



**Review of the Community Arrangements of the County Borough of Rhondda  
Cynon Taf**

**Draft Proposals Report**

**November 2024**

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**DRAFT PROPOSALS REPORT**

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## Chapter 1. SUMMARY OF DRAFT PROPOSALS

1. This community review of the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf is conducted under the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 and the Authority's terms of reference document.
2. The Council proposes a change to the arrangement of communities and community wards that should ensure that communities continue to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government across the principal council area.
3. The principal area of Rhondda Cynon Taf currently comprises of 39 communities.
4. At this stage, the Council proposes a change to the boundaries of 33 communities across the principal council area.
5. The Council has proposed no changes to 6 communities across the principal council area: **Cwmbach, Llwydcoed, Treallaw, Trehafod, Tylorstown and Ynysybwl and Coed-y-cwm.**
6. During the initial investigations stage of the community review, the Council received representations from 2 Town and Community Councils, 1 Member of the Senedd, 1 County Councillor, 1 Community Councillor, 4 Members of the Public and the Authority's Electoral Registration Officer. All representations are published on Authority's [website](#).
7. All submissions were then considered by the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council Cross Party Working Group (RCTCPWG) prior to reviewed and approved by Council.
8. Each proposal will be described in detail with maps showing the changes in Chapter 3 of this report.
9. There are no proposals to amend any of the existing English or Welsh names for Community areas or Community wards.

## **Chapter 2. THE COUNCIL SIZE POLICY**

1. The Council size policy is set out in the Terms of Reference for the review. For completeness, the policy is provided in this document.
2. The Councils' community review will be undertaken subject to section 25 of the Act and therefore will focus on making boundary changes to ensure that community boundaries reflect the identities and interests of the communities across the principal council area and that they are both effective and convenient. Any consequential changes to electoral arrangements will only be made when changes to community or community ward boundaries have been made.
3. The Council has stated that communities should be represented by no less than 7 councillors. Community Council areas should have no fewer than a total of 700 electors (i.e. the total of the community wards within that town/community council area);
4. The principal council has also stated that community wards should consist of no less than 250 electors for, and ratios of councillors to electors are:
  - a minimum of 1 : 500 for urban areas, and
  - a minimum of 1 : 250 for rural/mixed areas;



### **Chapter 3. DRAFT PROPOSALS**

1. The Council's proposals are described in detail in this chapter. For each new proposal the report sets out:
  - The name(s) of the existing community areas which wholly or in part constitute the proposed amended new communities;
  - a brief description of the existing community arrangements in terms of the number of electors and warding arrangements (if applicable). The electorate used in this document are the projected 2028 figures;
  - key arguments made during the Council deliberations;
  - the composition of the proposed community arrangements;
  - a table which sets out the proposed community council arrangements including the variance from the ratio of electors per councillor within the wards of each community; and,
  - a map of the proposed community and/or community ward.

## **Llanharan, Llanharry, Llantrisant and Pont-y-clun**

2. The current community arrangements in Llanharan consist of 3 wards: Brynna, Llanharan and Llanilid. The Community has a total electorate of 8,048 and is represented by 14 community councillors. The electorate by ward and number of councillors are as follows:

Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor
Brynna	2,153	6	359
Llanharan	2,905	6	484
Llanilid	2,990	2	1,495
TOTAL	8,048	14	575

3. The current community arrangements in Llanharry consist of 2 wards: Llanharry and Tyle-garw. The Community has a total electorate of 3,418 and is represented by 9 community councillors. The electorate by ward and number of councillors are as follows:

Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor
Llanharry	2,778	8	347
Tyle-garw	640	1	640
TOTAL	3,418	9	380

4. The current community arrangements in Llantrisant consist of 4 wards: Beddau, Llantrisant Town, Talbot Green and Tyn-y-nant. The Community has a total electorate of 11,061 and is represented by 14 community councillors. The electorate by ward and number of councillors are as follows:

Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor
Beddau	3,191	4	798
Llantrisant Town	3,321	4	830
Talbot Green	2,063	3	688
Tyn-y-nant	2,486	3	829
TOTAL	11,061	14	790

5. The current town council arrangements in Pont-y-clun consist of 3 wards: Pontyclun Central, Pontyclun East and Pontyclun West. The town has a total electorate of 6,952 and is represented by 11 town councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors are as follows:

Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor
Pontyclun Central	2,346	4	587
Pontyclun East	2,606	3	869
Pontyclun West	2,000	4	500
TOTAL	6,952	11	632

## Representations

6. The Council received 2 representations concerning the Community of Llanharan from: Community Councillor Feist and the Authority's Electoral Registration Officer.
7. The Council received 2 representations concerning the Community of Llantrisant from: Joel James MS and Pontyclun Town Council.
8. The Council received 5 representations concerning the Community of Pont-y-clun from: Pontyclun Town Council, County Councillor Paul Binning, 4 residents of Pont-y-clun and the Authority's Electoral Registration Officer.
9. The representations are available on the Council's website.

## Community ward boundary proposals

10. The Council proposes to apply 7 changes to the existing community ward boundaries, which includes the transfer of areas between the following community wards:
  - Llanharan to Talbot Green
  - Llanharan to Pontyclun West
  - Llanilid to Llanharan
  - Pontyclun Central to Pontyclun East
  - Pontyclun East to Llantrisant Town
  - Talbot Green to Pontyclun Central
  - Tyle-garw to Pontyclun West
11. **Llanharan to Talbot Green**

The Council proposes the transfer of part of the Community of Llanharan to the Talbot Green ward of the Community of Llantrisant. This proposal affects 171 electors at the Lanelay Hall residential development and was submitted by Joel James MS and supported by the RCTCPWG. The Council believes that this change reflects local identities and provides for more effective and convenient local government. The proposal can be found on the map on page 10.
12. **Llanharan to Pontyclun West**

The Council also proposes to transfer part of Coedcae Lane Industrial Estate and Lanelay Industrial Estate from the Llanharan ward of Llanharan Community Council to the Pontyclun West ward of Pontyclun Town Council. This will create a clear boundary between the communities of Llanharan and Pont-y-clun running along the A473 and will affect 11 electors. The other industrial units to the West and South are currently part of

the Tyle-garw ward of the Community of Llanharry, which is also subject to a potential transfer to Pontyclun West (please see proposal 17. below). This proposal was submitted by Pontyclun Town Council and is supported by the RCTCPWG. The Council believes that this proposal reflects local identities and provides for more effective local government. The proposal can be found on the map on page 11.

**13. Llanilid to Llanharan**

The Council proposes to transfer part of the Llanilid ward to Llanharan ward. The existing boundary between the two wards currently lies within new housing developments. The Electoral Registration Officer submitted this as part of his consultation response, and Community Councillor Feist suggested a more suitable boundary which was agreed by the RCTCPWG. This proposal affects 597 electors resident to the North of the A473 Bridgend Road, with streets names including Authors Place, Colliers Avenue, Ffordd Y Gwaith Glo, Hunters Avenue, Meiros Close, Powell Drive and Poets Way. Also streets to the south of the A473 including Ffordd Dol Y Coed, Ffordd Y Dolau and Heritage Way. The Council believes that this change reflects local identities and provides for more effective and convenient local government. The proposal can be found on the map on page 12.

**14. Pontyclun Central to Pontyclun East**

The Council proposes to move the street of Delfryn from Pontyclun Central to Pontyclun East. This will move the current boundary to the West of Pontyclun East. This proposal was submitted by County Councillor Paul Binning and 4 residents of Delfryn and supported by RCTCPWG. This affects 88 electors. The Council believes that this change reflects local identities and provides for more effective and convenient local government. The proposal can be found on the map on page 13.

**15. Pontyclun East to Llantrisant Town**

The Council proposes to transfer an area from the East of the Pontyclun East ward to the Llantrisant Town ward of Llantrisant Community Council. This proposal does not affect the electorates of the wards and will use the A4119 as the boundary between the communities. This proposal was submitted by Pontyclun Town Council and is supported by the RCTCPWG. The proposal can be found on the map on page 14.

**16. Talbot Green to Pontyclun Central**

The Council also proposes to transfer an area to the South of the Talbot Green ward of Llantrisant Community Council to the Pontyclun Central ward of Pontyclun Town Council. Again, this will use the A473 to form a clear boundary between the communities of Llantrisant and Pont-y-clun and will affect 2 electors. As well as 2 residential properties this will transfer the area including Leekes and Y Pant School. This proposal was submitted by Pontyclun Town Council and is supported by the RCTCPWG. The proposal can be found on the map on page 15.

**17. Tyle-garw to Pontyclun West**

The Council proposes to merge the Tyle-garw ward of the Community of Llanharry into the existing Pontyclun West ward of the Community of Pont-y-clun. The initial proposal to transfer part of the Tyle-garw ward was submitted by Pontyclun Town Council and was subsequently amended by the RCTCPWG to include the whole community ward. By making this change, the community ward area of Pontyclun West will then be coterminous with the Rhondda Cynon Taf Electoral ward of Pontyclun West. This affects

the community ward boundary for 640 electors, including residents of Coed Mieri, Coedcae Lane, Llanharry Road, Llwyn Onn, Meadow Drive, Meadow View, Meadow Way, Station Terrace, Tylagarw Court, Tylagarw Terrace, Tylagarw and Woodland Terrace. The proposal can be found on the map on page 16.

The Council also proposes to adjust the boundary line between the Tyle-garw ward of Llanharry Community Council and Pontyclun West ward of Pontyclun Town Council at the Junction Industrial Centre. If the above proposal of merging all Tyle-garw into Pontyclun West is approved, this change will not be necessary. The boundary line runs through an industrial unit, and the proposal can be found on the map on page 17.

## Consequential Changes

### Community Council electoral arrangements

#### 18. Llanharan

The proposed community council arrangements in Llanharan would continue to consist of 3 community wards: Brynna, Llanharan and Llanilid. The community is proposed to have a total electorate of 7,877 and be represented by 14 community councillors.

The Community of Llanharan						
Existing				Proposed		
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor
Brynna	2,153	6	359	2,153	<b>4</b>	<b>538</b>
Llanharan	2,905	6	484	3,339	6	557
Llanilid	2,990	2	1,495	2,385	<b>4</b>	<b>596</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,048</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>7,877</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>563</b>

19. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to community electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. Although the Council proposes to retain the number of council members at 14, the ward Councillors should be adjusted to reflect changes in the ward electorates (**Brynna -2** and **Llanilid +2**), and this is in line with the Authority's council size policy for effective and convenient local government.

#### 20. Llanharry

With the Tyle-garw ward proposed to become part of the Pontyclun West community ward, the Llanharry ward would become the whole Community area.

The Llanharry community is proposed to have a total electorate of 2,778 and be represented by 8 community councillors.

The Community of Llanharry						
Existing				Proposed		
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor
Llanharry	2,778	8	347	2,778	8	347
Tyle-garw	640	1	640	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,418</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>2,778</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>347</b>

21. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to community electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. No change is proposed to the existing number of 8 members for the remaining Llanharry Ward. This is in line with the Authority's council size policy for effective and convenient local government.

22. **Llantrisant**

The proposed community council arrangements in Llantrisant would continue to consist of 4 community wards: Beddau, Llantrisant Town, Talbot Green and Tyn-y-nant. The community is proposed to have a total electorate of 11,232 and be represented by 14 community councillors.

<b>The Community of Llantrisant</b>						
<b>Existing</b>				<b>Proposed</b>		
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor
Beddau	3,191	4	798	3,191	4	798
Llantrisant Town	3,321	4	830	3,321	4	830
Talbot Green	2,063	3	688	2,232	3	745
Tyn-y-nant	2,486	3	829	2,486	3	829
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,061</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>11,230</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>802</b>

23. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to community electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. No change is proposed to the existing council of 14 members.

24. **Pont-y-clun**

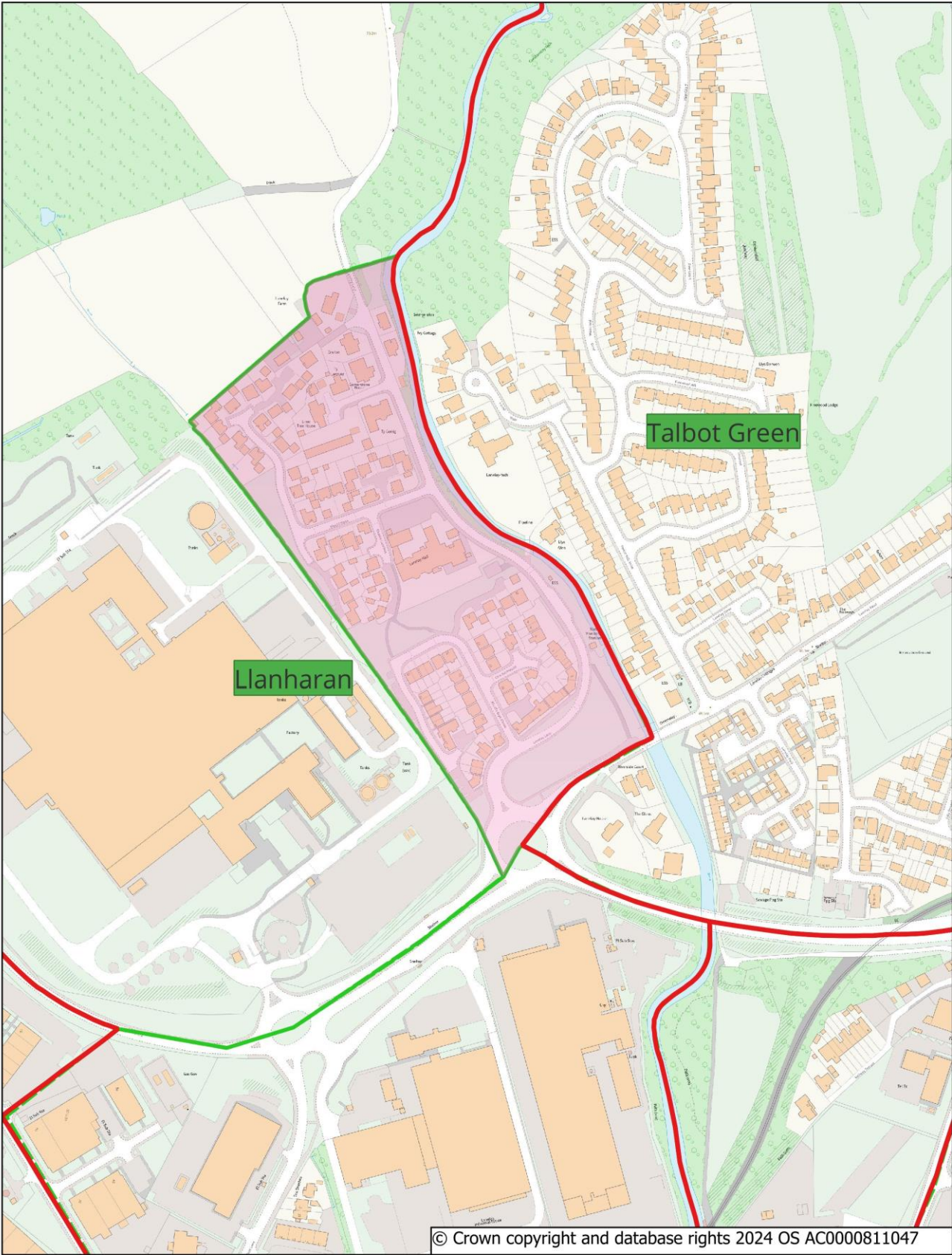
The proposed community council arrangements in Pont-y-clun would continue to consist of three community wards: Pontyclun Central, Pontyclun East and Pontyclun West. As a result of these proposals the electorate within the Community of Pont-y-clun will increase to 7,594.

<b>The Community of Pont-y-clun</b>						
<b>Existing</b>				<b>Proposed</b>		
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor
Pontyclun Central	2,346	4	587	2,260	4	565
Pontyclun East	2,606	3	869	2,694	4	674
Pontyclun West	2,000	4	500	2,640	4	660
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,952</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>7,594</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>633</b>

25. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to community electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Council proposes that the

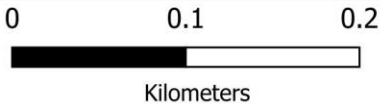
membership of Pontyclun Town Council increases to 12 with an additional community councillor for **Pontyclun East** to reflect changes in the ward electorates. This change is in line with the Authority's council size policy for effective and convenient local government.

