal Court into the Llantwit Fardre Community.

Submission Review: CBR B1 – Llantwit Fardre / Tyn-Y-Nant Boundary Change.

Two submissions were received from (Cllr J James & Llantrisant Community Council) regarding the boundary anomaly of n.o, 55-76 Cadwal Court. Upon investigation it appears the boundary for Llantwit Fardre / Tyn-Y-Nant runs through the housing estate of Cadwal



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Court as the boundary follows a culverted stream. It is therefore proposed the boundary be moved to follow the A473 Llantrisant Road.

The proposed change would result in 23 properties and 47 electors moving from the Tyn-Y-Nant Community into to the Llantwit Fardre Community and corresponding changes to the Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

Details of the First Stage submissions can be found at Appendix 1 (Cllr J James Appendix 1.4), (Llantrisant Community Council Appendix 1.5).

Details of the Second Stage submissions can be found at Appendix 1 (Cllr J James Appendix 1.4.1), (Llantrisant Community Council Appendix 1.5.1).

A detailed Map of the proposal is provided at Appendix 2 Map B1 showing the area to be moved (hatched).

CBR B2 – Church Village / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Llantwit Fardre Community to incorporate the properties of Ty Crwyn into the Church Village Community

Submission Review: CBR B2 – Church Village / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change.

One submission was received from (Cllr J James) regarding the boundary anomaly of Ty Crwyn. Upon investigation it appears the boundary for Church Village / Llantwit Fardre runs through the housing estate of Coed Dowlais as the boundary follows a culverted stream and splits the street of Ty Crwyn from the rest of the estate. It is therefore proposed the boundary be moved to the West of the access road to incorporate the whole of the Coed Dowlais housing estate into the Church Village Community.

The proposed change would result in 36 properties and 82 electors moving from the Llantwit Fardre Community into the Church Village Community and corresponding changes to the Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

Details of the First Stage submission can be found at Appendix 1 (Cllr J James Appendix 1.4).

A detailed Map of the proposal is provided at Appendix 2 Map B2 showing the area to be moved (hatched).



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<u>CBR C1</u> – Llantrisant Town / Talbot Green. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Talbot Green Community, so the area known as "Y Graig" is relocated into the Llantrisant Town Community

Submission Review: CBR C1 - Llantrisant Town / Talbot Green Boundary Change

One submission was received from (Llantrisant CC) regarding the boundary of the area known as "Y Graig" . The area currently sits within the Talbot Green boundary. Therefore it is proposed the "Y Graig" site is transferred from the Talbot Green Community to the Llantrisant Town Community.

There are currently no properties or electorate located within the Boundary change area.

Details of the First Stage submission can be found at Appendix 1 (Llantrisant Community Council Appendix 1.5).

A detailed Map of the proposal is provided at Appendix 2 Map C1 showing the area to be moved (hatched).

<u>CBR C2.1</u> – Llantwit Fardre / Tyn-Y-Nant / Llantrisant Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Tyn-Y-Nant and Llantrisant Community to incorporate all the properties of Rowan Gardens Housing Estate into the Llantwit Fardre Community.

Submission Review: CBR C2.1 – Llantwit Fardre / Tyn-Y-Nant / Llantrisant Boundary Change.

Five submissions were received from (Cllr J Bunnage, Cllr C Willis, Cllr R Yeo, Cllr J James & Llantrisant Community Council) regarding the boundary anomaly of Rowan Gardens. Upon investigation it appears the boundary for Llantrisant Town followed a water course and the subsequent development of Rowan Gardens became separated from the rest of the Llantwit Fardre Community.



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The proposed change would result in 233 properties and 448 electors moving from the Llantrisant Community into the Church Village Community and corresponding changes to the Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

Details of the First Stage submissions can be found at Appendix 1 (Cllr R Yeo & Cllr Bunnage, Appendix 1.1) (Cllr C Willis, Appendix 1.2), (Llantrisant Community Council Appendix 1.5).

Details of the Second Stage submissions can be found at Appendix 1 (Cllr J James Appendix 1.4.1), (Llantrisant Community Council Appendix 1.5.1).

A detailed Map of the proposal is provided at Appendix 2 Map C2.1 showing the area to be moved (hatched).

<u>CBR C3.2</u> – Beddau / Llantrisant Town. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Beddau Community to include the two properties in Brynteg "The Gables & Ailsa House".

Submission Review: CBR C3.2 – Beddau / Llantrisant Town Boundary Change.

One submission was received from (Llantrisant Community Council) regarding the boundary anomaly in Brynteg where two properties "The Gables and Ailsa House" are not within the same community as their neighbours.

The proposed change would result in 2 properties and 5 electors moving from the Llantrisant Community into the Beddau Community and corresponding changes to the Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

Details of the First Stage submission can be found at Appendix 1 (Llantrisant Community Council Appendix 1.5).

A detailed Map of the proposal is provided at Appendix 2 Map C3.2 showing the area to be moved (hatched).

<u>CBR F1</u> – Llanharan/Brynna Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Brynna Community to incorporate the properties of Bethlehem View and Chapel Road into the Llanharan Community.



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Submission Review: CBR F1 – Llanharan/Brynna Boundary Change.

One submission was received from (Llanharan Community Council) regarding the boundary anomaly of Bethlehem View and Chapel Road. Upon investigation it was felt that these properties are not part of Brynna as they are physically isolated by a river and waste ground.

The proposed change would result in 48 properties and 86 electors moving from the Brynna Community into the Llanharan Community and corresponding changes to the Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

Details of the First Stage submission can be found at Appendix 1 (Llanharan Community Council Appendix 1.6).

A detailed Map of the proposal is provided at Appendix 2 Map F1 showing the area to be moved (hatched).

CBR F2 – Llanharan/Llanilid Boundary Change. No Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Llanilid Community to incorporate all the properties of Powell Drive Estate and Heritage Way into the Llanharan Community.

Submission Review: CBR F2 – Llanharan/Llanilid Boundary Change.

One submission was received from (Llanharan Community Council) regarding the boundary anomaly of Powell Drive and Heritage Way. Upon investigation it appears the boundary for Llanharan / Llanilid runs through the middle of Powell Drive and the housing estate of Heritage Way.

The proposed change would result in 165 properties and 303 electors moving from the Llanilid Community into the Llanharan Community.

Details of the First Stage submission can be found at Appendix 1 (Llanharan Community Council Appendix 1.7).

A detailed Map of the proposal is provided at Appendix 2 Map F2 showing the area to be moved (hatched).



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CBR H1 – Aberaman. Split the current community of "Aberaman" into "Aberaman North and Aberaman South.

Aberdare. Split the current community of "Aberdare" into "Aberdare East and Aberdare West".

Mountain Ash. Split the current community of "Mountain Ash" into "Mountain Ash East and Mountain Ash West".

One submission was received from (Member of the Public) suggesting the community boundaries in the Cynon Valley are incorrect and misleading.

The Community of Aberaman should be split along the lines of the current Electoral Divisions of Aberaman North and Aberaman South.

It is therefore recommended that the draft proposal be made to create new communities of Aberaman North and Aberaman South that are co-terminus with Rhondda Cynon Taf Electoral Divisions

The Community of Aberdare should be split along the lines of the current Electoral Divisions of Aberdare East and Aberdare West.

It is therefore recommended that the draft proposal be made to create new communities of Aberdare East and Aberdare West that are co-terminus with Rhondda Cynon Taf Electoral Divisions.

The Community of Mountain Ash should be split along the lines of the current Electoral Divisions of Mountain Ash East and Mountain Ash West.

It is therefore recommended that the draft proposal be made to create new communities of Mountain Ash East and Mountain Ash West that are co-terminus with Rhondda Cynon Taf Electoral Divisions

Details of the First Stage submission can be found at Appendix 1 (Member of the Public 1.8).



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The Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee reviewed the following proposals and due to there being Objections they have been included within this Section for Review by Council.

Summary of Submissions

CBR A1 – Graig / Beddau Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Graig Community South to the Gelynnog Ganol Farm. Relocating all 89 properties from the Beddau Community to the Graig Community.

CBR D1 – Church Village / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Llantwit Fardre Community to incorporate all the properties of Meadow Farm Housing Estate into the Church Village Community.

CBR E1 – Church Village / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Llantwit Fardre Community to incorporate the properties 1 & 2 Dan Y Twyn into the Church Village Community.

CBR G1 – Cwmbach / Mountain Ash Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC electoral divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Cwmbach Community to incorporate the properties around Cefn Pennar Road (Cwmbach) into the Mountain Ash Community



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<u>CBR A1</u> – Graig / Beddau Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Graig Community South to the Gelynnog Ganol Farm. Relocating all 89 properties from the Beddau Community to the Graig Community.

Submission Review: CBR A1 – Graig / Beddau Boundary Change.

Two submissions were received from (Cllr J Cass & Cllr R Yeo) requesting the boundary of the Graig community be moved south to run along the properties of Gelynnog Court Bungalows, Gelynnog Fawr and Gelynnog Ganol Farm. However the village of Castellau would remain within the Beddau Community.

The proposed change would result in 89 properties along with their 151 electorate moving from the Beddau Community into the Graig Community and corresponding changes to the Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

Details of the First Stage Submissions can be found at Appendix1 (Cllr J Cass & Cllr R Yeo Appendix 1.1)

Details of the Second Stage Submissions and Objections can be found at Appendix 1 Support (Cllr J Cass) Appendix 1.1.2

Objections (Member Of Public, Appendix 1.1.3) (Llantrisant Community Council Appendix 1.5 & 1.5.1)

A detailed Map of the proposal is provided at Appendix 2, Map A1 showing the proposed area to be moved (hatched).

Copies of the Survey undertaken by Llantrisant Community Council are available from Stephen Maddocks, Legal & Democratic Services, Clydach Vale or at Stephen.J.Maddocks@rctcbc.gov.uk or by calling 01443 424016

<u>CBR D1</u> – Church Village / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Llantwit Fardre Community to incorporate all the properties of Meadow Farm Housing Estate into the Church Village Community.



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Submission Review: CBR D1 - Church Village / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change.