Area to be transferred from Llanharan ward of the Community of Llanharan to the Talbot Green Ward of the Community of Llantrisant



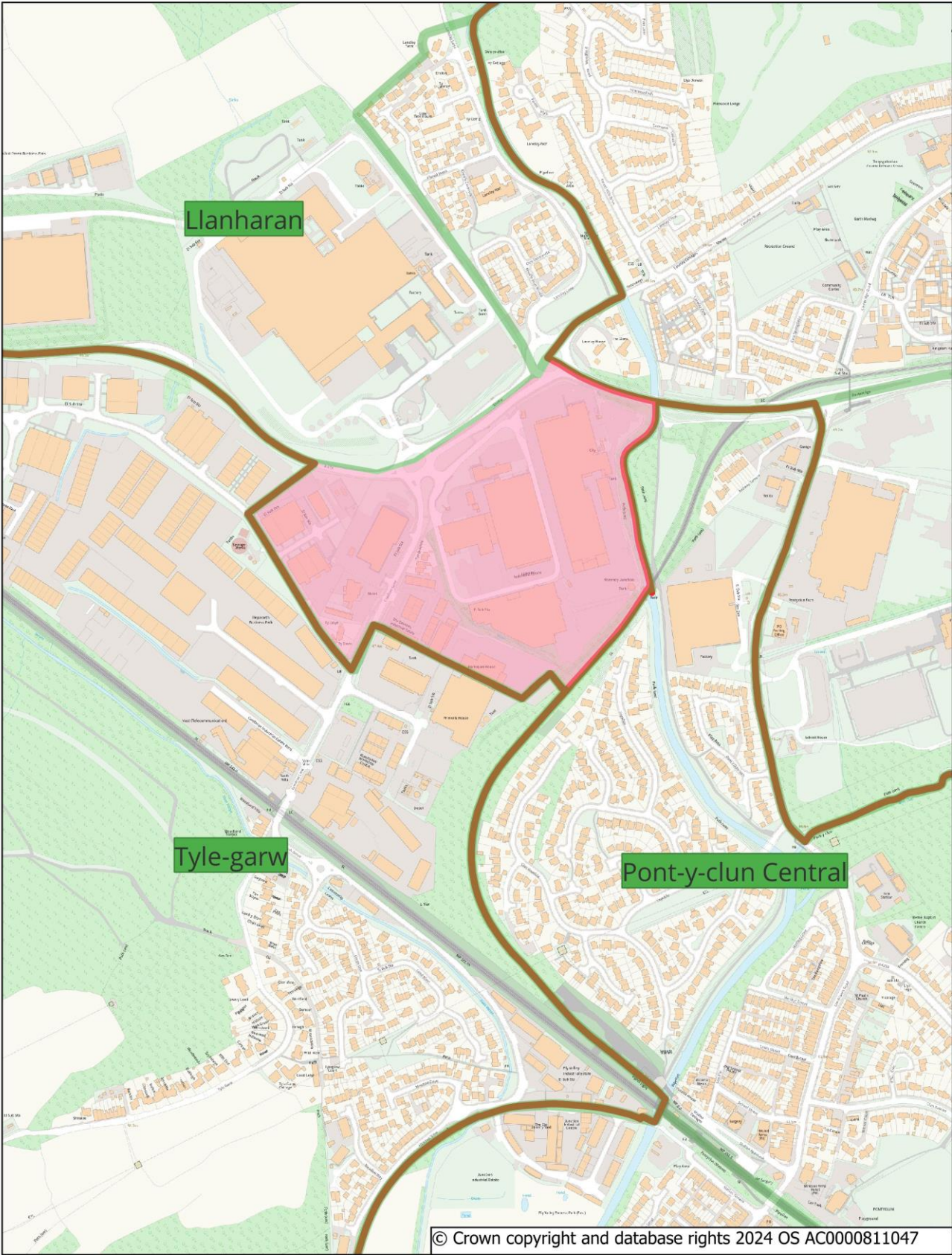
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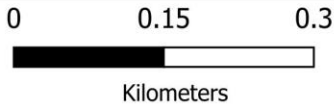


Area to transfer from Llanharan ward of the Community of Llanharan to Pontyclun West ward of the Community of Pont-y-clun (Tyle-garw ward also proposed to transfer to Pontyclun West).



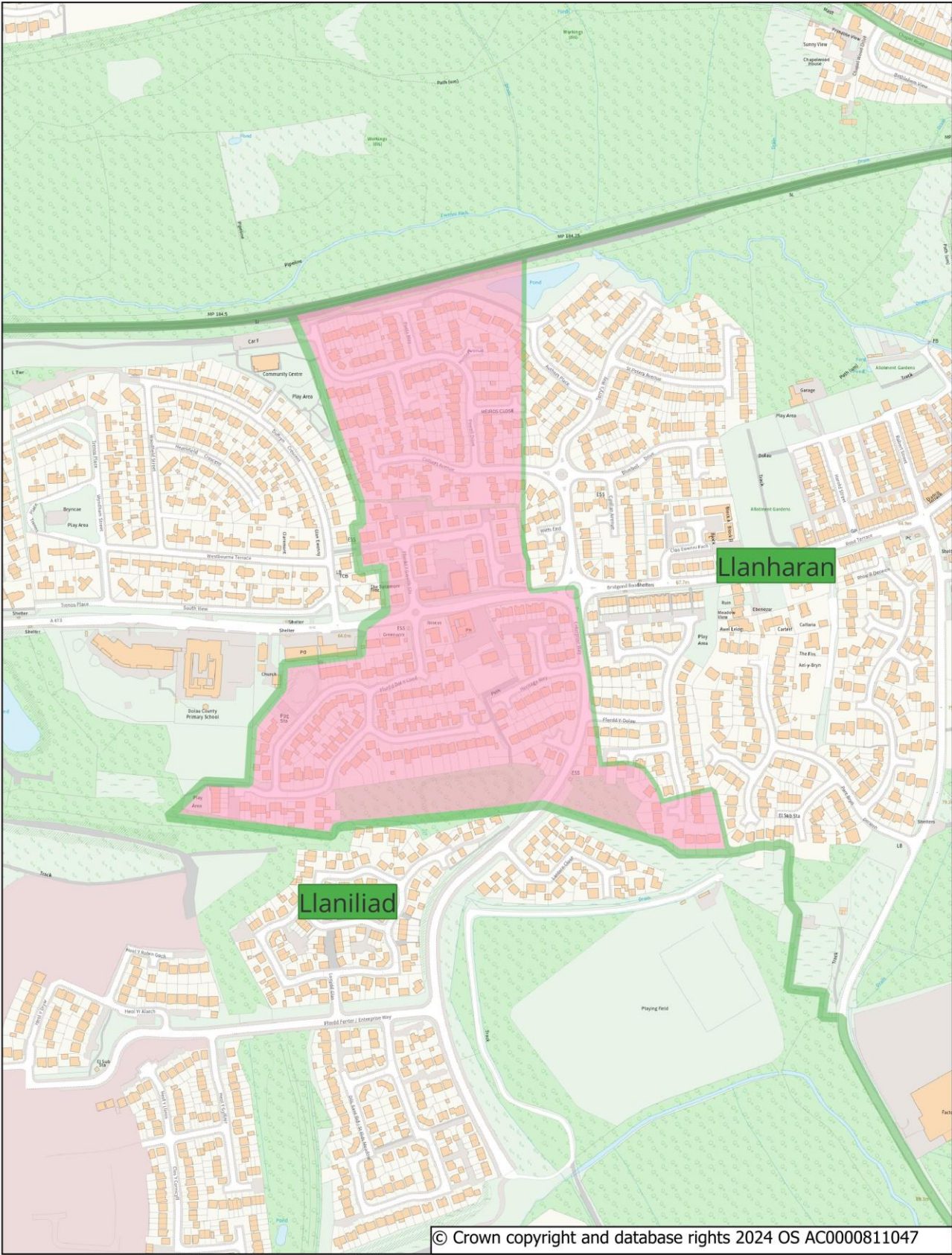
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Area to be transferred from Llanilid ward to the Llanharan ward of the Community of Llanharan



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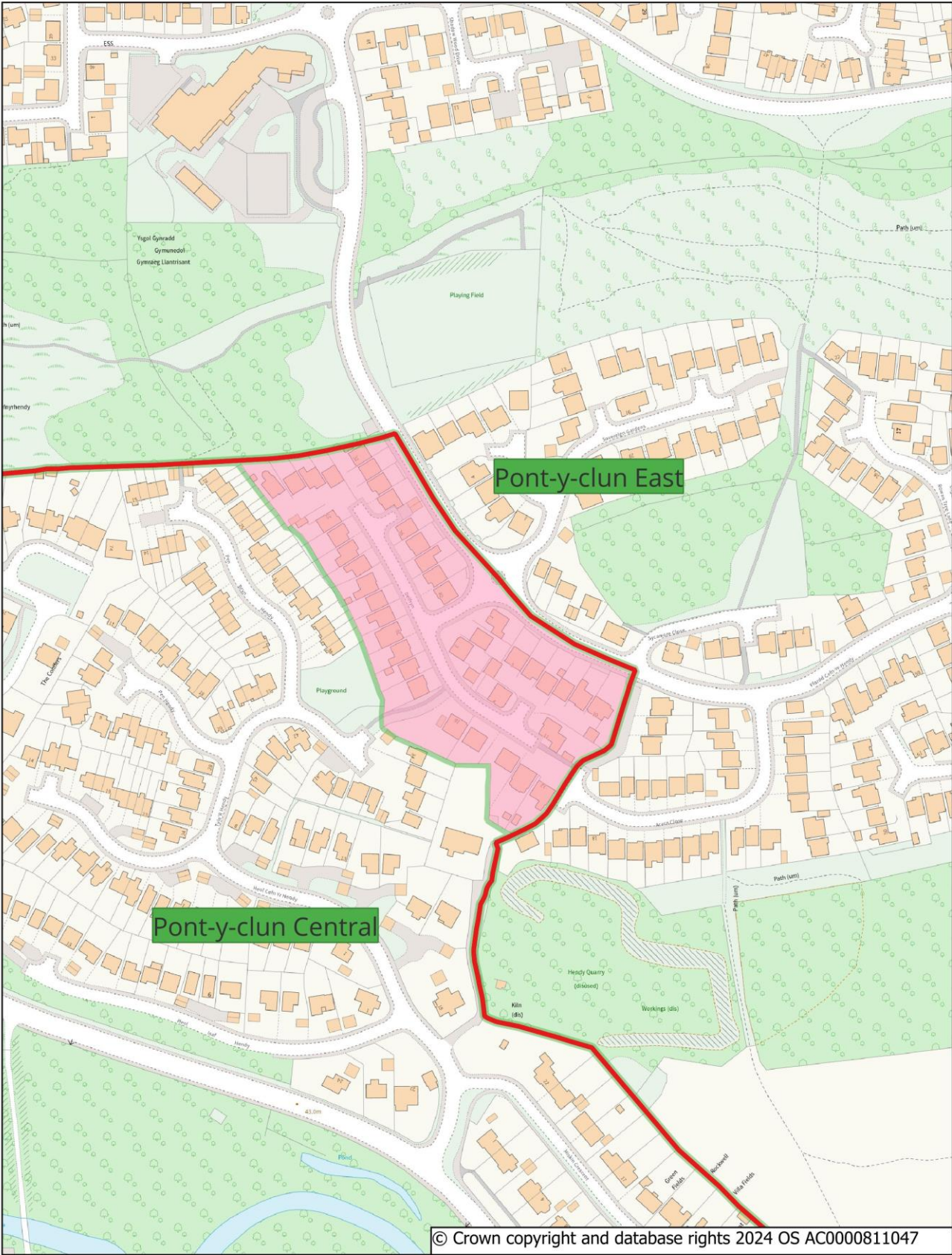
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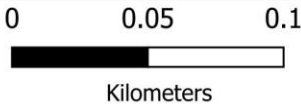


Area to be transferred from Pontyclun Central ward to the Pontyclun East ward of the Community of Pont-y-clun



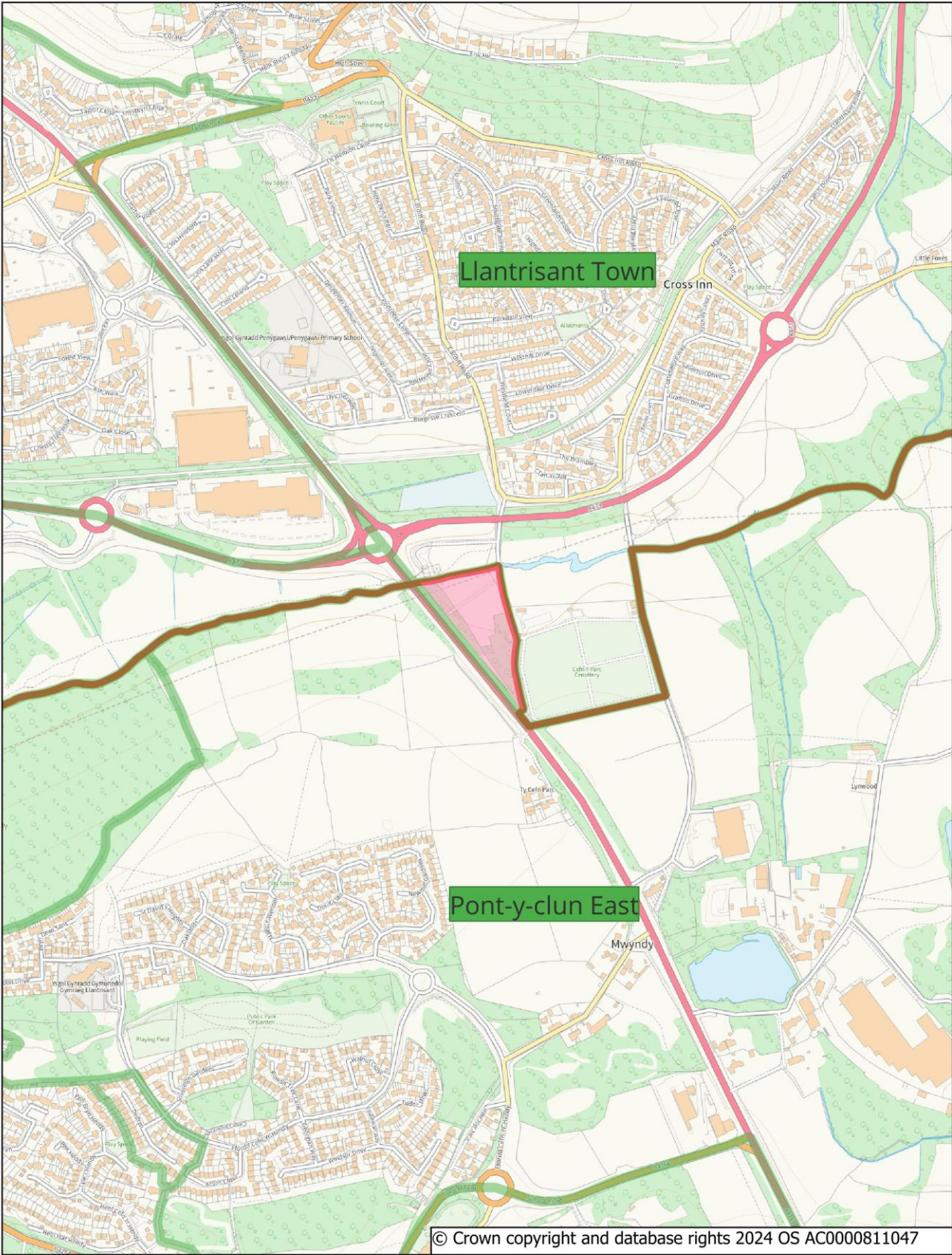
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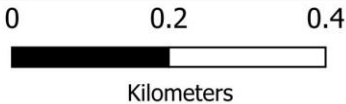


Area to be transferred from the Pontyclun East ward of the Community of Pont-y-clun to the Llantrisant Town ward of Llantrisant Community Council