One submission was received from (Llantwit Fardre Community Council) regarding the boundary anomaly of Meadow Farm Housing Estate. Upon investigation it appears the boundary for Church Village / Llantwit Fardre runs through the housing estate of Meadow Farm as the boundary follows a culverted stream and splits the streets of Llanerch Goed, Clos Creyr, Llys Garth, Erw Fach and Pen Yr Eglwys from the rest of the estate. It is therefore proposed the boundary be moved to the West to incorporate the whole of the Meadow Farm Housing Estate into the Church Village Community.

The proposed change would result in 167 properties with their current 303 electorate moving from the Llantwit Fardre Community into the Church Village Community and corresponding changes to the Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

Details of the First Stage submission can be found at Appendix 1 (Llantwit Fardre Community Council Appendix 1.9)

Details of the Second Stage Submissions and Objections can be found at Appendix 1 Objection (Cllr J James 1.4.1)

A detailed Map of the proposal is provided at Appendix 2, Map D1 showing the proposed area to be moved (hatched).

<u>CBR E1</u> – Church Village / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

 Move the boundary of the Llantwit Fardre Community to incorporate the properties 1 & 2 Dan Y Twyn into the Church Village Community.

Submission Review: CBR E1 - Church Village / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change.

One submission was received from (Cllr G Stacey) regarding the boundary of Church Village. The two properties of Dan Y Twyn are separated from the Llantwit Fardre Community by a main road and farm land. It is therefore proposed the boundary be moved to the "Black Road" to incorporate the two properties into the Church Village Community.

The proposed change would result in 2 properties and their current 5 electorate moving from the Llantwit Fadre Community into the Church Village Community and corresponding changes to the Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.



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Details of the First Stage Submission can be found at Appendix 1 (Cllr G Stacey Appendix 1.10)

Details of the Second Stage Submissions and Objections can be found at Appendix 1 Objection (Cllr J James 1.4.1)

A detailed Map of the proposal is provided at Appendix 2, Map E1 showing the proposed area to be moved (hatched).

<u>CBR G1</u> – Cwmbach / Mountain Ash Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC electoral divisions.

 Move the boundary around Cefn Pennar Road (Cwmbach) so that all properties relocate from Cwmbach to Mountain Ash

Submission Review: CBR G1 – Cwmbach / Mountain Ash Boundary Change.

One submission was received from (Cllr P Jarman) relating to the properties around Cefn Pennar Road (Cwmbach). It is therefore proposed these properties be moved into the Mountain Ash Community as the electorate currently travel through Mountain Ash Electoral Division to get to their polling station in Cwmbach

The proposed change would result in 7 properties and 10 electorate moving from the Cwmbach Community into the Mountain Ash Community and corresponding changes to the Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions of Cwmbach and Mountain Ash East.

Details of the First Stage Submission can be found at Appendix1 (Cllr P Jarman Appendix 1.11)

Details of the Second Stage Submissions and Objections can be found at Appendix 1 Objection (Cllr J Elliott Appendix 1.12.1)

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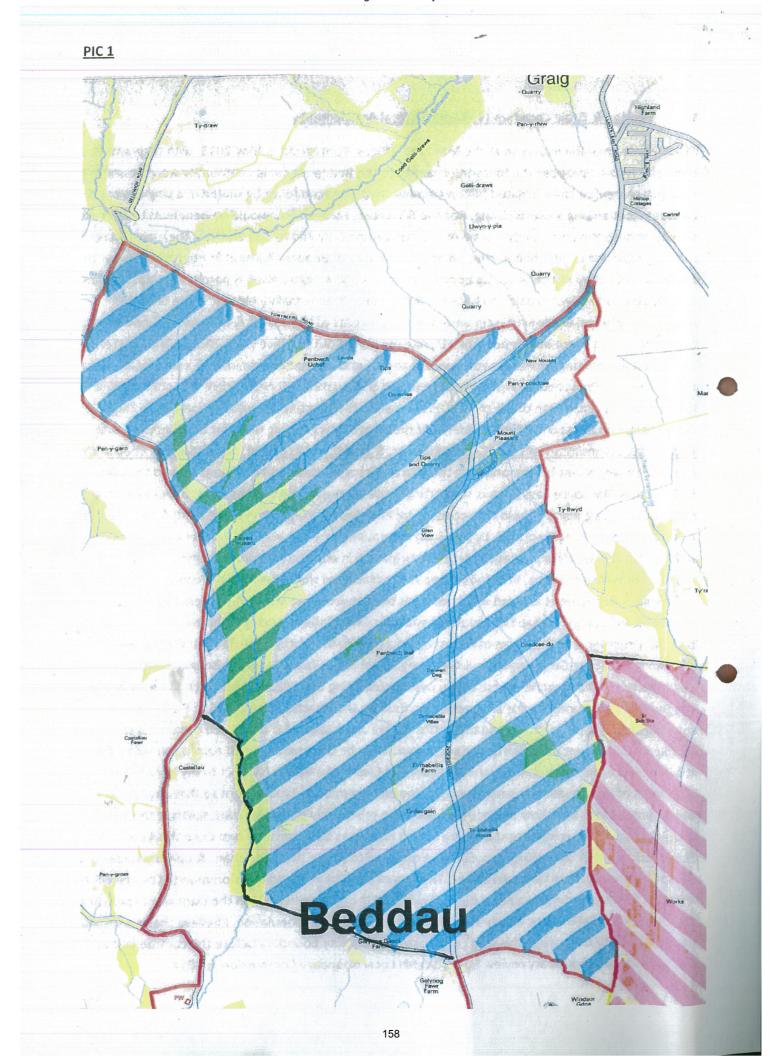
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Community Boundary & Electoral Arrangements Review 2013/2014

1. Beddau & Graig Community Ward Electoral Arrangments

As per my submission in person at the Maritime Offices, Pontypridd in May 2013, with diagrams & copied by email, I propose the following changes to the Beddau & Graig community ward boundaries. First that the entire small isolated hilltop community of Penycoedecae be united in a single ward. It is currently split among 3 wards (Graig, Beddau & Llantwit Fardref) this would be beneficial to all residents as even though the community is a small one comprising only 200 to 250 electors, their needs specific & differing from the established former mining community of Beddau. Turnout in Penycoedcae has been declining since they lost their voting booth some years ago & registration is patchy as residents mostly vote by post as the area is rural in character & the population is mainly elderly. There is a small difference between the town/Community Council precepts of Llantrisant & Pontypridd Town councils but I believe that is not insurmountable. During my period out of office from 2008 to 2012 I attended several public meetings in Penycoedcae village the issue of the split community & value for money & issues affecting Penycoedcae residents were raised & discussed at length. There was considerable support for the unification of the community shown at the meetings, in which I specifically raised the issue & solution as I saw it. Many residents of the village look to Graig ward for their services such as local shops, community halls, Doctors Surgery etc. & before it was closed the post office. They see that they have many issues in common with the also declining & community of Graig. Indeed the current RCTCB Councillor Joyce Cass (who is supporting these proposals) lives in the Penycoedcae community but is within Graig ward. Should Penycoedcae be included entirely within Graig Ward & the ward split to include an Upper Penycoedcae & Upper Graig community or Town ward & a Lower Graig town ward I believe that this would encourage greater participation in elections & lead to an increase in voter registration within the area. In detail I propose the placing of the Penycoedecae community within a new Graig & Penycoedecae ward which includes the Penycoedcae village & the length of Penycoedcae road to (& including) Tir Mab Ellis House (the former Cwm Colliery managers house & now flats). The boundary running across in front of Gelynnog Court Bungalows (staying in Beddau ward & part of Beddau village) past Gelynnog Fawr & Gelynnog Ganol Farms (also staying in Beddau ward) across to the Castellau river following the course of the river surrounding Castellau village which has long been part of the Beddau Community. In the area marked in Blue on the attached diagram (See Pic 1). On the opposite side of Penycoedcae road the entire largely uninhabited SSI area to be included also in Graig. The Beddau & Tynant northern boundaries would then be coterminous with each other along this road. It is important that the boundary along the area of Cwm Coke Works (subject to my later submission) on both sides of Cwm road for a small area be allowed to remain in Tynant ward so that any future development does not allow any houses here to be mistakenly placed in Graig, splitting this new future housing estate. This is important as there are no road links between the Cwm Coke Works area & Penycoedcae other than along Penycoedcae road in Beddau or through Tynant & up Croescade road & along the Black road, in Llantwit Fardref. The loss of precept in Llantrisant Community Council will be offset by future planning projected developments in the Authorities LDP in the Llantrisant road, Beddau area for residential housing which should lead to an increase in population. I believe that we should take this opportunity to improve this long overlooked community boundary before the commencement of the RCT electoral boundary review by the Welsh Local Boundary Commission in 2014.



2. Tynant & Llantwit Fardref Community Boundary Arrangements Cwm Coke Works Area

Secondly we propose that the entire former Cwm Coke Works/Colliery area, which is largely uninhabited & still has the now derelict works on site, be moved into the Tynant ward. One reason is because the area is served by roads which lead to & out of Tynant. There is no other way to access the area other than through Tynant itself. Also many of the issues that affect that area are of primary concern to Tynant residents only as the main part of Llantwit Fardref ward is separated from the site by the Foel hill & the old A473 road & the Tynant woodland area. The area is in the LDP as a Strategic location for housing development which would mean that any future residents would look to Tynant for their services such as post office, library, community centre, doctor's surgery & shopping. This means that these residents are primarily part of the Tynant Community not Llantwit Fardref community which is more than 1.5 miles away by road. Any future school development will take children from the Beddau & Tynant village as part of the catchment area. Geographical the village of Beddau & Tynant is isolated by the Llantrisant Common on one side (a site of Special Scientific interest) by the protected rural area of Penycoedcae on another side, the Foel hill & Tynant Woodland (another SSI site) on another side & abounded by the old A473 road on the other side. As such this means that development has been limited in recent decades as the area is enclosed by a small rural strip. Historically the Tynant community grew to accommodate the new colliery site & this is the reason for the current community boundary. However the potential new housing development in an enclosed small dale area with road links which only go through Tynant has to be part of this community for the reasons above. See Pic 2 below for details. The area concerned stretches from just above the old colliery site there two small pools here & follows the Croescade road down to the junction where the old unused bridge is, on the opposite side of the road to the Woodlands Estate which is still in Llantwit Fardref. It is essential that a small strip of land on the other side of Cwm Road (the old colliery works access road & the only road to the site) is also included in Tynant as the proposed transfer of Penycoedcae to Graig ward could otherwise lead to another small anomaly. Of any future newly developed houses included in Graig by technicality, when there are no road links at all here & historically they are not linked. It is essential that this is carried out before any future large scale housing development takes place as this would lead to more unnecessary complication. I suggest that the Cwm Coke Works area (due to the suggested size of development) have an additional community councillor in Tynant ward to make a new total of 4. This is as the new ward would be comparable with Beddau which has 4 community councillors.