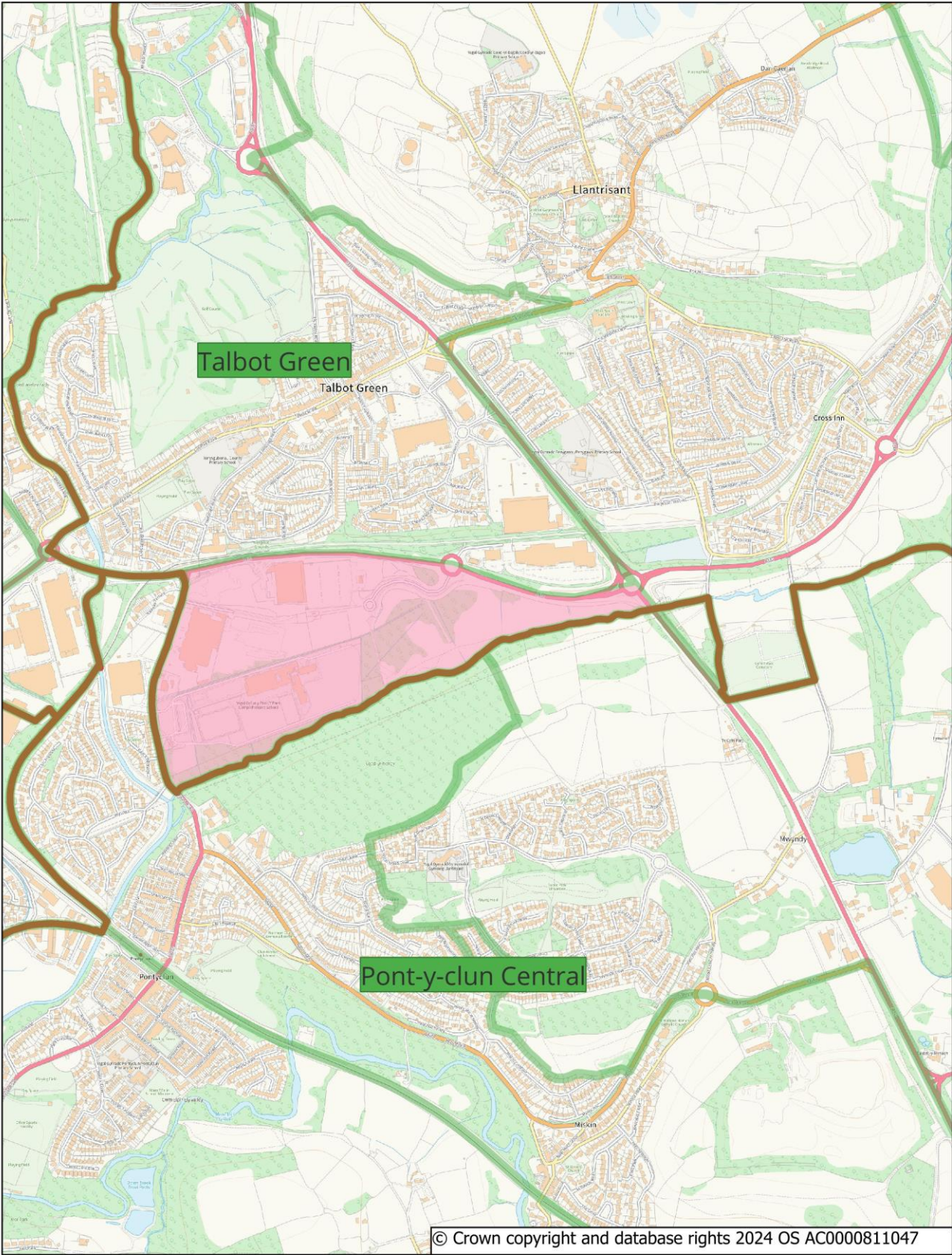
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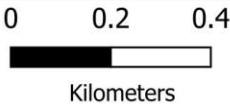


Area to be transferred from the Talbot Green ward of the Community of Llantrisant to the Pontyclun Central ward of the Community of Pont-y-clun



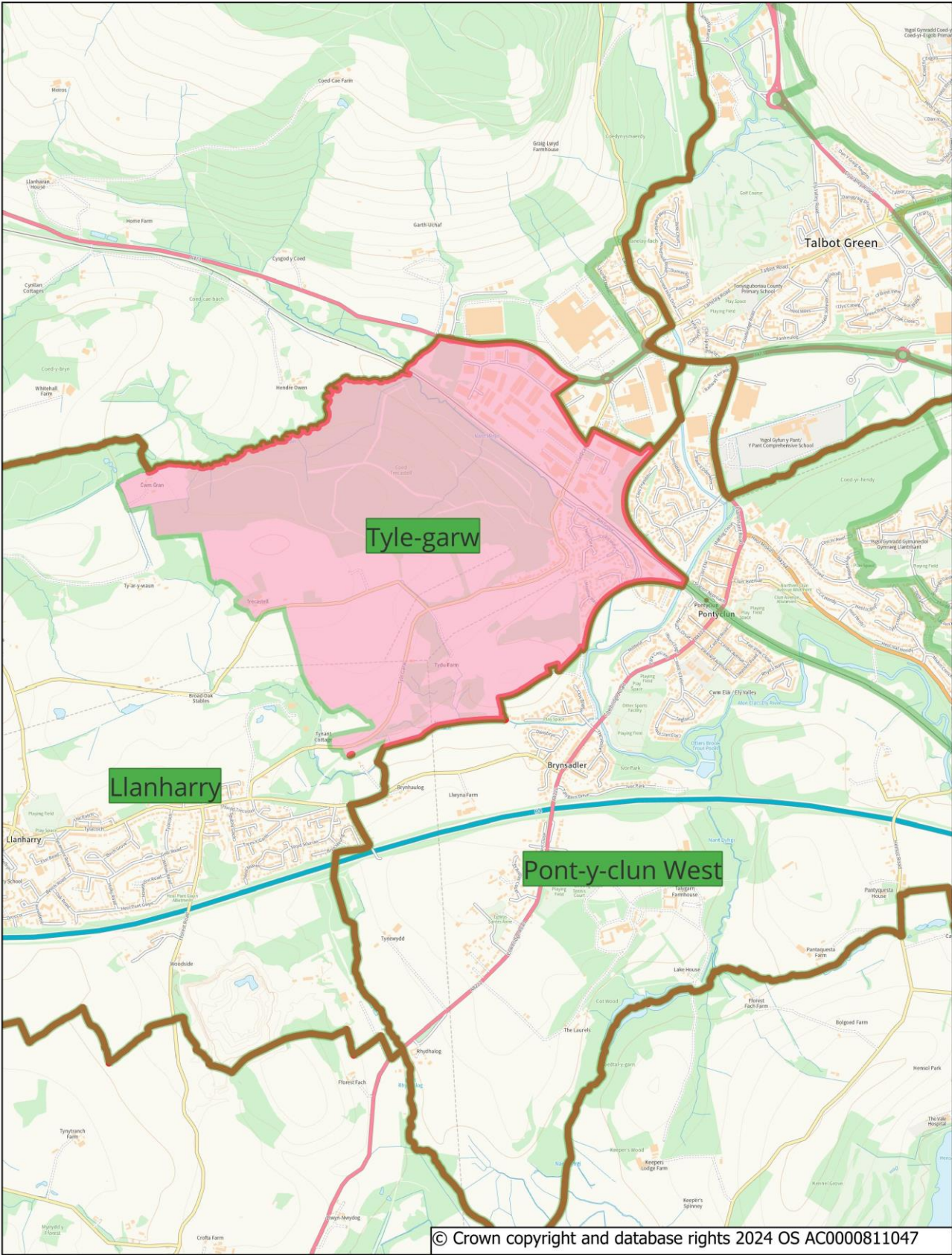
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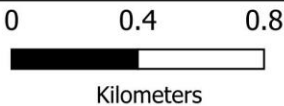


Proposal to transfer all of the existing Tyle-garw ward of the Community of Llanharry into the Pontyclun West ward of the Community of Pont-y-clun



Key

Community Ward Proposed Changes  
Area to Transfer





Adjustment to boundary between Tyle-garw ward of the Community of Llanharry and Pontyclun  
West ward of the Community of Pont-y-clun



26. **Tonyrefail, Cymmer, Gilfach Goch, Pen-y-graig, Porth and Ynyshir**

The current community arrangements in Tonyrefail consist of 6 wards: Coedely, Collena, Penrhiw-fer, Thomastown, Tylcha and Tynybryn. The Community has a total electorate of 10,180 and is represented by 11 community councillors. The electorate by ward and number of councillors are as follows:

Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor
Coedely	1,686	1	1,686
Collena	1,858	3	619
Penrhiw-fer	1,071	2	536
Thomastown	1,471	1	1,471
Tylcha	1,296	2	648
Tynybryn	2,798	2	1,399
TOTAL	10,180	11	925

27. The community of Gilfach Goch forms the Gilfach Goch Community Council area and consists of 3 wards: Garden Village, Gilfach Goch and Hendreforgan. The communities of Cymmer, Pen-y-graig, Porth and Ynyshir are not represented by a Community or Town Council.

These proposals only affect the electorate of the community of Tonyrefail.

## **Representations**

28. The Council received representations from the Authority's Electoral Registration Officer that the existing boundaries need to be reviewed for Tonyrefail. These representations are published on the Council's website.

## **Community ward boundary proposals**

29. The Council proposes to apply 6 changes to the existing community boundaries, which includes the transfer of areas between the following community areas:

- Hendreforgan Ward of the Community of Gilfach Goch to Thomastown
- Tynybryn to Thomastown

and a small adjustment to the boundary between the following Communities:

- Penrhiw-fer Ward of the Community of Tonyrefail and Pen-y-graig
- Collena Ward of the Community of Tonyrefail and Cymmer
- Porth and Ynyshir
- Porth and Cymmer

30. The existing boundaries for the Hendreforgan ward of the Community of Gilfach Goch and the Tonyrefail Community wards of Tynybryn and Thomastown fall within new Parc Eirin Residential Development. This proposal will transfer all of Parc Eirin into the community ward of Thomastown. 47 electors at Cilgant Eirin, Ffordd Clydach, Ffordd Maendy and Stryd Portref that are currently part of Tynybryn will be affected by this proposal, but further development is expected. This submission was discussed and agreed by the RCTCPWG. The Council believes that this change reflects local identities



and provides for more effective and convenient local government. The proposal can be found on the map on page 20.

31. The Council also proposes to alter the boundary line at Simon Terrace between Penrhiw-fer ward of the Community of Tonyrefail and the Community of Pen-y-graig, and the boundary line between Collena ward of the Community of Tonyrefail and the Community of Cymmer at Channel Avenue. Neither of these proposals will result in changes in Community electorates. These proposals can be found on the map on pages 21 and 22 respectively.
32. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary line between the communities of Porth and Ynyshir. The current boundary cuts through a property on Coronation Terrace. These proposals do not affect the electorate of the communities. The proposal can be found on the map on page 23.
33. The Council also proposes to adjust the boundary line between the community of Porth and the community of Cymmer. The current boundary cuts through a number of property gardens on High Street. These proposals do not affect the electorate of the communities. The proposal can be found on the map on page 24.

## Consequential Changes

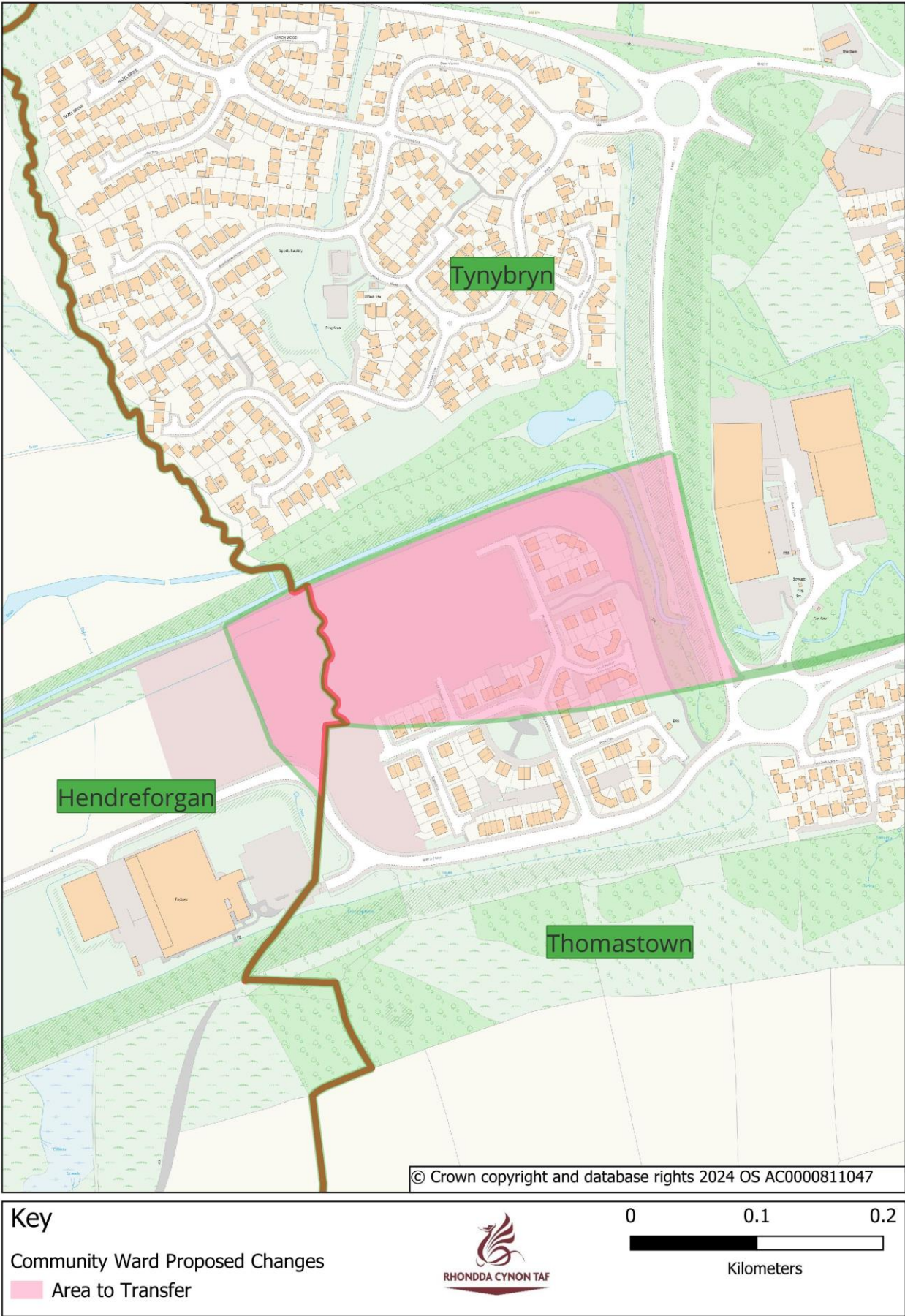
### Community Council electoral arrangements

34. The proposed community council arrangements in Tonyrefail would continue to consist of 6 community wards: Coedely, Collena, Penrhiw-fer, Thomastown, Tylcha and Tynybryn. The community is proposed to have a total electorate of 10,180 and be represented by 14 community councillors.

The Community of Tonyrefail						
Existing				Proposed		
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor
Coedely	1,686	1	1,686	1,686	<b>2</b>	<b>843</b>
Collena	1,858	3	619	1,858	3	619
Penrhiw-fer	1,071	2	536	1,071	2	536
Thomastown	1,471	1	1,471	<b>1,721</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>860</b>
Tylcha	1,296	2	648	1,296	2	648
Tynybryn	2,798	2	1,399	<b>2,548</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>849</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,180</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>10,180</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>727</b>

35. The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to community electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Council proposes to increase the number of council members to 14, with an additional ward councillor for the **Coedely, Thomastown and Tynybryn** wards. These adjustments reflect changes in the ward electorates and are in line with the Authority's council size policy for effective and convenient local government.

Areas to be transferred from the Hendreforgan ward of the Community of Gilfach Goch and the Tynybryn ward of the Community of Tonyrefail. Both areas to be added to the Thomastown ward of the Community of Tonyrefail.