3. Tynant & Llantwit Fardref Community Boundary Arrangements Scotts Diner/Texaco Garage Area

Thirdly I propose that the Scott's Diner/Texaco Garage area by transferred to the ward containing the Rowan Gardens Estate area (currently Llantrisant). See PIC 3 below for details. This is because the main part of Tynant ward is separated from here by the old A473 road & the Tynant Woodlands area. There are no electors here to my knowledge but all the issues such as anti-social behaviour & planning affect the residents of Rowan gardens primarily & yet they are in a different ward. It is a geographically unsustainable anomaly which we should take the opportunity to iron out before any future reviews are undertaken.

PIC 3



Summary

The proposals that I have outlined are supported by RCTCB Councillors Richard Yeo (Beddau ward), Clayton Willis (Tynant ward), Joyce Cass (Graig ward) & Jacqui Bunnage (Llantwit Fardref ward). They are long overdue & would lead to easier future electoral arrangements & avoid future complications in future Local Government boundary Commission reviews. They would lead to improved community links, greater voter participation & registration.

Thank You

Councillor Richard Yeo (Beddau Ward)

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From: Willis, Clayton (Councillor)

Sent: 13 June 2013 12:11
To: Maddocks, Stephen

Subject: Boundary issues.

Hello Stephen.

I am happy with the details as submitted by Cllr. Richard Yeo for both the Beddau and Tynant

Wards.

Kind Regards.

Cllr. Clayton Willis Tynant Ward.

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To whom it may concern,

Community Boundary and Electoral Arrangements Review

Please find below my representations on the above consultation, and I would also ask that all miss-spellings of 'Llantwit Fardre' be corrected by the time any recommendations come before full Council.

Support:

CBR A2 - Land at Cwm Coke Works – Llantwit Fadre / Tyn-y-nant Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

Relocate the boundary of Llantwit Fadre community east to the Black Road and South to the Croescade Road. The subsequent change would result in the area know as "Cwm Coke Works" being relocated to the Tyn-y-nant Community.

I believe this will create a more defined ward boundary.

CBR B1 - Tyn-y-nant / Llantwit Fadre Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

Relocate the boundary of Tyn-y-nant concerning Cadwal Court (n.o. 55 – 76) to the west. This would result in 23 properties relocating from Tyn-y-nant to Llantwit Fadre. All properties on the Cadwal Court Housing Estate would be subsequently located within the Llantwit Fadre Community Boundary.

I believe this will create a more defined ward boundary.

CBR B2 - Church Village / Llantwit Fadre Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

Relocate the boundary of Llantwit Fadre concerning the properties of Ty Crwyn to ensure all properties within the Coed Dowlais Estate are located within the Church Village Community Boundary. These proposals would result in the relocation of 36 properties.

I believe this will create a more defined ward boundary.

CBR C2.1 - Tyn-y-nant / Llantrisant / Llantwit Fadre Boundary Change.
Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

Relocate the boundaries of Tyn-y-nant and Llantrisant Town to incorporate the Rowan Gardens Estate into the Llantwit Fadre Community Boundary. These proposals would result in the relocation of 233 properties.

Many residents on this estate identify themselves as living within 'Llantwit Fardre', and these proposals will reflect and support that assumption and opinion.

Object:

CBR D1 - Llantwit Fadre / Church Village Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

Relocate the Church Village boundary to incorporate all properties on the Meadow Farm Estate. These proposals would move 167 properties from the Llantwit Fadre Community to the Church Village Community Boundary.

Though I recognise the logic behind this proposal, as there will be a natural boundary between Llantwit Fardre and Church Village, it should be noted that the 'Link Site', as it is called, is currently awaiting a planning decision for large scale residential development.

It is my opinion, that any review of the electoral boundaries in this location, should be undertaken once this development has been completed. This should minimise any chances of confusing and unclear ward boundaries, such as those currently present at the Cadwal Court Estate and Ty Crwyn.

Furthermore, when combined with proposal CBR E1, it will result in residents living in the peripheral of Llantwit Fardre travelling into and out of a neighbouring ward to get home.

CBR E1 - Llantwit Fadre / Church Village Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.

Relocate the boundary of Llantwit Fadre to incorporate the two properties of "1-2 Dan Y Twyn" into the Church Village Community Boundary.

I am confused as to why this proposal has been recommended for approval.

Unlike other proposals, no justification has been offered in the review's 'Draft Proposals - Appendix C (Taf)' document, and it will have no other affect than to create an obscure and unclear ward boundary - which is in contradiction to the purpose of the review.

Indeed, the supportive map clearly shows that the proposal will isolate residents living at the northern peripheral of the Llantwit Fardre Ward, and results in them having to travel trough one ward and into another to get home. It is also, in my opinion, wholly reliant on proposal CBR D1 being accepted.

Yours Sincerely,

Clir Joel Stephen James

County Borough Councillor for the Llantwit Fardre Ward

30th January 2014



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Liantrisant Community Council has taken time to look at the boundaries of the wards which it serves. Following this several residential areas were highlighted from a geographical point of view as being more appropriate in a different ward, however to gain a more accurate opinion a public consultation exercise was completed to ascertain the feelings of the residents as to which Community they felt they were a part of. The results of this consultation have led to the changes the Community Council is proposing.

- The common area of the Graig is currently within the Talbot Green Ward, it is proposed to use the Llantrisant Town Trusts boundary of the Graig as a new border and include the Graig in the Llantrisant Ward.
- The border between the Liantrisant Ward and Liantwit Fardre ward is the Nant Mydlyn river. Chandlers Reach to the right of the river is in Liantwit Fardre, Rowan Garden's to the left of the river is in Liantrisant. The public consultation showed that 70% of residents who responded would rather be in the Liantwit Fardre ward. It is therefore proposed that the Rowan Gardens estate is moved from Liantrisant Town Ward, Liantrisant Community Council.
- C2-2 One side of the road at Cadwal Court is in the Tynant Ward the remainder of the estate is Llantwit Fardre ward. 100% or residents who responded would rather be in the Llantwit Fardre ward, represented by Llantwit Fardre Community Council.
- C2.3 Geographically looking at a map, the Woodlands estate would appear to be closer to Tynant however 76% of residents would prefer to remain in Llantwit Fardre and did not feel part of the Tynant community.
- There are plans to create a housing estate on the site of the old Cwm Coke Works which will only be accessible from the Tynant end of the site. It would appear to make sense to include this area in a boundary review at this stage before the development proceeds.

Liantrisant Community Council is therefore proposing that the boundary between Liantwit Fardre Community Council and Liantrisant Community Council affecting both the Tynant and Liantrisant Town Ward, be changed from the river to the old railway line as shown on the enclosed map(1).

- C3-1) BEDDAU WARD The public consultation of residents in Penycoedcae showed that 71% of respondents wish to remain in the Beddau ward represented by Llantrisant Community Council. Llantrisant Community Council would therefore like to maintain Penycoedcae within its
 - **232** The current boundary line cuts through the middle of Brynteg, it is proposed to move the

line to the edge of the houses so that all of Brynteg was included in the Beddau Ward. No public consultation has taken place for this change.

I) TALBOT GREEN WARD

Talbot Green ward would have welcomed the addition of the residents of Ynysmaerdy to the ward as currently half of the hospital site is included in Talbot Green. However 65% of residents who responded wished to remain in the Llánharan Community Council area.

100% of residents in the houses behind Lanelay Hall however felt that the Talbot Green Ward of Llantrisant Community Council was more appropriate.

Liantrisant Community Council would suggest that the boundary is changed to include these houses and the Lanelay Hall site in Talbot Green. However discussion would need to take place between Lianharan, Lianharry and Pontylcun Community Councils regarding any changes for the ward arrangements of the Industrial Estates.

Llantrisant Community Council believes that these changes reflect the wishes of the local community. Effective and convenient local government will only get a positive response from the local people if they feel a part of the community in which they are asked to vote, have easy access to their local representatives and feel they are benefiting from the work of their local community council.

BOUNDARY CONSULTATIONS

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Penycoedcae	67	. 17	25
Woodlands	214	76	36
Ynysmaerdy & Lanelay	67	31	46
Rowan Gardens	230	43	19
Cadwalladers	15	4	27

a) Llantrisant Ward: Rowan Gardens

Of the 43 responses received, 13(30%) wish to remain in Llantrisant, none wish to move to Tynant and 30(70%) feel Llantwit Fardre is more appropriate.

b) Tynant Ward: Woodlands, Cadwalladers

Of the 76 responses relating to the Woodlands estate received 69(91%) wish to remain in Llantwit Fardre, 5(7%) feel Tynant is more appropriate. 2 are unsure.

Of the 4 responses received from the Cadwalladers estate all 4(100%) feel the Llantwit Fardre ward is more appropriate.

c) Beddau Ward: Penycoedcae

Of the 17 responses received, 12(71%) wish to remain in the Beddau Ward, 3(18%) feel Pontypridd is more appropriate and 2 are unsure.

d) Talbot Green Ward: Ynysmaerdy and Lanelay.

Of the 26 replies relating to Ynysmaerdy, 17(65%) wish to remain in Llanharan, 8(31%) feel the Talbot Green Ward is more appropriate and 1 is unsure.

All 5(100%)responses relating to Lanelay feel the Talbot Green Ward is more appropriate.



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29th January 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

SECOND STAGE CONSULTATION - BOUNDARY REVIEW

Thank you for the opportunity once again to express the views of Llantrisant Community Council regarding Phase 2 of the proposed boundary changes.

In the email of the 4th Dec from Paul Lucas, paragraph 7 refers to *unexplored* consultation. Please find enclosed copies of all of the responses received from the public consultation undertaken. All letters were hand delivered by Community Council staff and residents were provided with a stamped addressed envelope for responses. This was not a cheap or quick operation, but it was the only way the Community Council felt it could accurately represent its residents.

Before completing the consultation the neighbouring community councils who would be mentioned in the letters were contacted. Llanharan and Llantwit Fadre had no objection to the consultation taking place but wished the letters to be from both Community Councils. It was Llanharan who suggested the SAE, and both Llanharan and Llantwit Fadre offered to pay half of the cost of the stamps. Pontypridd Town Council were also asked about the consultation, but as the Council did not plan in making any suggestions to the consultation the Clerk advised that they were happy for Llantrisant Community Council to proceed without their involvement.

The closing date for the responses was set at the 12th August. Responses received after this date were not included in the Phase 1 response, as we provided Llanharan and Llantwit Fadre with copies of the responses immediately after the closing date, however, they have been added to information provided with this letter as have responses received via the survey monkey option.

I have also attached copies of the letters sent out, which you will see take sections of your own letter as to why the consultation is taking place.

Please find below comments on each of the proposals which affect the Llantrisant Community Council wards.

Clerk / Clerc - Mrs Alison Jenkins

CBR C3.2 Relocate the boundary of Llantrisant community to incorporate the two properties of "The Gables and "Ailsa House" into the Beddau Community Boundary.

Llantrisant Community Council agree with this proposal although reiterate that the residents of the 2 properties have not been consulted.

CBR C1 Relocate the boundary of Talbot Green to incorporate the area known as "Y Graig" into the Llantrisant Town Community Boundary.

Llantrisant Community Council agree with this proposal

CBR C2.1 Relocate the boundary of Tyn-y-nant and Llantrisant Town to incorporate the Rowan Gardens Estate into the Llantwit Fadre Community Boundary. These proposals would result in the relocation of 233 properties.

Llantrisant Community Council agree with this proposal. It is in line with the results of the public consultation completed. It is a prime example of where a Boundary changes has been proposed where an identifiable community has expanded beyond the current boundary due to housing development or change of land use or where a change to a physical barrier (river, main road, railway line) between two communities will give greater definition and clarity to the communities in question. The historical river boundary is definitely in need of a change.

CBR A1 Relocate the boundary of the Graig community south to the Gelynnog Ganol Farms, Relocate all 89 properties from the Beddau community to the Graig Community

Llantrisant Community Council strongly disagrees with this proposal. 70% of those residents who responded to the consultation agreed with the Community Council and are also opposed to this change.

"For the purpose of the analysis a community will be viewed as having a characteristic of a sense of identity that is often accompanied by a sense of separation from people living outside the area. This characteristic stems from a combination of social, economic, geographical and cultural influences.

Boundary changes have been proposed where either an identifiable community has expanded beyond the current boundary due to housing development or change of land use or where a change to a physical barrier (river, main road, railway line) between two communities will give greater definition and clarity to the communities in question."

This is not a new housing estate, this is a village with its own identity. Many of the houses along Penycoedcae Road which are proposed to move to the Graig used to house workers for the Cwm Colliery in Beddau. The proposed boundary cuts straight through the middle of Castellau woods a very definite geographical area.

Llantrisant Community Council query; Where is the expansion? Where is the new development? What is the change of land use? And what is the physical barrier which will give better definition and clarity to the boundary? With regard to the last it

appears to be more complicated cutting across field borders and along rivers in the middle of forests rather than along roads.

This proposal has not come from Pontypridd Town Council. This move will be to their benefit in terms of precept, if they believed it to be the best for the community also, would they not have proposed the move and be supporting it through this consultation?

CBR A2 Relocate the boundary of Llantwit Fadre community east to the Black Road and South to the Croescade Road. The subsequent change would result in the area known as "Cwm Coke Works" being relocated to the Tyn-y-nant Community.

Llantrisant Community Council agree with this proposal. The proposed housing estate will be accessed via Tyn-y-nant.

CBR B1 Relocate the boundary of Tyn-y-nant concerning Cadwal Count (no 55 to 76) to the west. This would result in 23 properties relocating from Tyn-y-nant to Llantwit Fadre.

Llantrisant Community Council agree with this proposal. It is in line with the results of the public consultation completed. It is a prime example of where a Boundary changes has been proposed where an identifiable community has expanded beyond the current boundary due to housing development or change of land use or where a change to a physical barrier (river, main road, railway line) between two communities will give greater definition and clarity to the communities in question. The historical river boundary is definitely in need of a change.

TALBOT GREEN

The Community Council originally made observations about the houses behind Lanelay Hall. Because of "ambiguity" with our proposals it has not been considered for stage 2. The ambiguity was because Llantrisant Community Council did not want to be seen to be just taking the geographical area which had residential properties and felt that some sort of joint discussion should take place regarding the industrial estates. There are 4 Community Councils which converge in this area.

The majority of the houses behind Lanelay Hall have been built or converted in recent years, they would class as an area "where an identifiable community has expanded beyond the current boundary due to housing development". This housing development will continue if the land at Lanelay Hall is sold as currently advertised.

At the last boundary review the area of land between the river (existing boundary) and the roundabout in front of Lanelay Hall was extended to include properties enclosed by the Talbot Green by pass. Llantrisant Community Council propose extending the sweep from the end of the bypass up along the boundary between the Industrial Estate and Lanelay Hall as shown on the attached map. This is in line with 100% of the responses received from the public consultation. Llantrisant Community Council would have extended this line up to include the residential area of Ynysmaerdy however the public consultation showed that residents here felt a part of Llanharan Community Council. They are not a new development and over the

years have developed a relationship with the Council which serves them. Llantrisant Community Council respect these opinions.

When the new houses at Lanelay Hall are advertised, will the new sign read Lanelay Hall, Talbot Green of Lanelay Hall, Llanharan, Will these new residents walk their children to the neighbouring Tonysguboriau Primary School or drive them to Llanharan Primary School. Will they register at a Doctor in the New Park Surgery in Talbot Green or the Llanharan Surgery which is a branch surgery of the Pencoed surgery?

Llantrisant Community Council strongly urges the committee to change the boundary around the residential houses at Lanelay in line with the wishes of the residents.

Thank you for giving the Community Council the opportunity to respond to the proposals.

Yours sincerely

For and on behalf of the Chair

Mrs Alison Jenkins

CLERK

Maddocks, Stephen

From: PETER DAVIES [peter.daviesdma@btinternet.com]

 Sent:
 26 July 2013 12:58

 To:
 Maddocks, Stephen

Subject: COMMUNITY BOUNDARY AND ELECTORAL ARRANGE, MENTS REVIEW

Dear Stephen

With ireference to your letter of 18 June, I confirm that the Community Council would like the previous proposals regarding the Brynna and Llanharan wards to be considered under this consultation round.

You should also be aware that Llantrisant Community Council (possibly with a joint letter from Llanharan Community Council) are going to undertake a survey of residents in Y ysmaerdy regarding their preference i.e. - Llantrisant or Llanharan - the survey results will not be known until the end of August

Regards

Peter

Maddocks, Stephen

From:

PETER DAVIES [peter.daviesdma@btinternet.com]

Sent: To: 29 November 2013 12:39 Maddocks, Stephen

Subject:

RCT COMMUNITY REVIEW

Dear Steven

With reference to our discussion yesterday, I confirm that since the Review commenced there has been residential development (Heritage Way etc) by Llanmoors and there is a similar problem to the Maes-y-Gobaith estate where ward boundaries were unclear to the ordinary member of the public. The Community Council suggests that the ward boundary should be revised to follow the spine road on the site - I hope that you can include this in your

As far as the other 2 suggestions previously made, the Community Council still supports these changes

Peter

Clerk, Llanharan Community Council



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First of all, I would like to express my disappointment and dissatisfaction in the fact that this consultation is not available in Welsh on the County's website. Sadly, this attitude towards the Welsh language (where the Welsh web pages do not reflect the information on the English pages) isn't an exception by far. In this respect, at least the Council is consistent in its attitude towards the Welsh language but I doubt that this is something to take pride in.

Secondly, I note that the information given by the Council in regard to community boundaries in the Cynon Valley is incorrect and is therefore misleading. The communities are listed in the far left column of the 'Cynon Electoral Arrangements and Charges' table. Six of these are incorrect. Aberaman North, Aberaman South, Aberdare East, Aberdare West, Mountain Ash East and Mountain Ash West are not communities. According to Cynon Valley (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1983, the relevant communities are Aberaman, Aberdare and Mountain Ash. These are divided into North and South, East and West for the purpose of electoral wards as is noted correctly in the column on the far right. As you know, noting the boundaries of communities is important. With every electoral review, communities can no longer cross ward boundaries or be divided.

Therefore, I urge you to correct this mistake as soon as possible. At present, people are being misguided about this key point.

In regard to the Community Review on a whole, I would urge the Council to take a stance to ensure that communities are relatively small. Communities are the basis of the wards that are determined by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales and big communities reduce flexibility. This is due to the provision in Appendix II to the Local Government Act 1972, which states that every community should be included in the boundaries of one ward. The difficulties that arise from this were highlighted in the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales' electoral review in 2010. It was noted that the Community of Aberdare, which at that at that time was divided into two wards should be in one ward. The Community of Aberdare has more than 11,000 constituents; therefore, a ward had to be formed that included at least this population.

It is far easier to create wards from small 'blocks' of the population compared to big blocks, especially if having a fairly equal population is desirable, as is required by Local Government Act 1972.

Therefore, I suggest that you should consider having the Electoral Divisions as communities as they are small enough to give the relevant flexibility.

It would be best to have communities that are communities in the true sense of the word. I doubt that any one considers Aberdare or Aberaman as communities in the every day meaning of the term.

I also believe that a whole street or road should be in one community. I realise that one or two roads in RhCT are long and are in more than one village. Where possible, a road should in one community only. In particular, I would like to suggest that Cardiff Road as a whole should be in the community of Aberaman. At present, about 80-85% of it is in Aberaman and about 15-20% of it is in Aberdare. There isn't a geographical reason why the whole road can't be in Aberaman.



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LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANILLTUD FAERDREF

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15th August 2013

BOUNDARY CONSULTATIONS

Dear Stephen

Llantwit Fardre Community have resolved that the Boundary in Church Village show in Black on the Map should change and be registered under Church Village (Originally in Llantwit Fardre.)