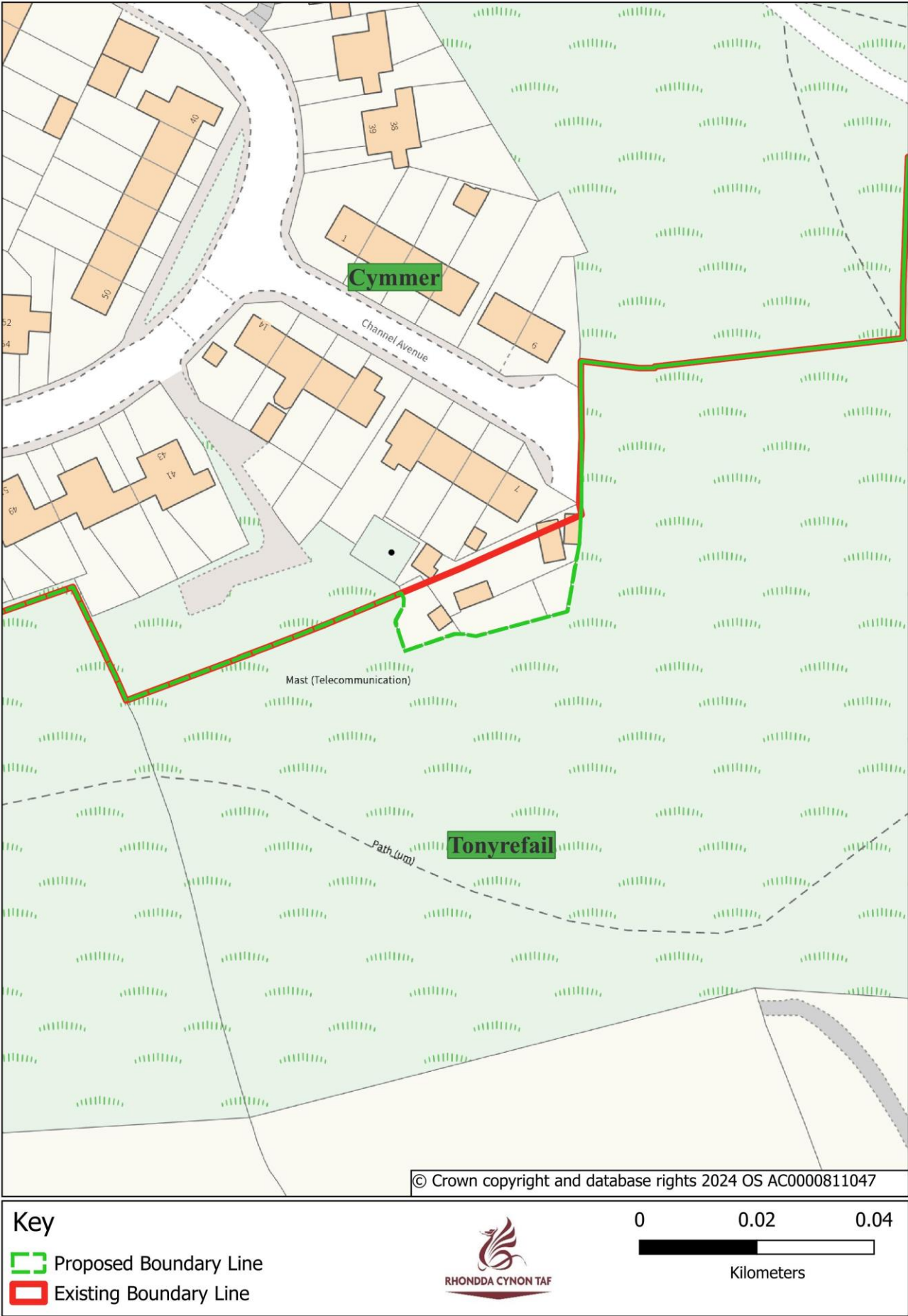




Adjustment to the boundary between Penrhiw-fer Ward of the Community of Tonyrefail and the Community of Pen-y-graig

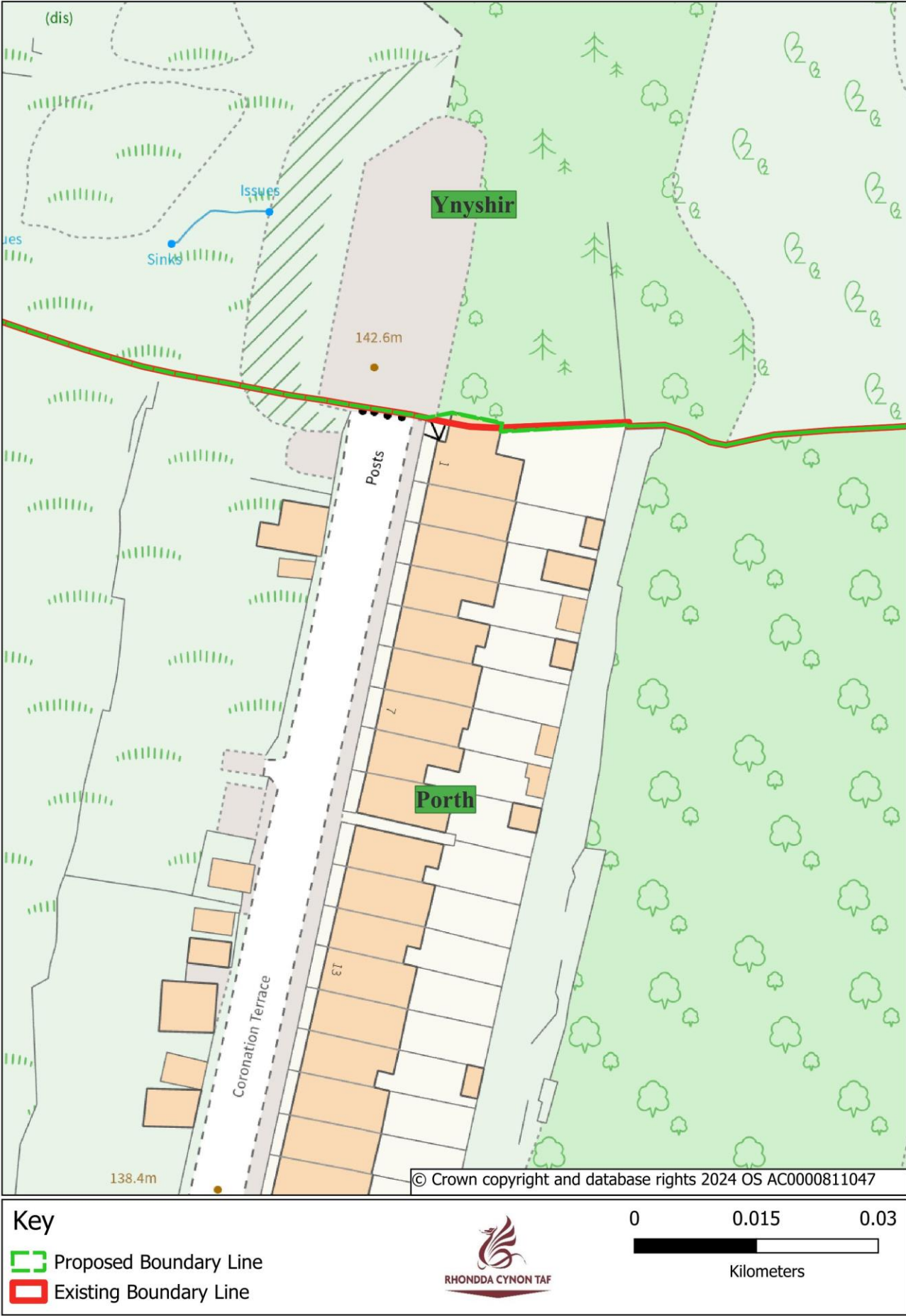


Adjustment to the boundary between Collena ward of the Community of Tonyrefail and the Community of Cymmer

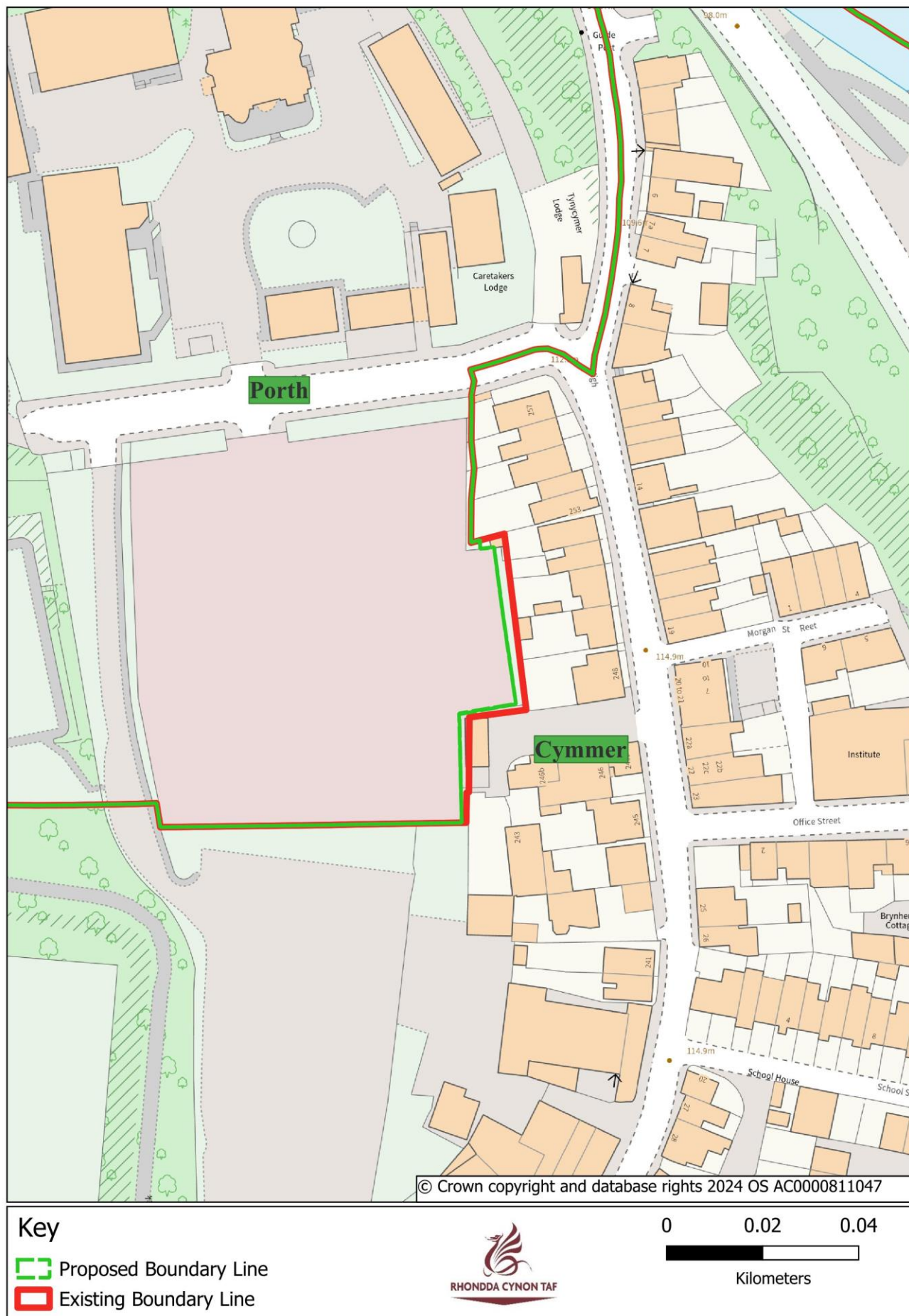




Adjustment to the boundary between the Community of Porth and the Community of Ynyshir



## Adjustment to the boundary between the Community of Porth and the Community of Cymmer



36. **Hirwaun, Rhigos and Pen-y-waun**

The community of Hirwaun forms part of the Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council area which consists of 2 wards: Hirwaun and Penderyn.

The community of Rhigos represents all of the Rhigos Community Council area.

The community of Pen-y-waun is not represented by a community or town council.

These proposals do not affect the electorate of the communities.

**Representations**

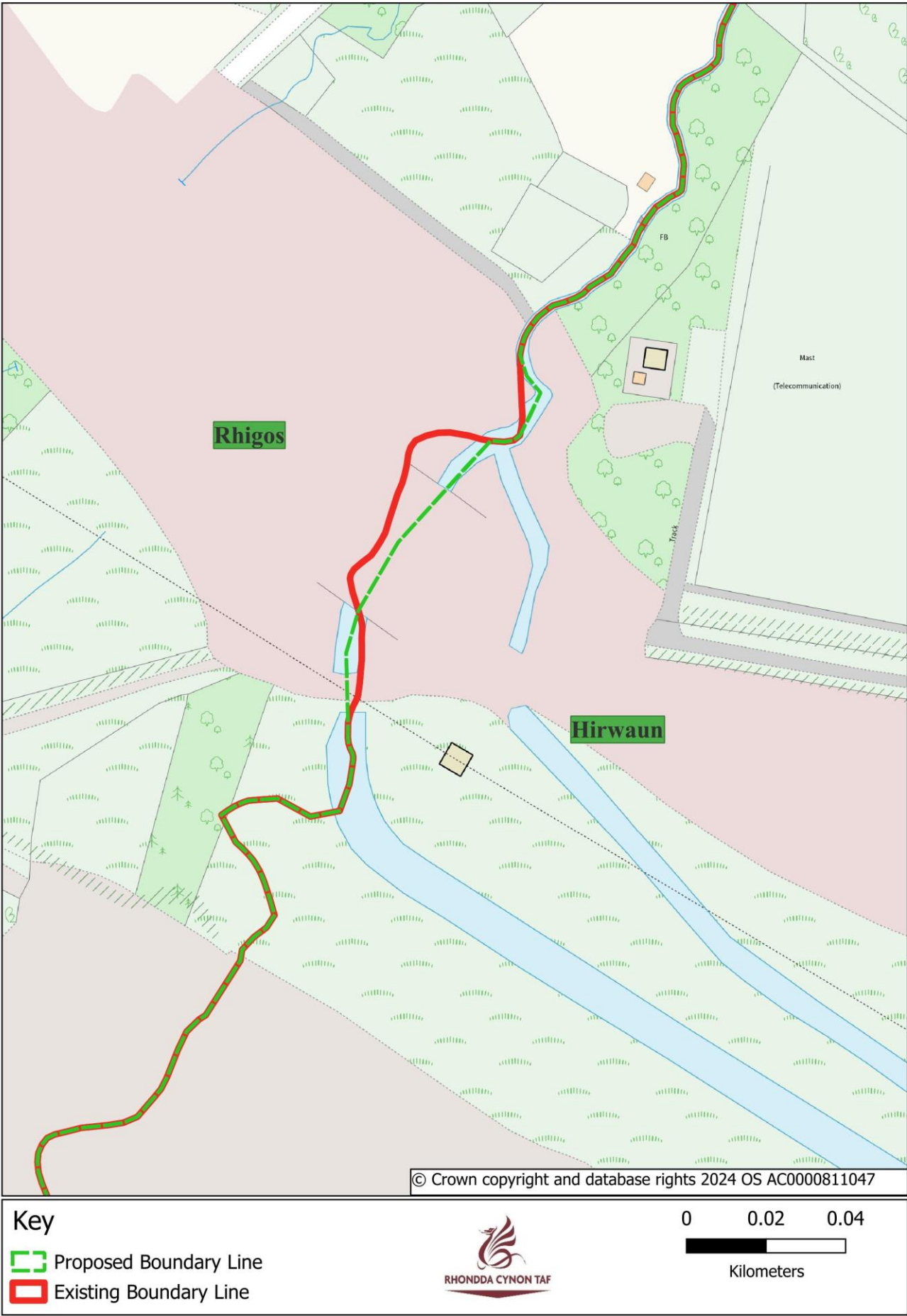
37. The Council received representation from the Authority's Electoral Registration Officer. The representations are published on the Council's website.

**Community boundary proposals**

38. The Council proposes to apply 2 changes to the existing community boundary, which includes the adjustment of the boundary between the following communities:
- Hirwaun and Rhigos
  - Hirwaun and Pen-y-waun
39. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary line between the Hirwaun ward of the Community of Hirwaun and the community of Rhigos to follow the river off the A465. The proposal can be found on the map on page 26.
40. The Council also proposes to adjust the boundary line between the Hirwaun ward and the community of Pen-y-waun. The current boundary marginally cuts through some properties on Steam Coal Lane. The proposal can be found on the map on page 27.