The named streets are I believe Llys Garth, Erw Far, The Paddock and Pentre Eglws 10-42 should be moved from Llantwit Fardre to Church Village as the Field should be the natural boundary.

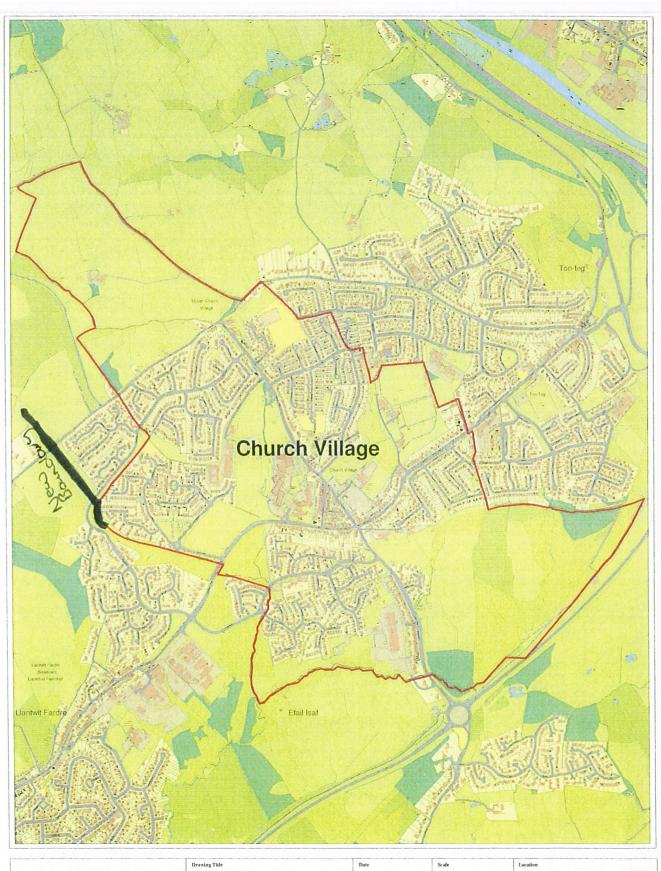
We propose that this would form clarity between neighbouring streets.

Yours sincerely

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Leanne Handley

Clerk and Executive Officer





Maddocks, Stephen

From: Stacey, Graham (Councillor)

Sent: 22 August 2013 10:48
To: Maddocks, Stephen

Subject: Transfer of properties

Dear Stephen

Further to our telephone conversation in which you requested me to advise you of the properties which I believe should be transferred from Llantwit Fardre Ward into the Church Village Ward, the properties in question are

No 1 and No 2 Dan Y Twyn, Black Road, Upper Church Village RCT CF 37 !PR

Regards

Graham Stacey CBC for Church Village



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3. Please add any comments (no more than 2,000 words) in support of your view(s) for either a change or for no changes to be made. Provide your reasons and/or relevant supporting evidence.

I PROPOSE THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO TRANSFERRING THE FOLLOWING FROM THE COMBACH ELECTORAL DIVISION TO MOUNTAIN ASH EAST.

ALL ELECTORS AT THESE ADDRESSES HAVE TO TRAVEL
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GWMBACH.

THE POSTAL ADDRESS FOR THESE PROPERTIES IS CEFNIENNAR, MOUNTAIN ASH.

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Please continue on additional sheets of paper if necessary

Return your submission by 31st August 2013 to:

Electoral Services, Unit 2 Maritime Business Park, Maritime Industrial Estate, Pontypridd, CF37 1NY

E-mail: electoralservices@rctcbc.gov.uk

Maddocks, Stephen

Subject:

FW: Boundary changes

From: Elliott, Jeffrey (Councillor) Sent: 07 February 2014 13:31

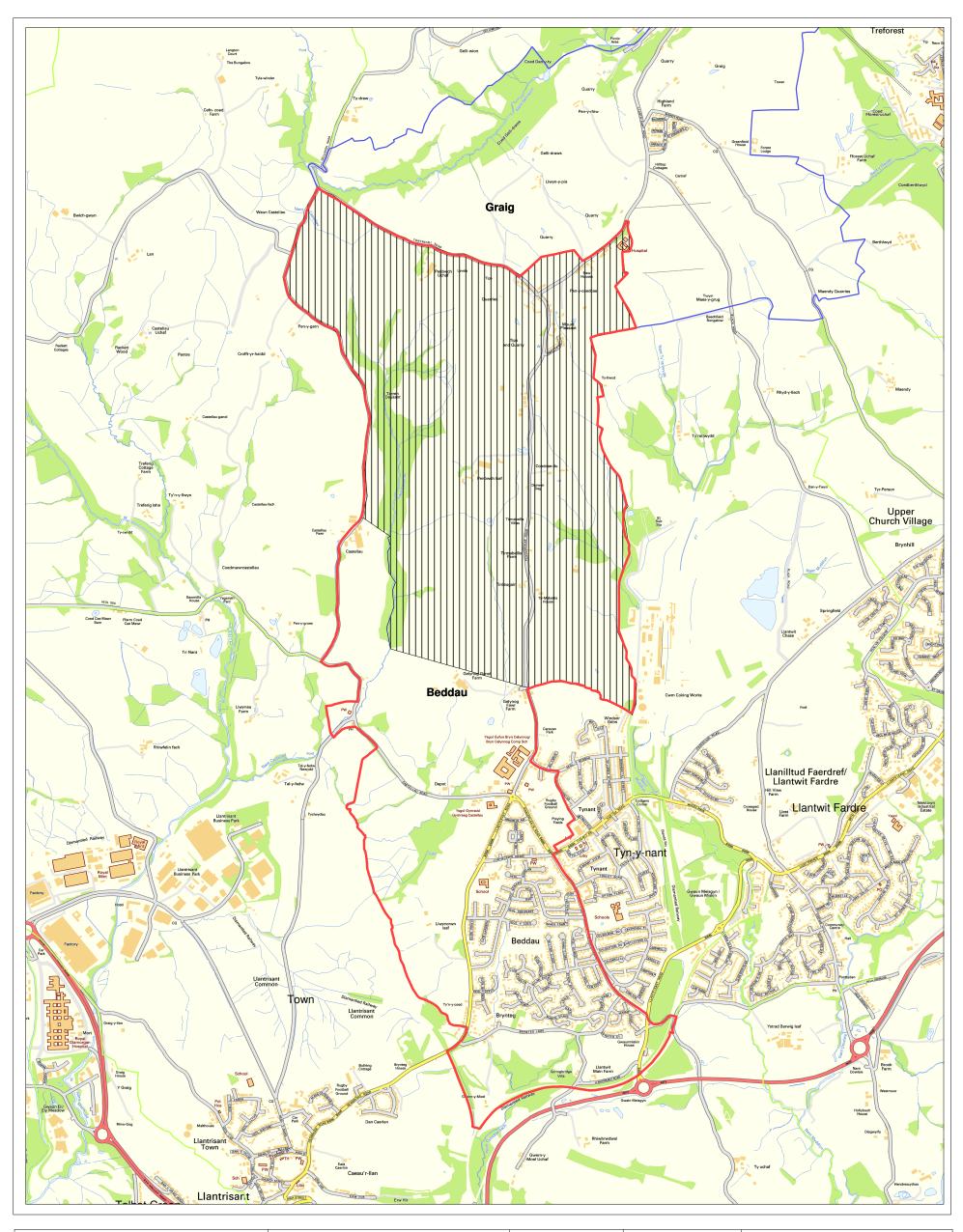
To: Electoral Services
Subject: Boundary changes

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am sorry for the belated reply to the Review into Electoral Division changes. However, I would like it noted that I am against any change to the boundary in Cwmbach. I would only accept a change if it were the unanimous decision of residents in a local referendum by those residents to go into Mountain Ash East Ward.

Regards

JEFF





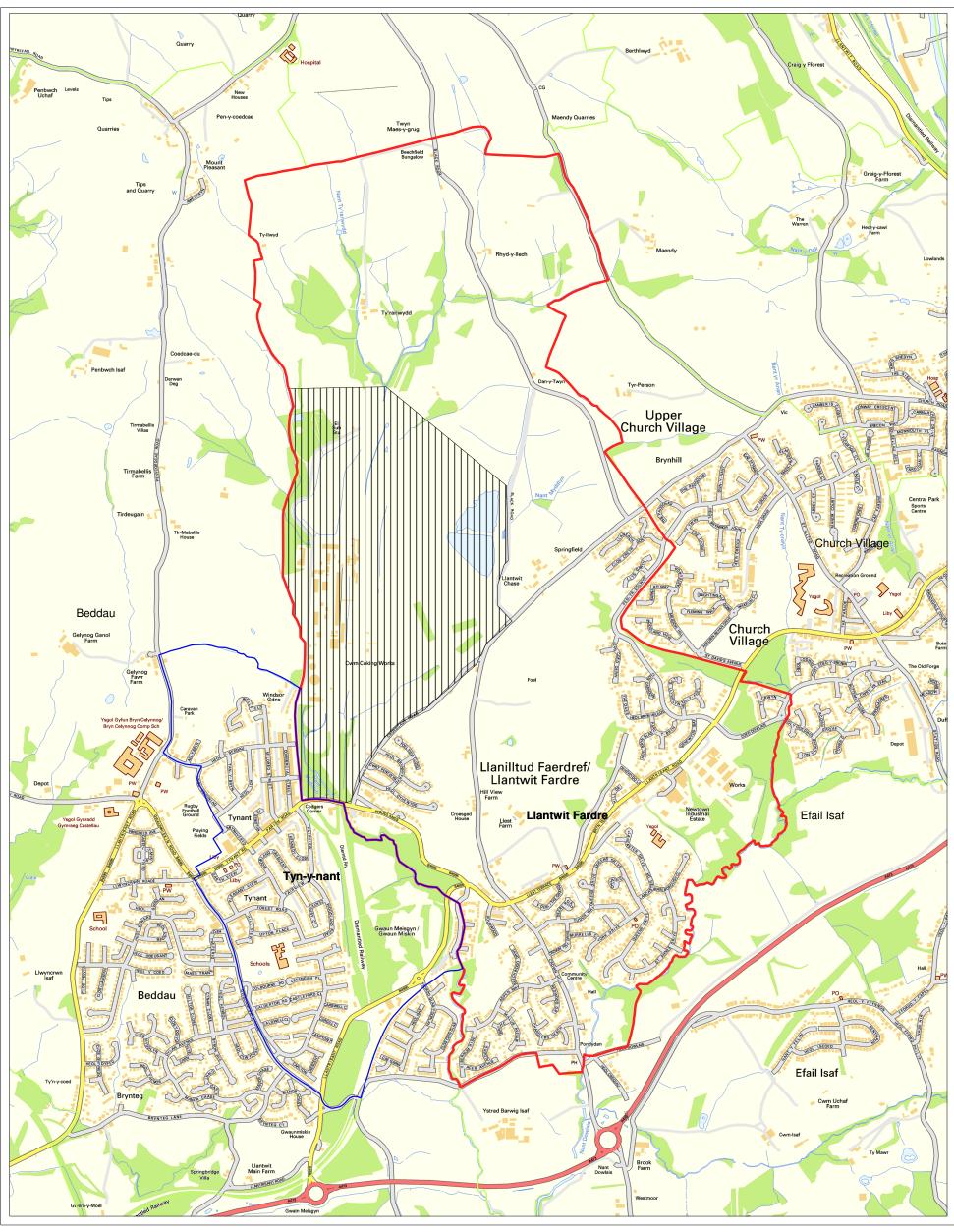
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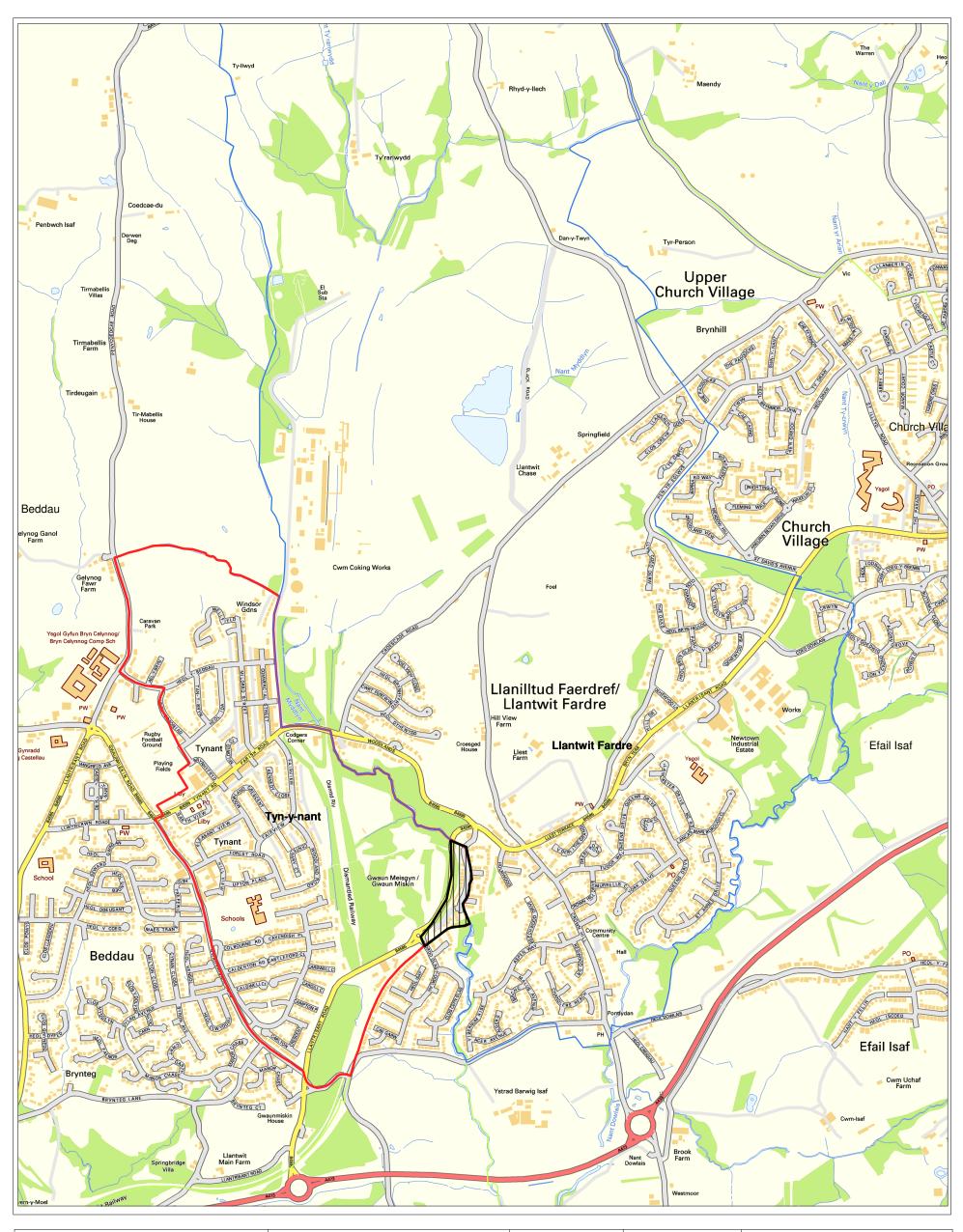
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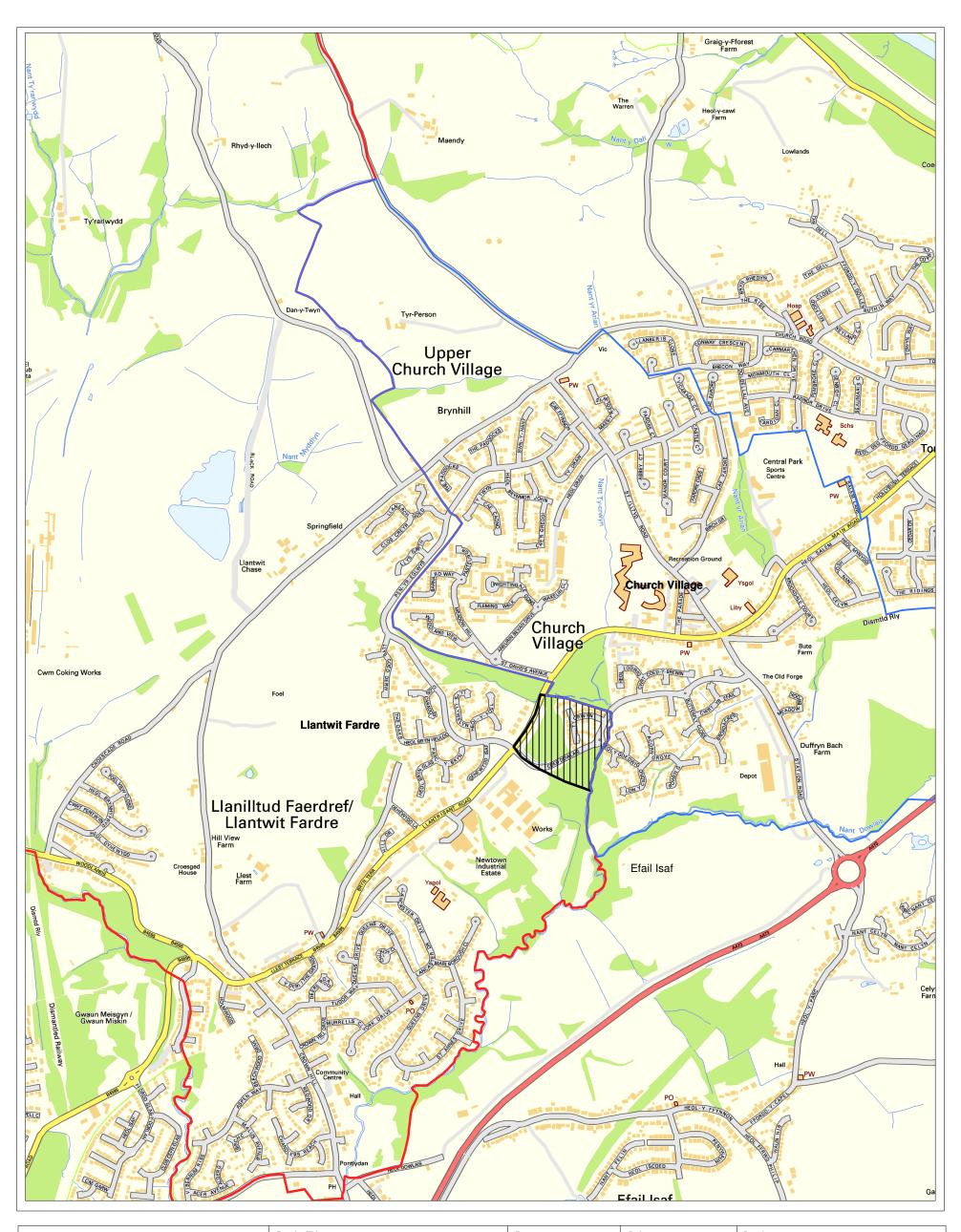