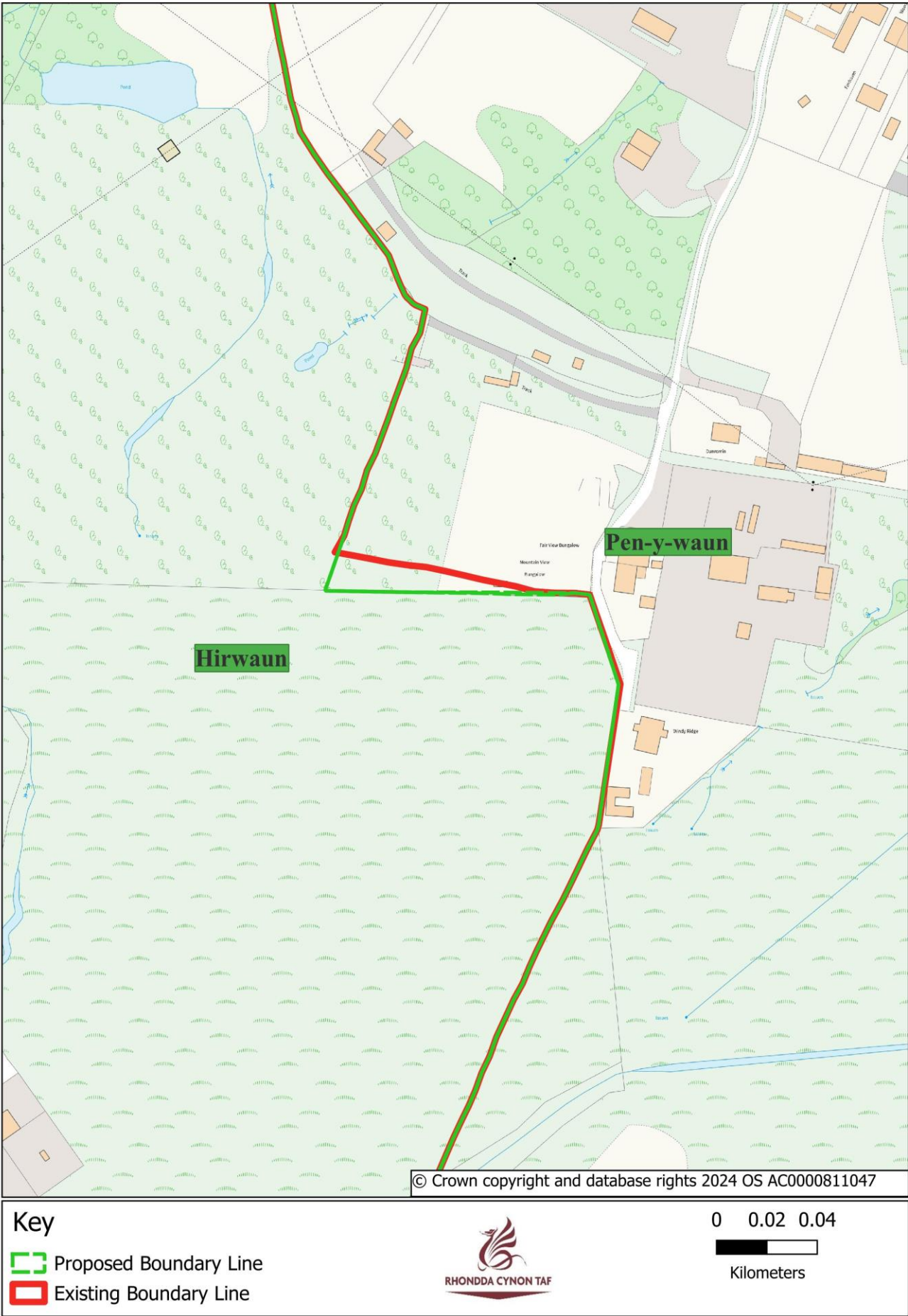


Adjustment to the boundary between the Hirwaun ward of the Community of Hirwaun and the Community of Rhigos





Adjustment to the boundary between the Hirwaun ward of the Community of Hirwaun and the Community of Pen-y-waun



41. **Aberdare East, Aberdare West, Aberaman North and Aberaman South**

The Communities of Aberdare East, Aberdare West, Aberaman North and Aberaman South are not represented by a community or town council. These proposals do not affect the electorate of the community areas.

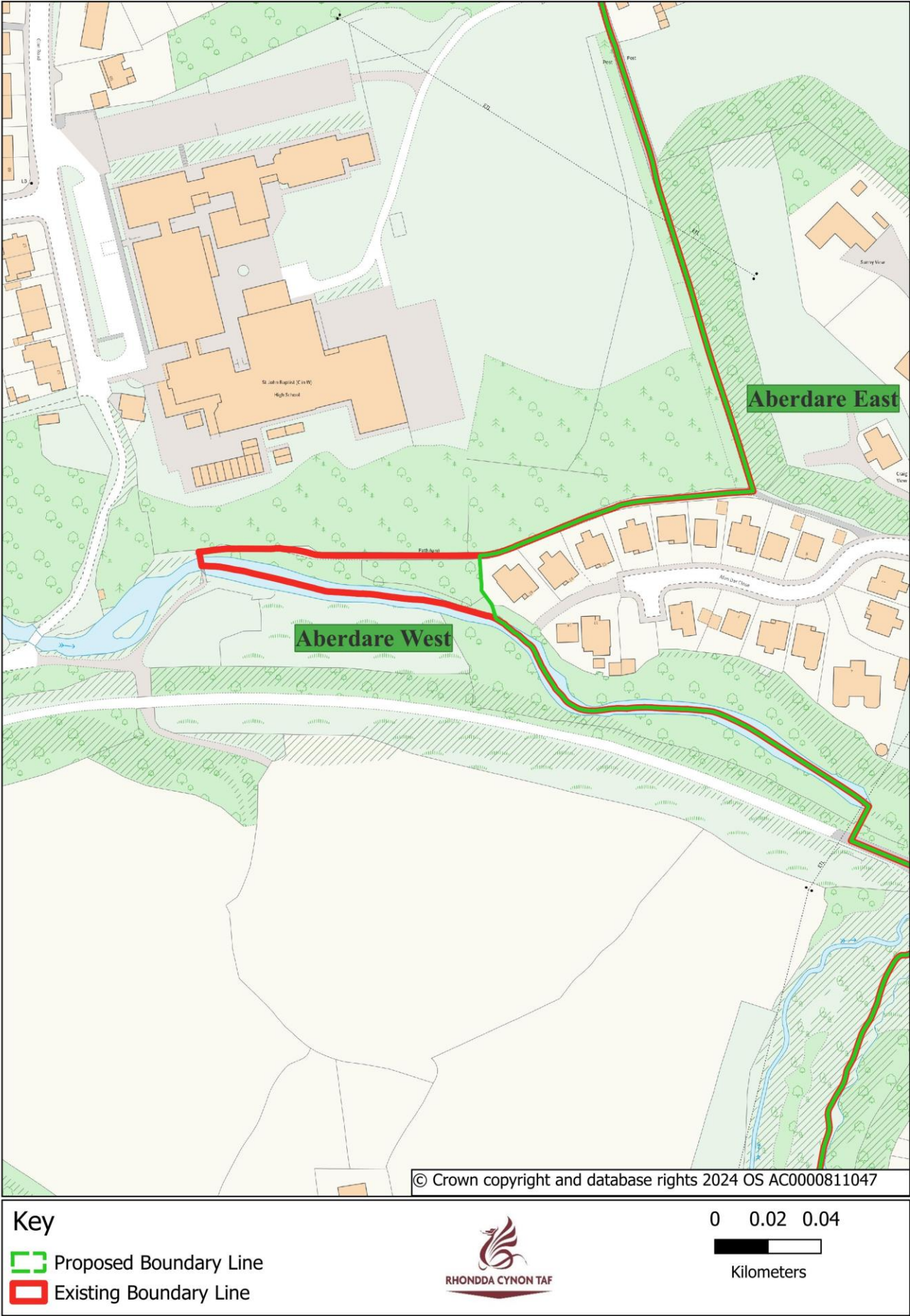
**Representations**

42. The Council received representation from the Authority's Electoral Registration Officer. The representations are published on the Council's website.

**Community boundary proposals**

43. The Council proposes to apply 5 changes to the existing community boundary, which includes the adjustment of the boundary between the following communities:
- Aberdare East and Aberdare West
  - Aberdare East and Aberaman North
  - Aberaman North and Aberaman South
44. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary line between the communities of Aberdare East and Aberdare West to the West off Afon Dar Close. The proposal can be found on the map on page 29.
45. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary line between the communities of Aberdare East and Aberdare West at the North of the community. The current boundary marginally cuts through a property garden on Gadlys Road. The proposal can be found on the map on page 30.
46. Additionally, the Council proposes to adjust the boundary line between the communities of Aberdare East and Aberdare West at the West of the community at Ysgubor-wen Farm. The current boundary cuts through an outbuilding. The proposal can be found on the map on page 31.
47. The Council also proposes to adjust the boundary between the community of Aberdare East and the community of Aberaman North. The current boundary marginally cuts through a property garden on Cardiff Road. The proposal can be found on the map on page 32.
48. Finally, the Council proposes to adjust the boundary line between Aberaman South and Aberaman North. Currently the boundary cuts through a property off Godreaman Street. The proposal can be found on the map on page 33.

Adjustment to the boundary between the Communities of Aberdare East and Aberdare West





Adjustment to the boundary between the Communities of Aberdare East and Aberdare West

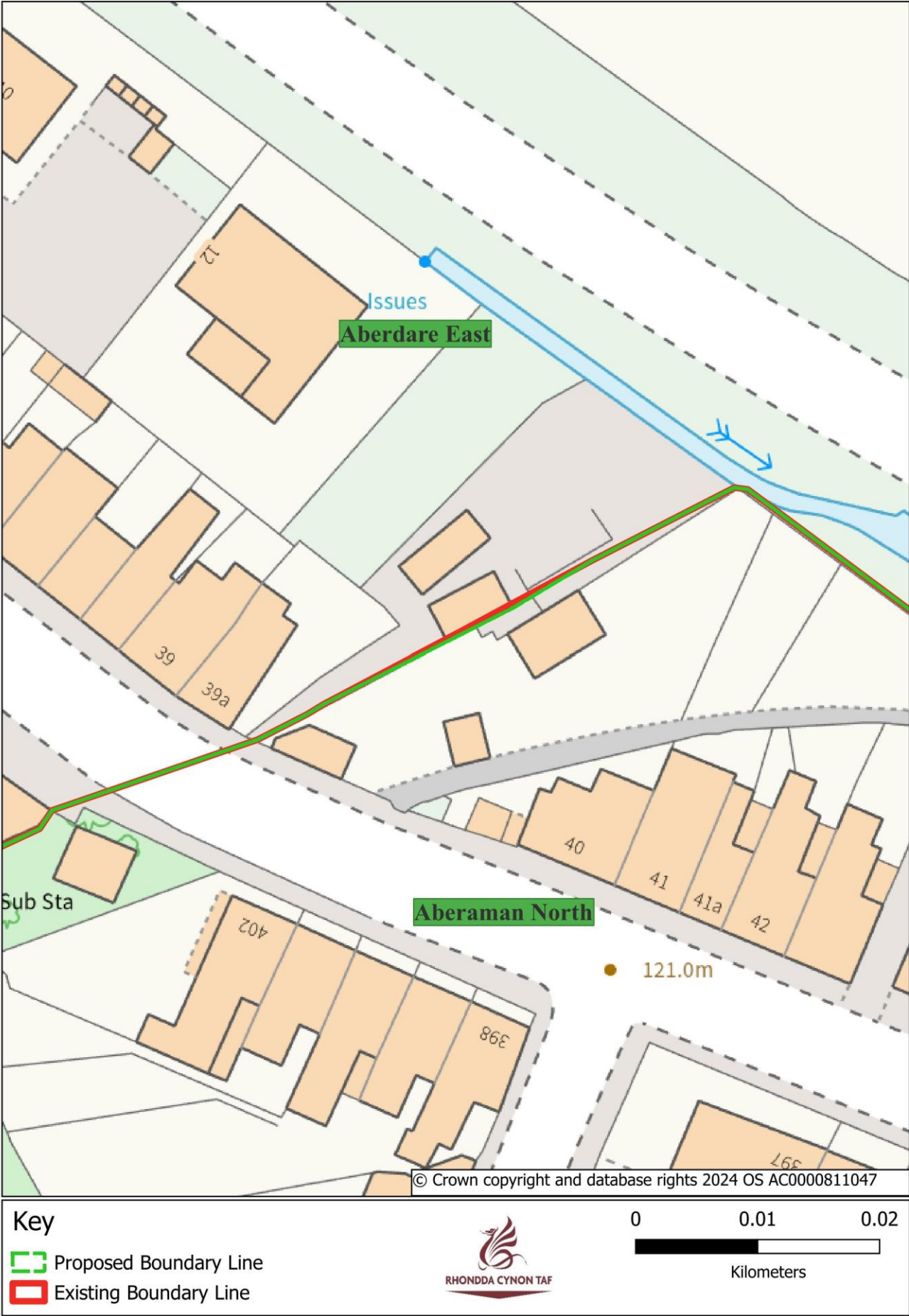


Adjustment to the boundary between the Communities of Aberdare East and Aberdare West





Adjustment to the boundary between the Communities of Aberdare East and Aberaman North



Adjustment to boundary between the Communities of Aberaman North and Aberaman South



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Key

- Proposed Boundary Line
- Existing Boundary Line



49. **Pentre, Treherbert, Treorchy and Ystrad**

The communities of Pentre, Treherbert, Treorchy and Ystrad are not represented by a community or town council. These proposals do not affect the electorate of the community areas.

**Representations**

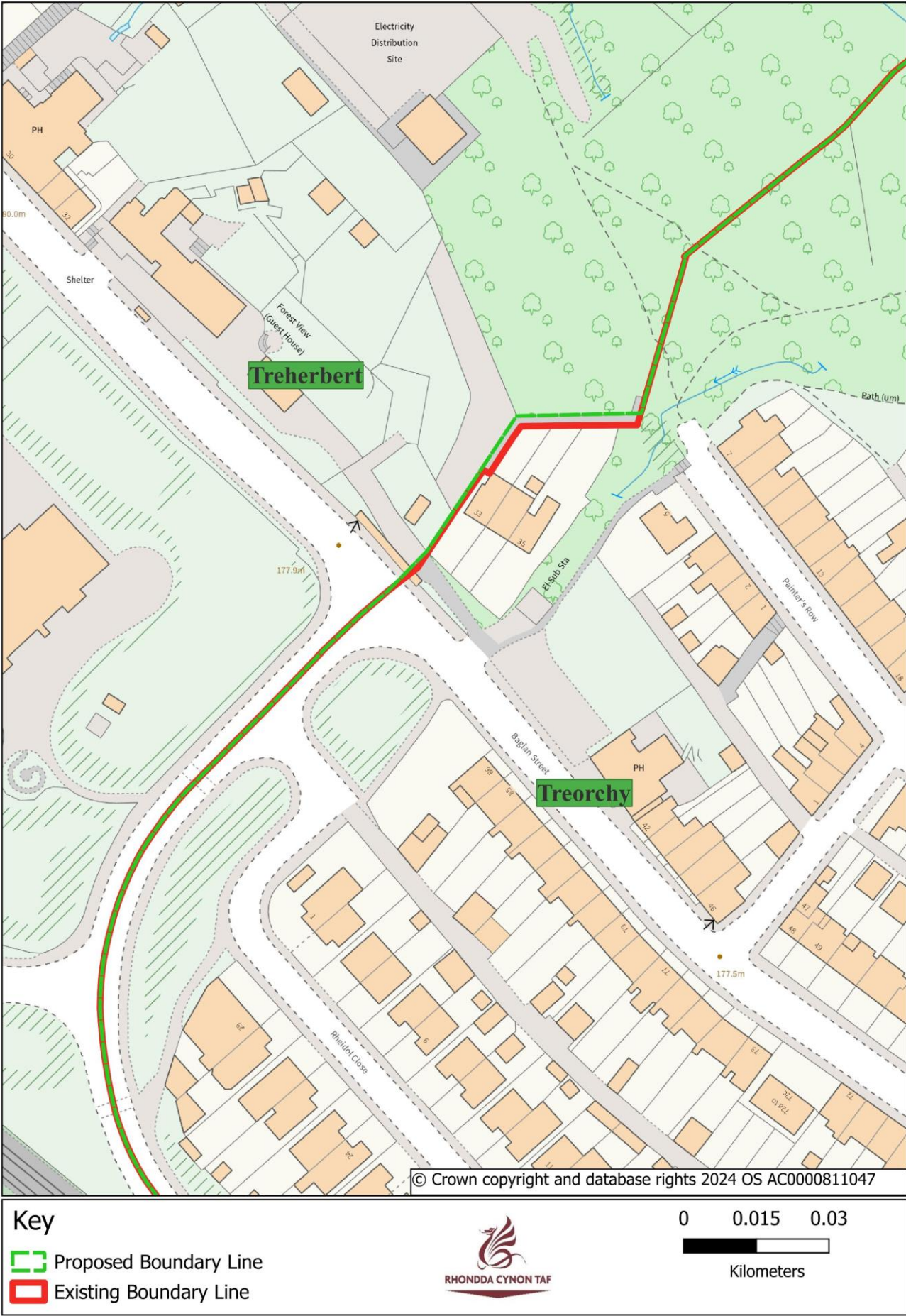
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**Community boundary proposals**