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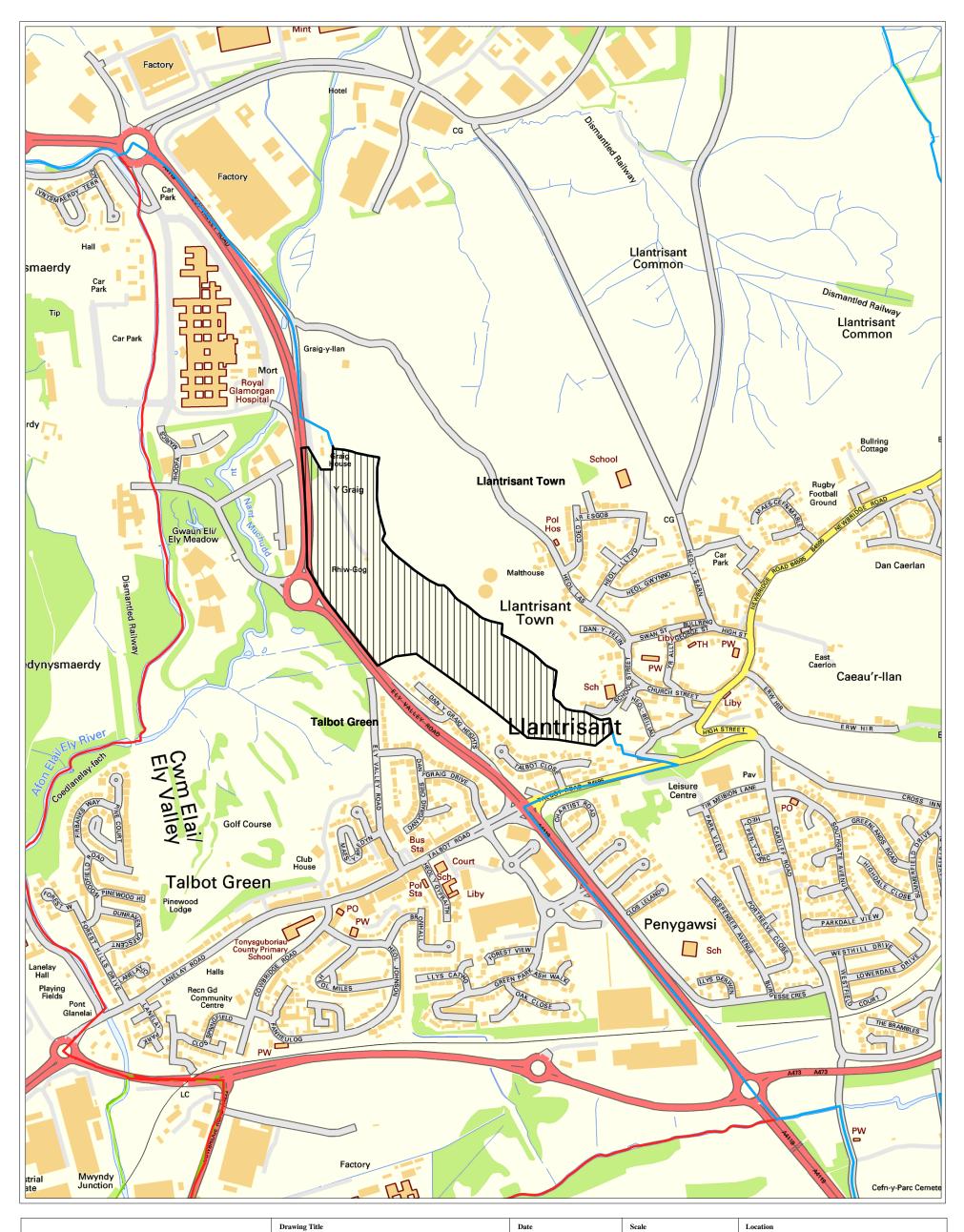
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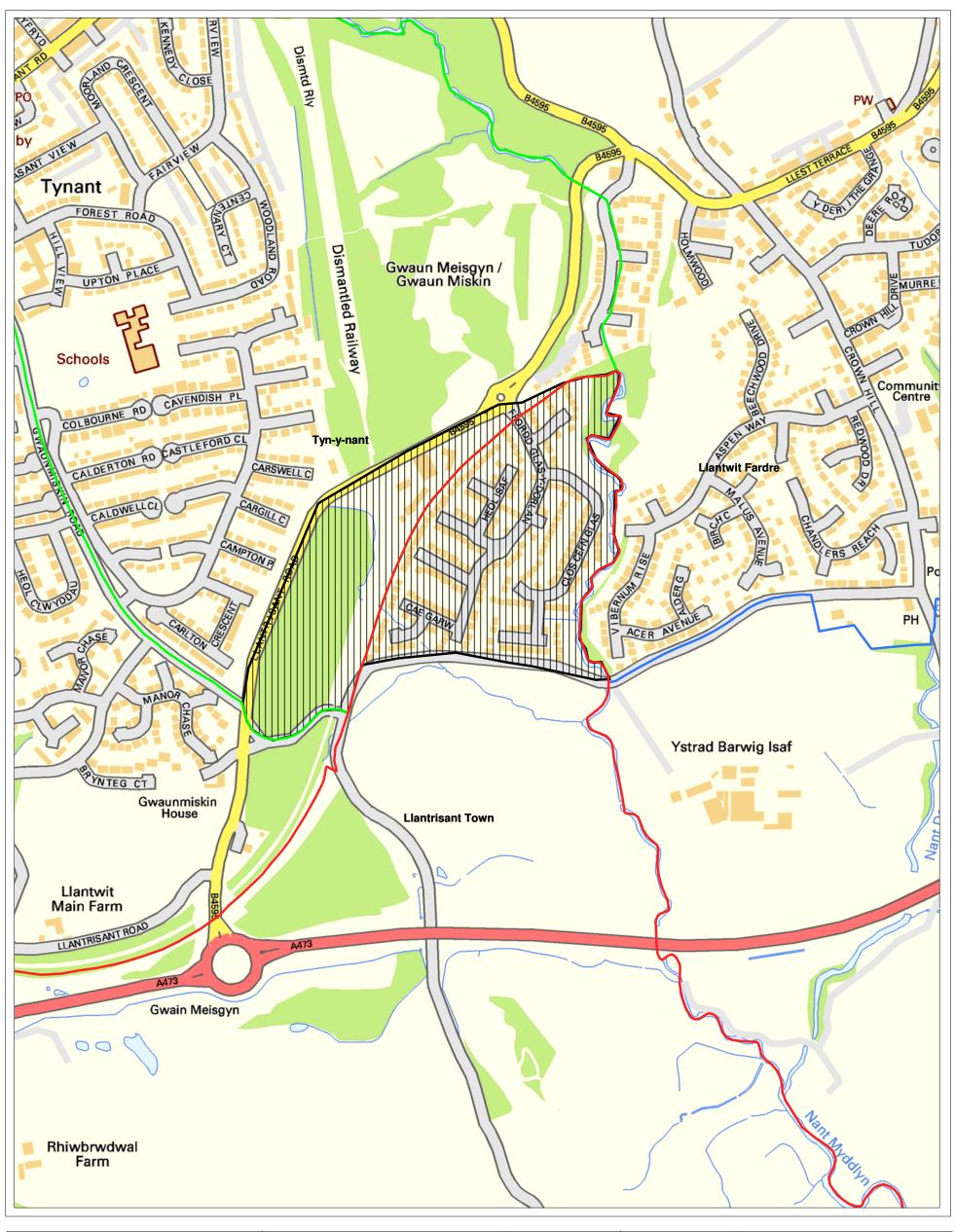




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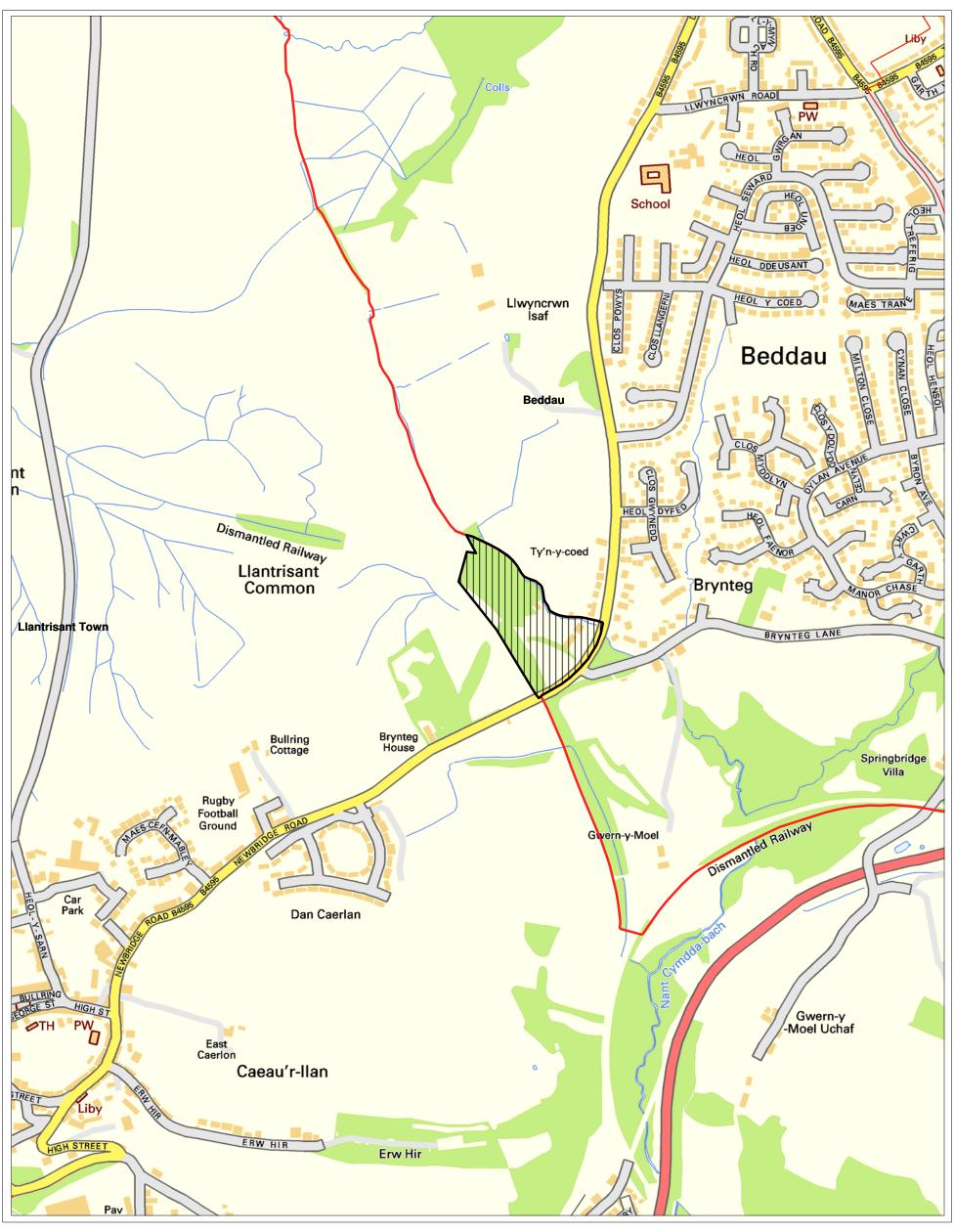
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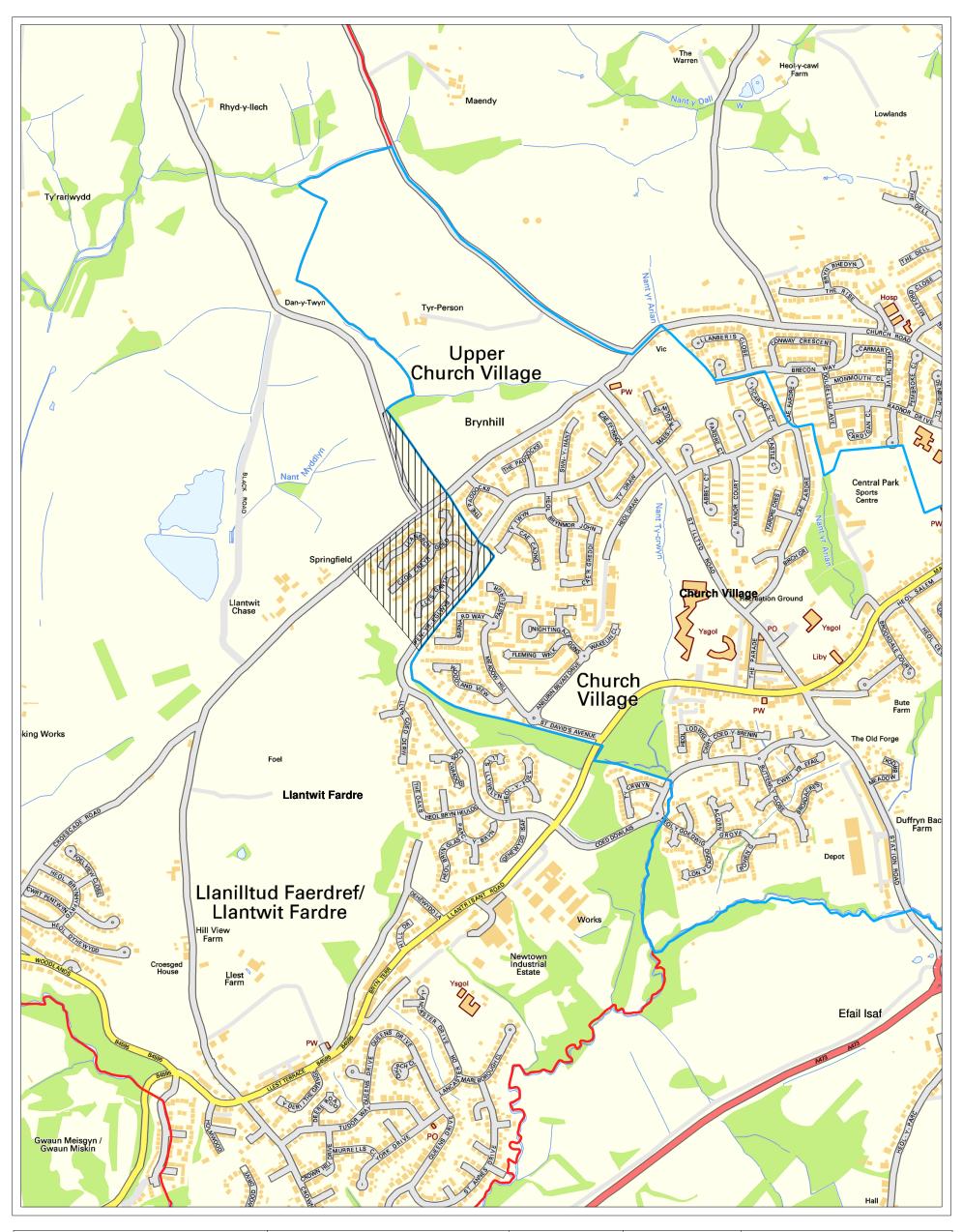
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Proposal D1