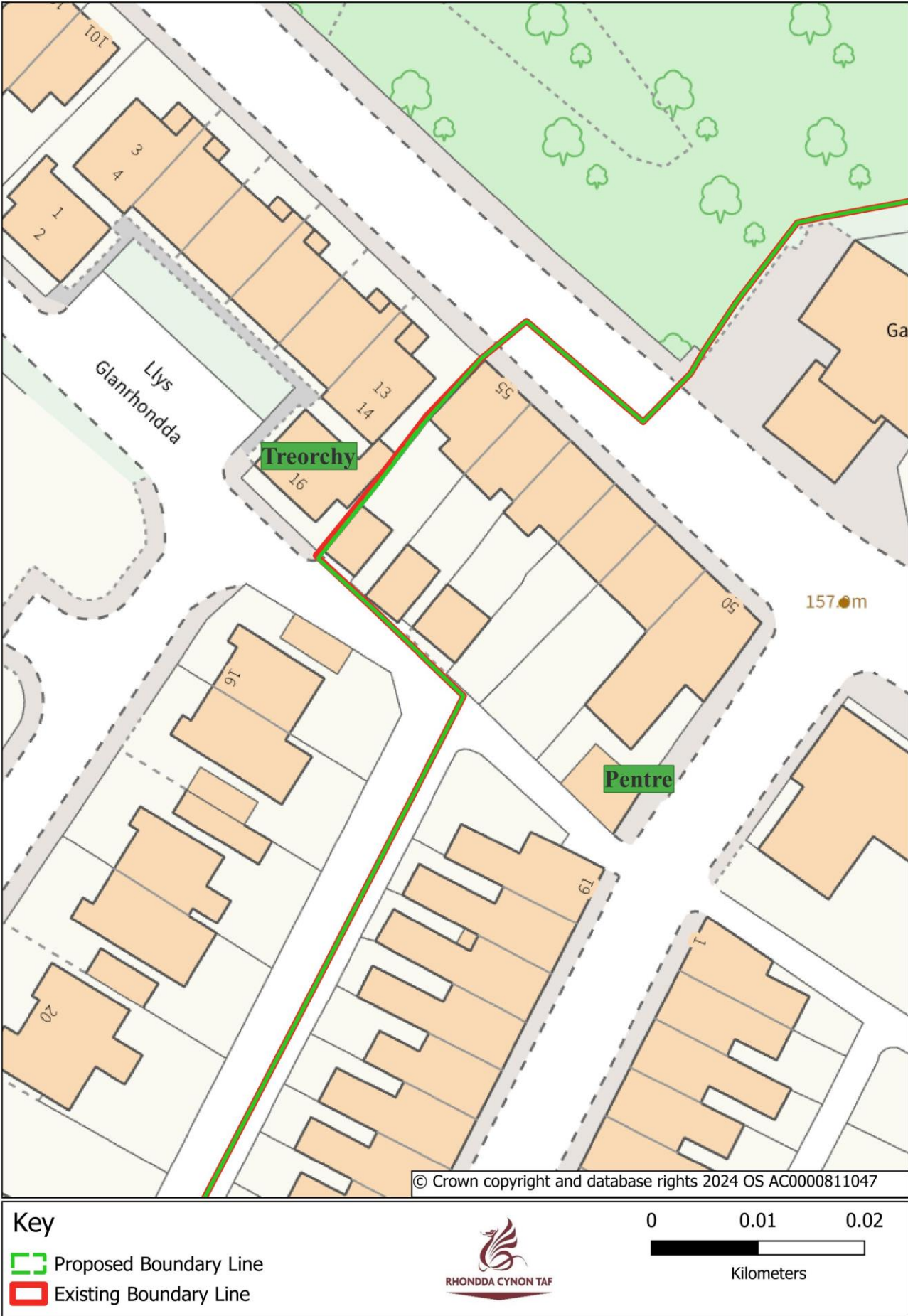
51. The Council proposes to apply 3 changes to the existing community boundary, which includes the adjustment of the boundary between the following communities:
- Treorchy and Treherbert
  - Treorchy and Pentre
  - Pentre and Ystrad
52. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary line between the communities of Treherbert and Treorchy. The current boundary cuts through a property garden on Baglan Street. The proposal can be found on the map on page 35.
53. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary line between the communities of Pentre and Treorchy. The current boundary marginally cuts through a property on High Street. The proposal can be found on the map on page 36.
54. The Council also proposes to adjust the boundary line between the communities of Pentre and Ystrad that cuts through two properties on Ystrad Road. The proposal can be found on the map on page 37.



Adjustment to boundary between the Communities of Treherbert and Treorchy

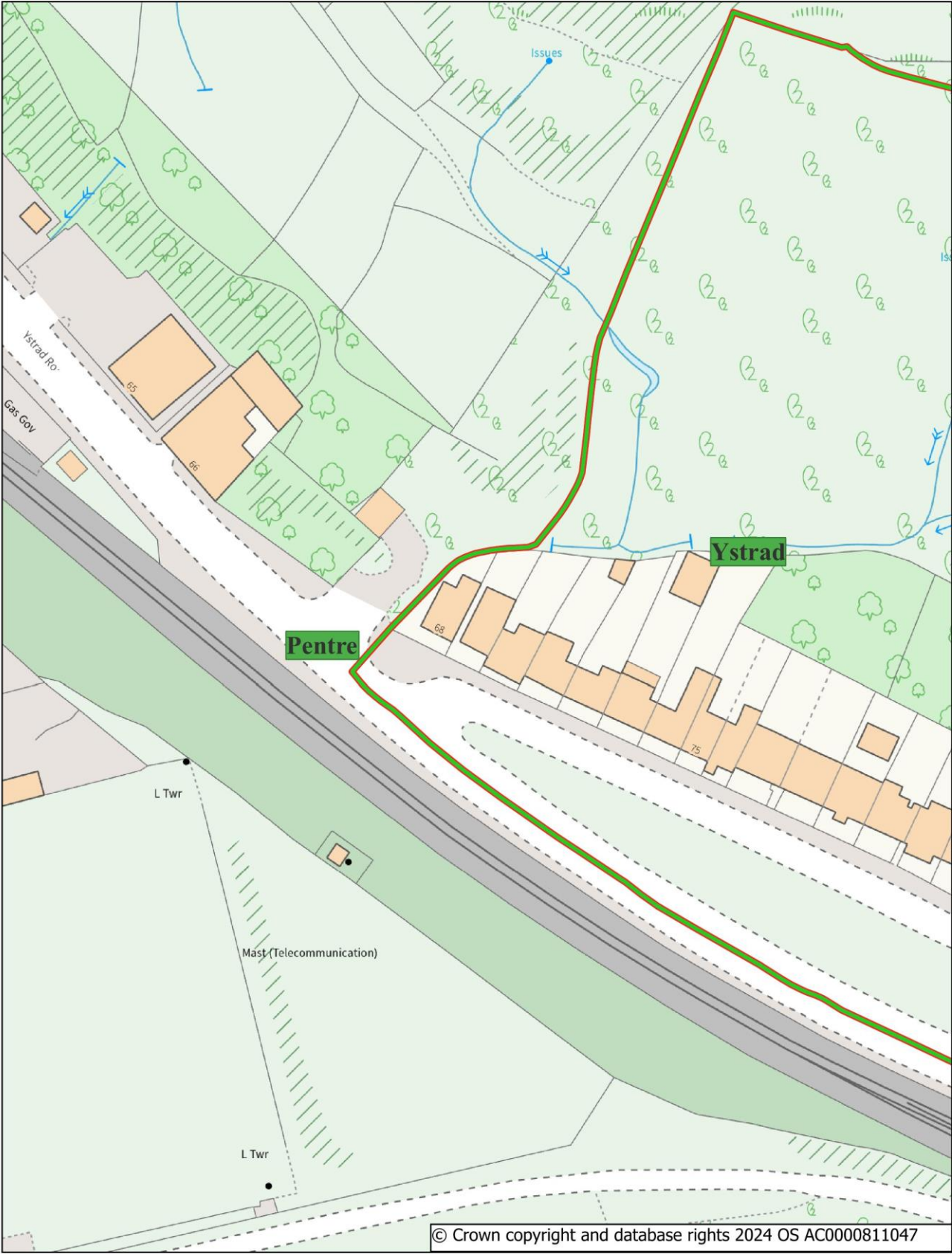


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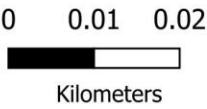


Adjustment to boundary between the Communities of Pentre and Ystrad



Key

-  Proposed Boundary Line
-  Existing Boundary Line



55. **Ferndale and Maerdy**

The communities of Ferndale and Maerdy are not represented by a community or town council. This proposal does not affect the electorate of the community areas.

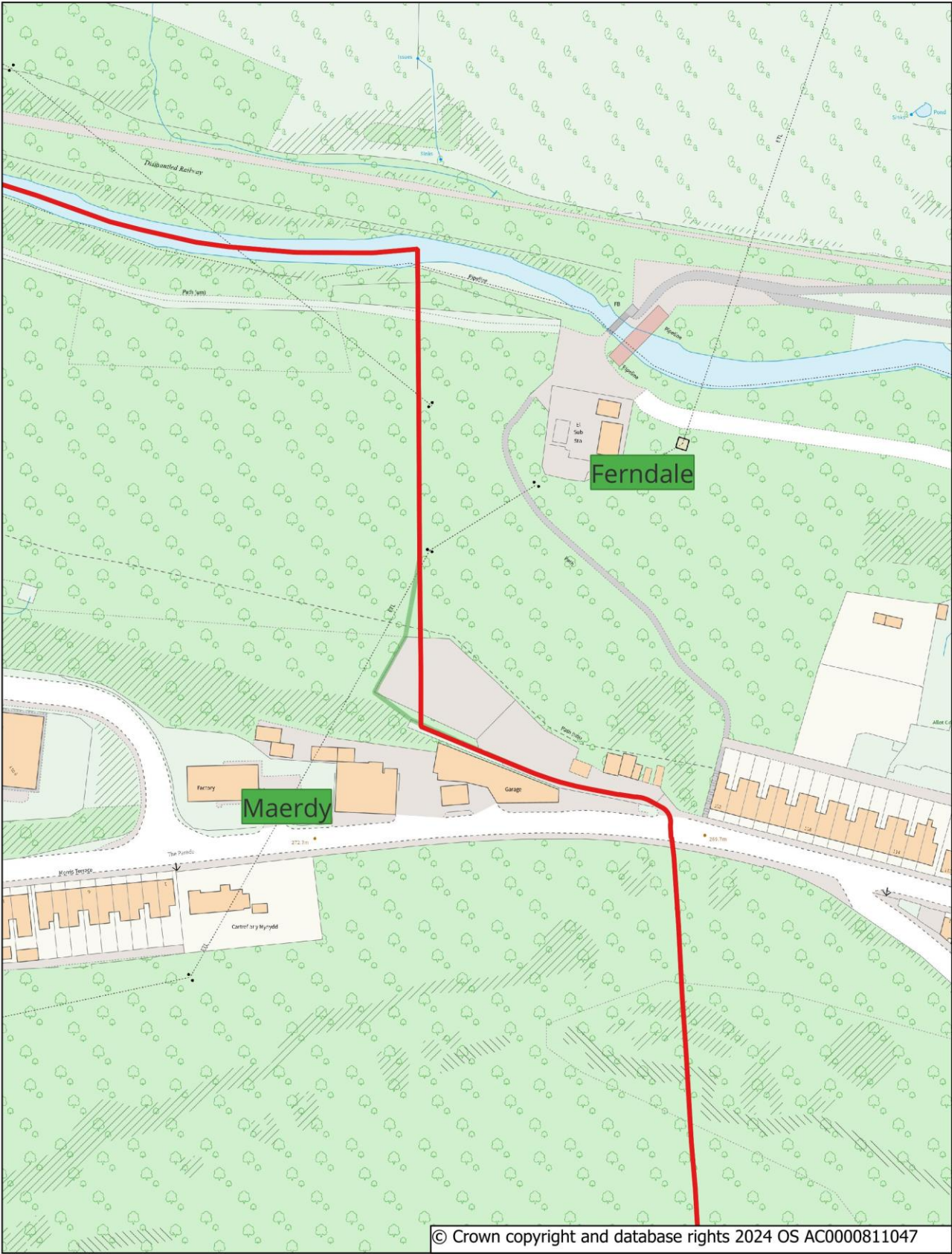
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**Community boundary proposals**

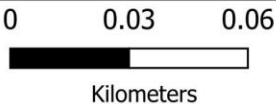
57. The Council proposes to apply 1 change to the existing community boundary, which includes the adjustment of the boundary between Ferndale and Maerdy.
58. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary line, as the current boundary marginally cuts through a non-electoral property off North Road. The proposal can be found on the map on page 39.

Adjustment to boundary between the Communities of Ferndale and Maerdy



Key

-  Proposed Boundary Line
-  Existing Boundary Line





59. **Abercynon, Mountain Ash East, Mountain Ash West and Penrhiw-ceibr**

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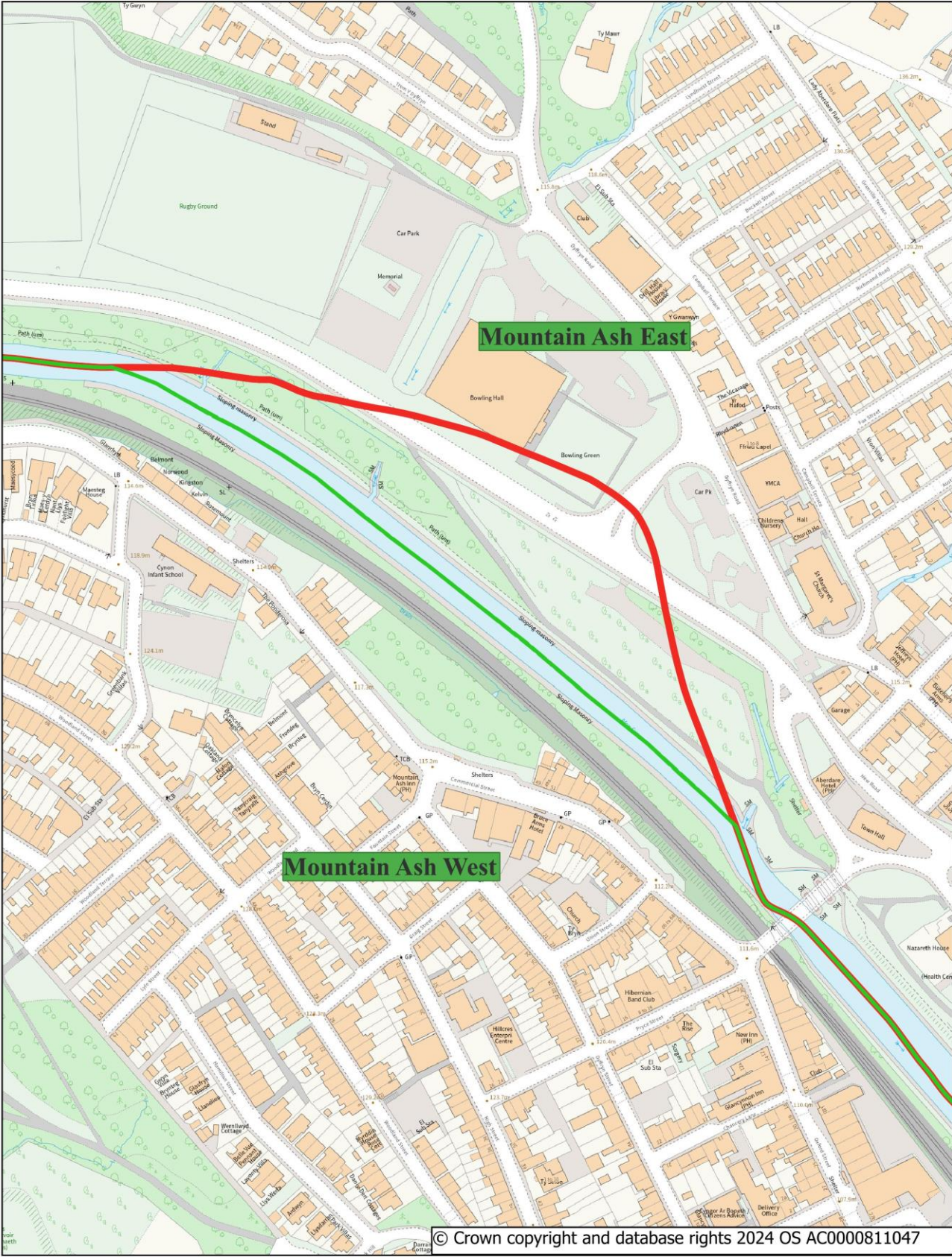
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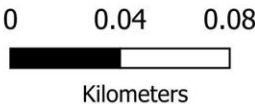
61. The Council proposes to apply 3 changes to the existing community boundaries, which includes the adjustment of the boundary between the following communities:
- Mountain Ash East and Mountain Ash West
  - Penrhiw-ceibr and Abercynon
  - Penrhiw-ceibr and Mountain Ash West
62. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary line between the communities of Mountain Ash East and Mountain Ash West. The current boundary cuts through the bowling green off Dyffryn Road. The Council proposes that the boundary should follow the river to be consistent with the rest of the boundary between the two communities. The proposal can be found on the map on page 41.
63. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary line between the communities of Penrhiw-ceibr and Abercynon. The current boundary cuts through a sports field behind Pentwyn Avenue. The Council proposes that the boundary should follow the river and waterways to create a natural boundary between the two communities. The proposal can be found on the map on page 42.
64. The Council also proposes to adjust the boundary line between the community of Penrhiw-ceiber and the community of Mountain Ash West. The current boundary marginally cuts through two properties. The proposals can be found on the map on pages 43 and 44.

Adjustment boundary between the Communities of Mountain Ash East and Mountain Ash West



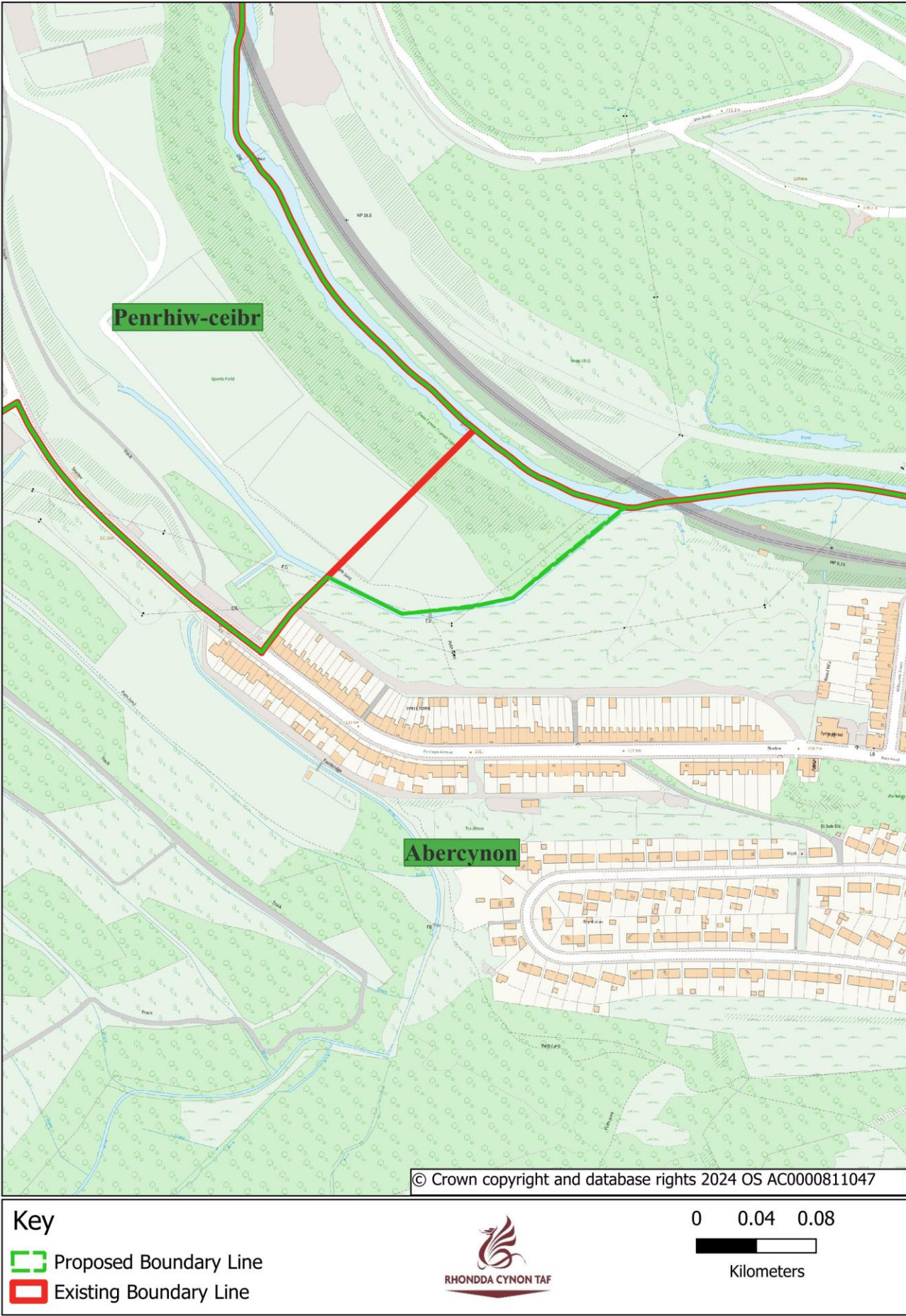
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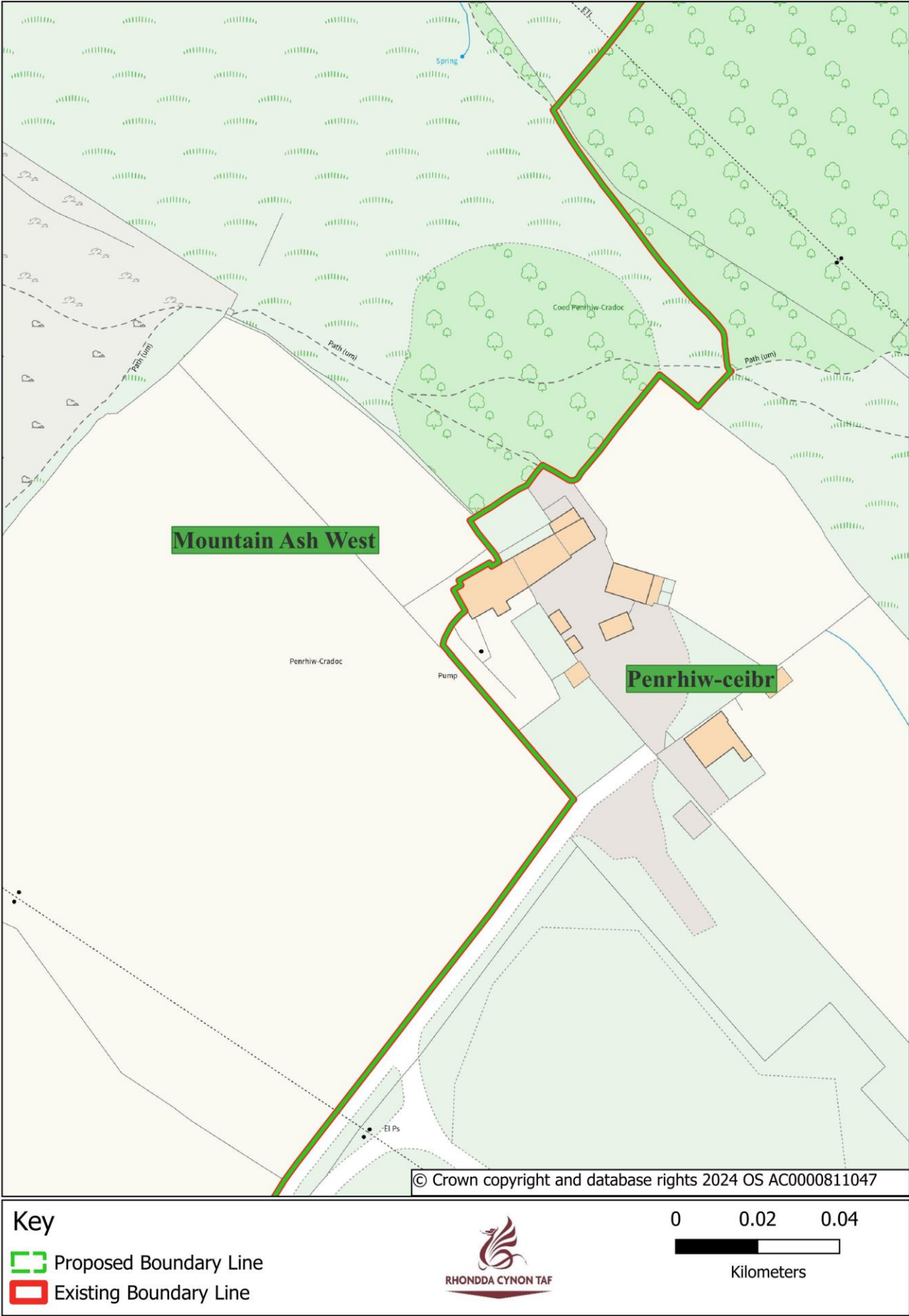




Adjustment to the boundary between the Communities of Penrhiw-ceibr and Abercynon

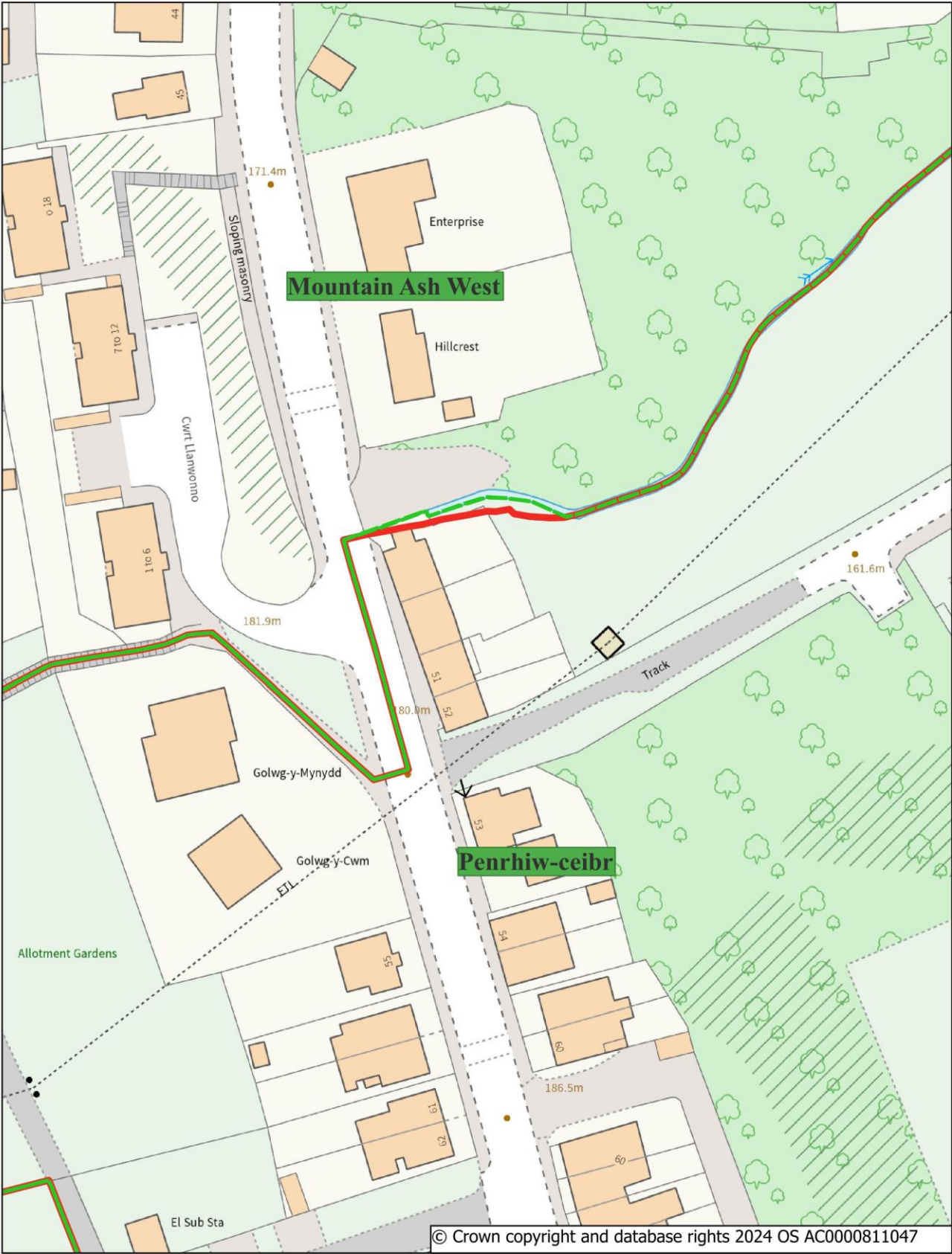


Adjustment to boundary between the Communities of Penrhiw-ceibr and Mountain Ash West





Adjustment to boundary between the Communities of Penrhiw-ceibr and Mountain Ash West



Key

- Proposed Boundary Line
- Existing Boundary Line





65. **Cwm Clydach, Llwyn-y-pia and Tonypandy**

The communities Cwm Clydach, Llwyn-y-pia and Tonypandy are not represented by a community or town council. These proposals do not affect the electorate of the community areas.