Transfer from Llanwit Fardre Community Ward of Llantwit Fardre, to Church Village Community Ward of Llantwit Fardre. Red Boundary - existing Llantwit Fardre Boundary

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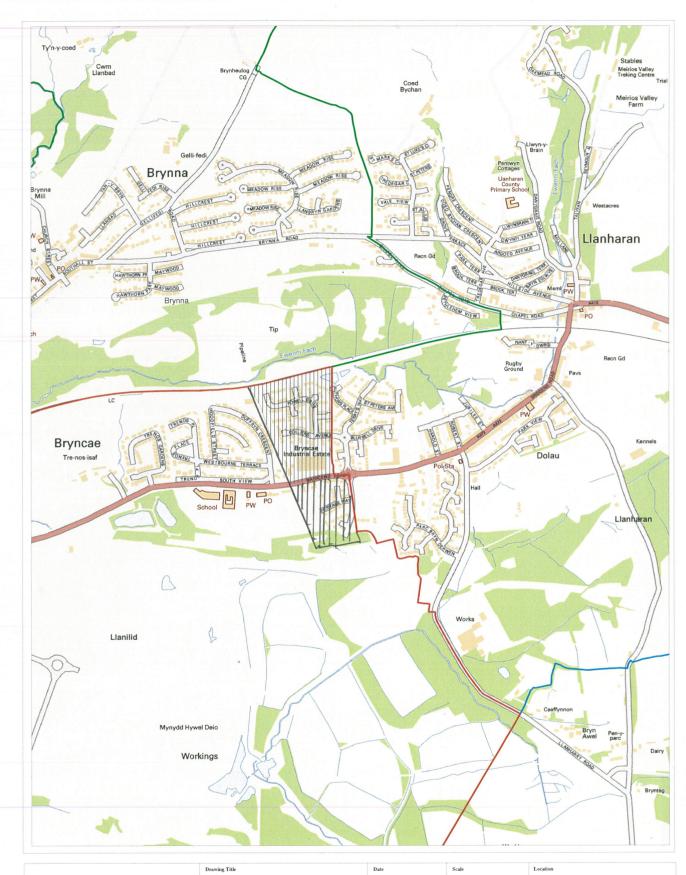


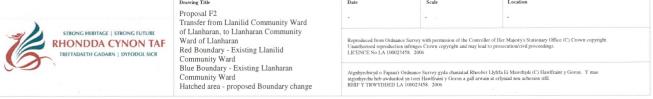


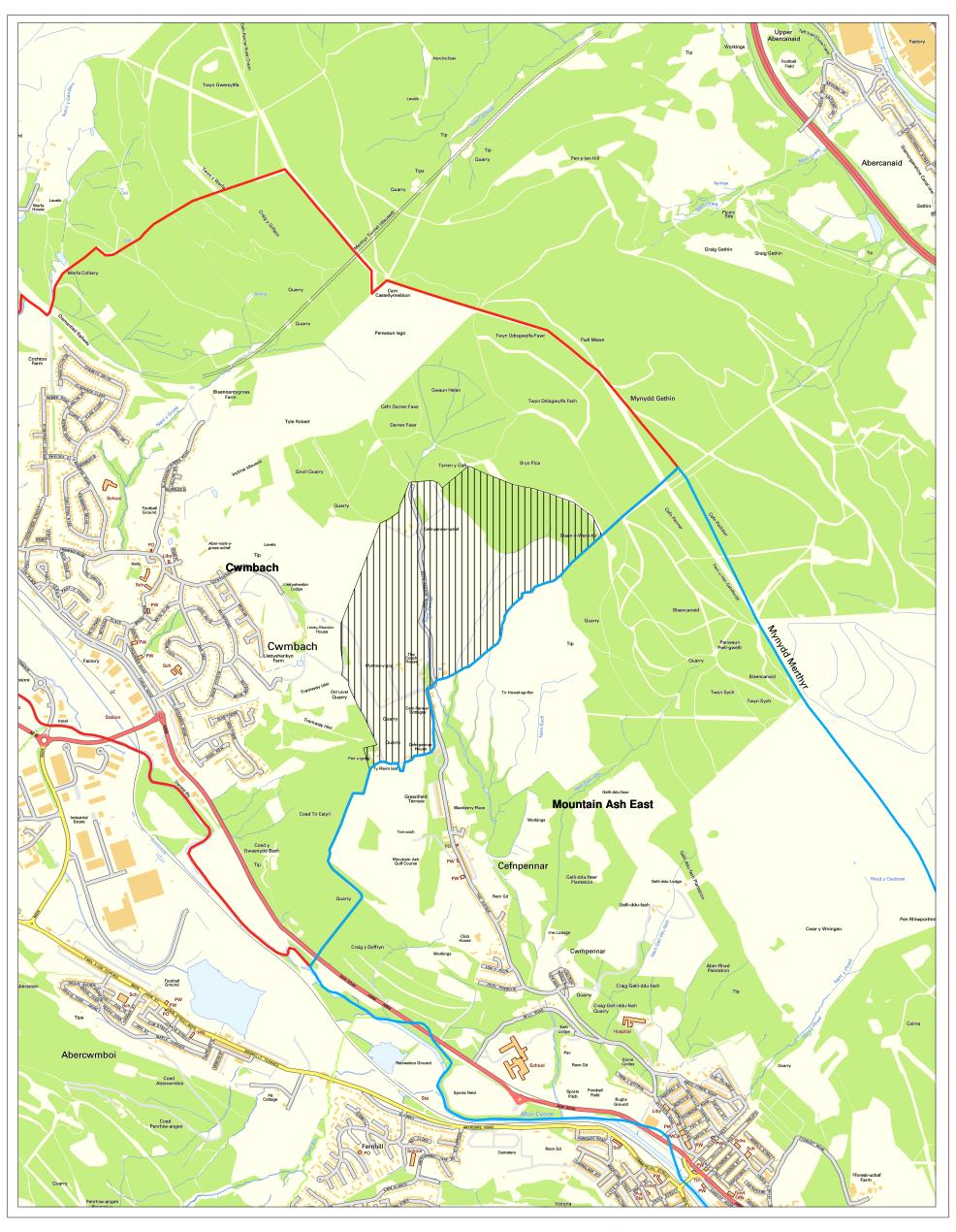
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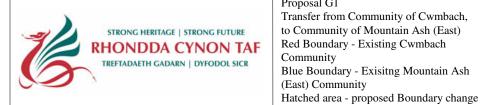
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Drawing Title Proposal G1 Transfer from Community of Cwmbach, to Community of Mountain Ash (East) Red Boundary - Existing Cwmbach

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