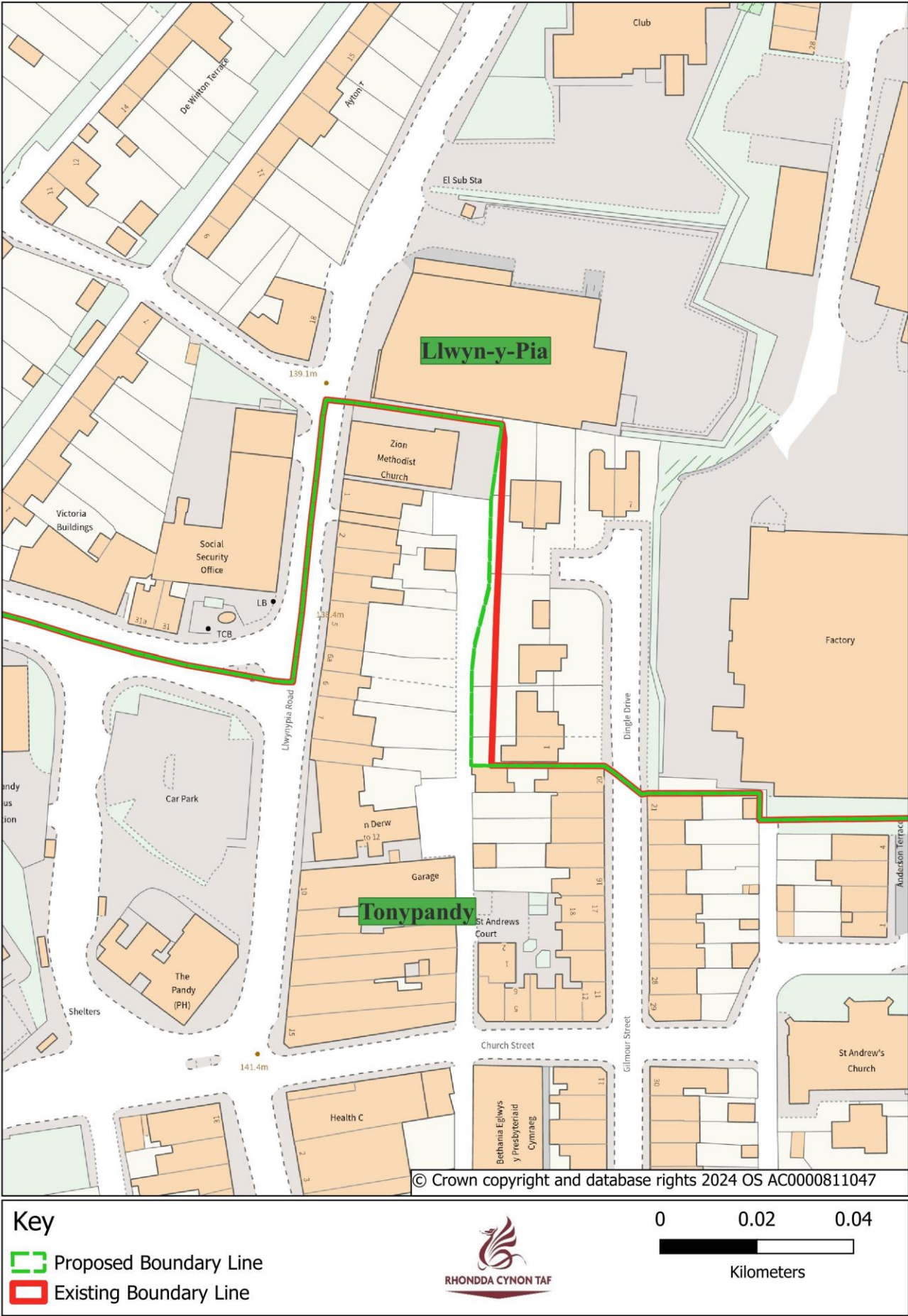
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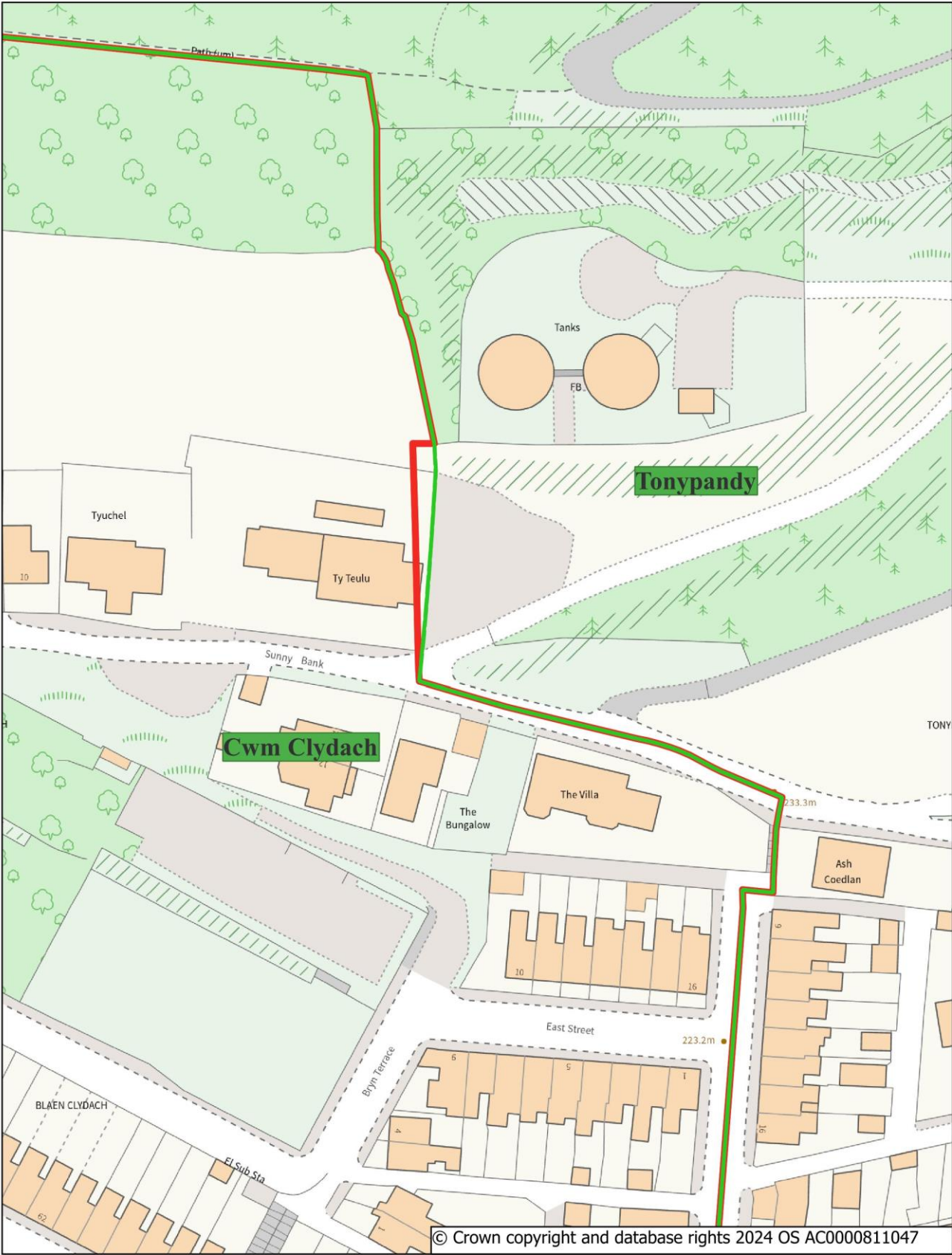
**Community boundary proposals**

67. The Council proposes to apply 2 changes to the existing community boundary, which includes the adjustment of the boundary between the following communities:
- Tonypandy and Llwyn-y-pia
  - Tonypandy and Cwm Clydach
68. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary line between the communities of Tonypandy and Llwyn-y-pia. The current boundary cuts through a number of properties on Dingle Drive. The proposal can be found on the map on page 46.
69. The Council also proposes to adjust the boundary line between the community of Tonypandy and the community of Cwm Clydach. The current boundary cuts through a property on Sunny Bank. The proposal can be found on the map on page 47.

Adjustment to the boundary between the Communities of Tonypandy and Llwyn-y-pia



Adjustment to the boundary between the Communities of Tonypandy and Cwm Clydach



Key

- Proposed Boundary Line
- Existing Boundary Line





70. **Pontypridd Town and Taffs Well**

The current town council arrangements in Pontypridd consists of 10 wards: Cilfynydd, Glyncoch, Graig, Hawthorn and Lower Rhydfelen, Pontypridd Town, Rhondda, Rhydfelen Central, Trallwng, Treforest and Upper Rhydfelen & Glyn-taf.

The current community council arrangements in Taffs Well consist of 4 wards: Nantgarw, Taffs Well, Tawelfryn and Ty-rhiw.

These proposals do not affect the electorate of the community areas.

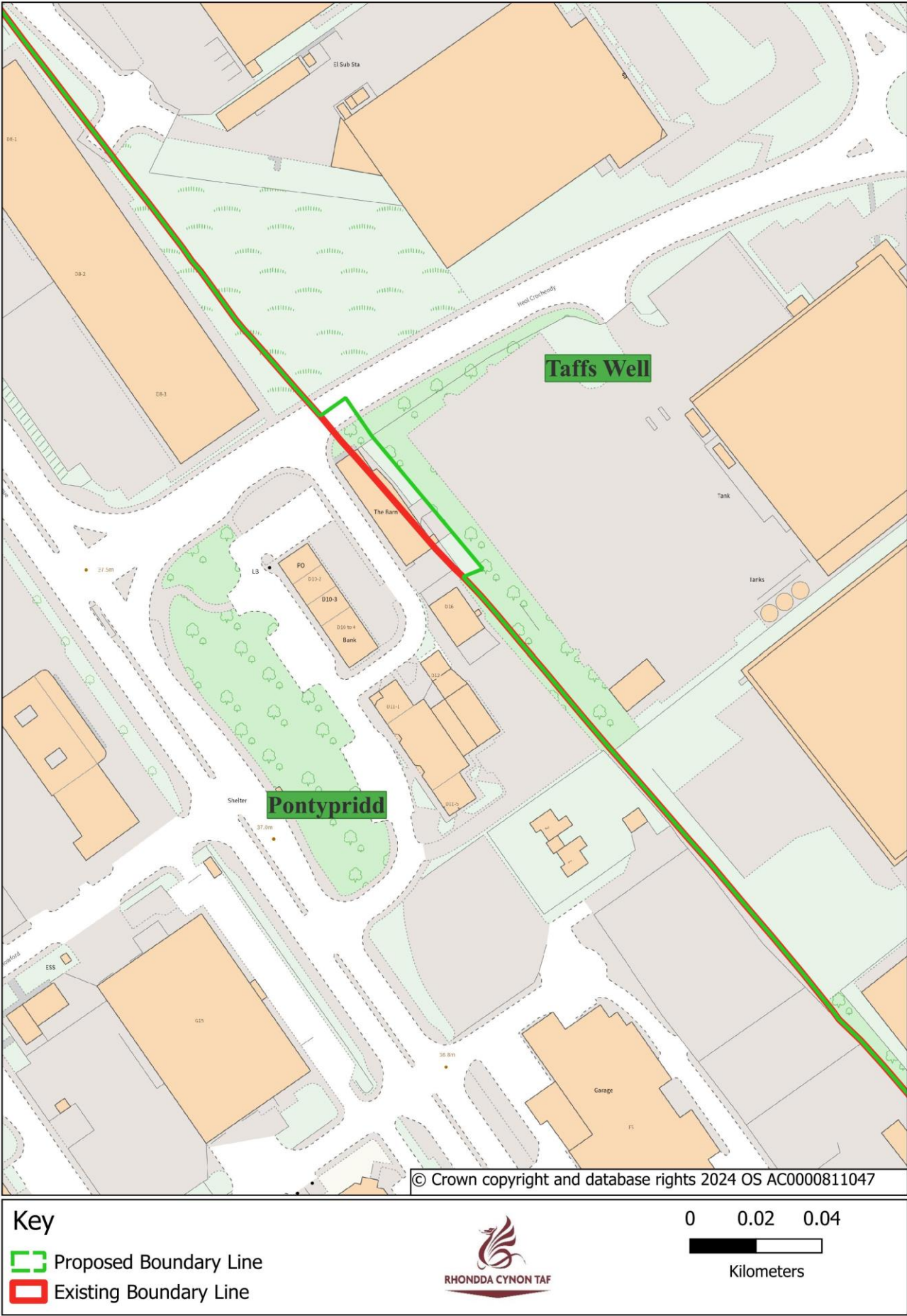
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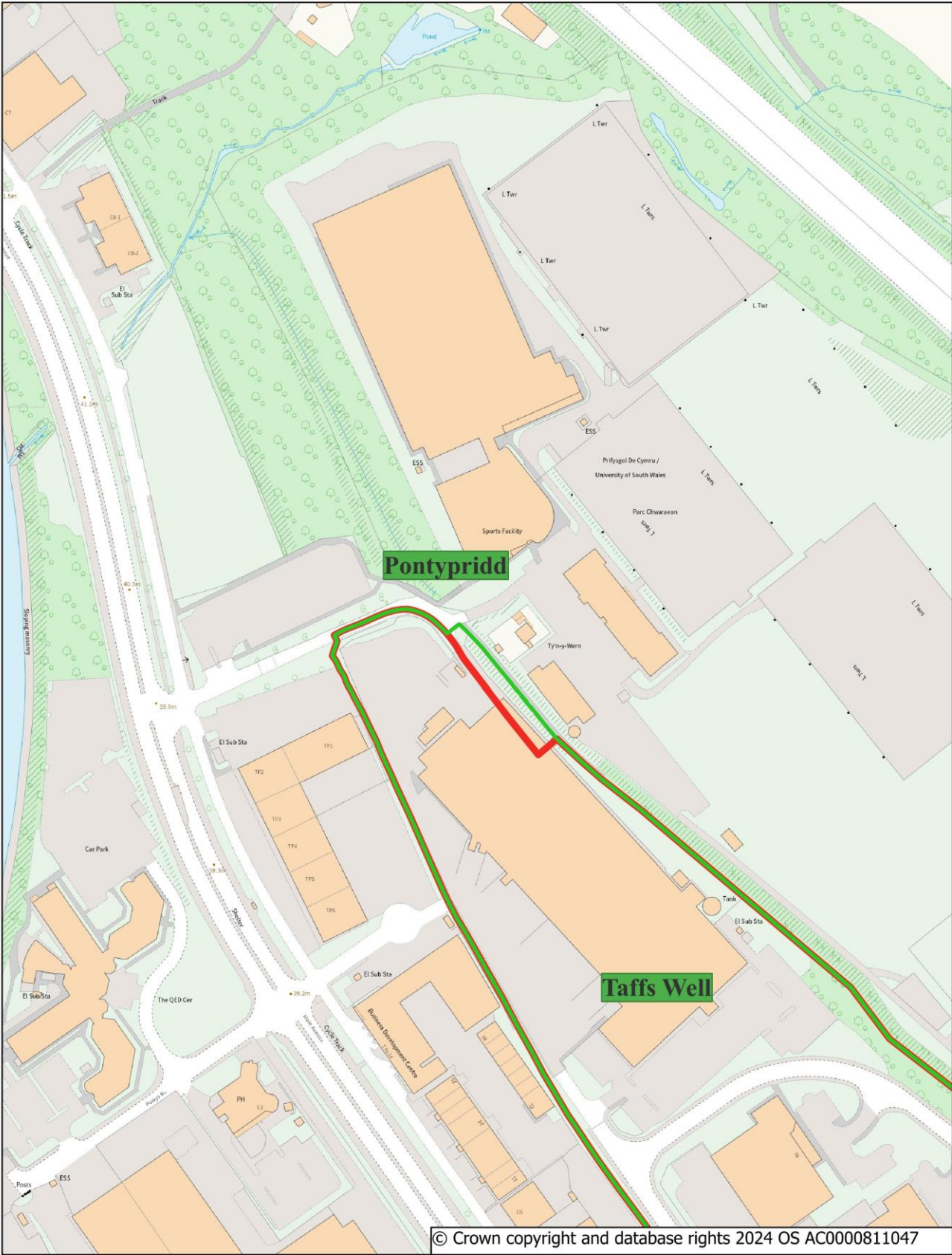
**Community boundary proposals**

72. The Council proposes to apply 5 changes to the existing community boundary, which includes the adjustment of the boundary between the following community wards:
- Hawthorn and Lower Rhydfelen Ward of the Community of Pontypridd Town and the Nantgarw Ward of the Community of Taffs Well
  - Upper Rhydfelen & Glyn-taf and Hawthorn and Lower Rhydfelen
  - Rhydfelen Central and Upper Rhydfelen & Glyn-taf
  - Rhondda and Pontypridd Town
73. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary line between the Hawthorn and Lower Rhydfelen ward of Pontypridd Town Council and the Nantgarw ward of Taffs Well Community Council. There are two instances where the current boundary runs through industrial units on Main Avenue. The proposals can be found on the maps on pages 49 and 50.
74. Additionally, the Council proposes to adjust the boundary between the Upper Rhydfelen and Glyn-taf ward and the Hawthorn and Lower Rhydfelen ward. The current boundary cuts through an industrial unit on the Gelli-Hirion Industrial Estate. The proposal can be found on the map on page 51.
75. The Council also proposes to adjust the boundary line between the Rhydfelen Central ward and Upper Rhydfelen and Glyn-taf ward. The current boundary runs through several houses on Cwrt y Gamlas. The proposal can be found on the map on page 52.
76. Finally, the Council proposes to adjust the boundary between the Rhondda ward and the Pontypridd Town ward. The current boundary cuts through a property on Llanwonno Close. The proposal can be found on the map on page 53.

Adjustment to the boundary between Hawthorn and Lower Rhydfelen Ward of the Community of Pontypridd Town and the Nantgarw Ward of the Community of Taffs Well

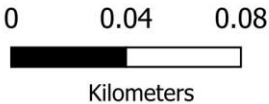


Adjustment to the boundary between Hawthorn and Lower Rhydfelen Ward of the Community of Pontypridd Town and the Nantgarw Ward of the Community of Taffs Well



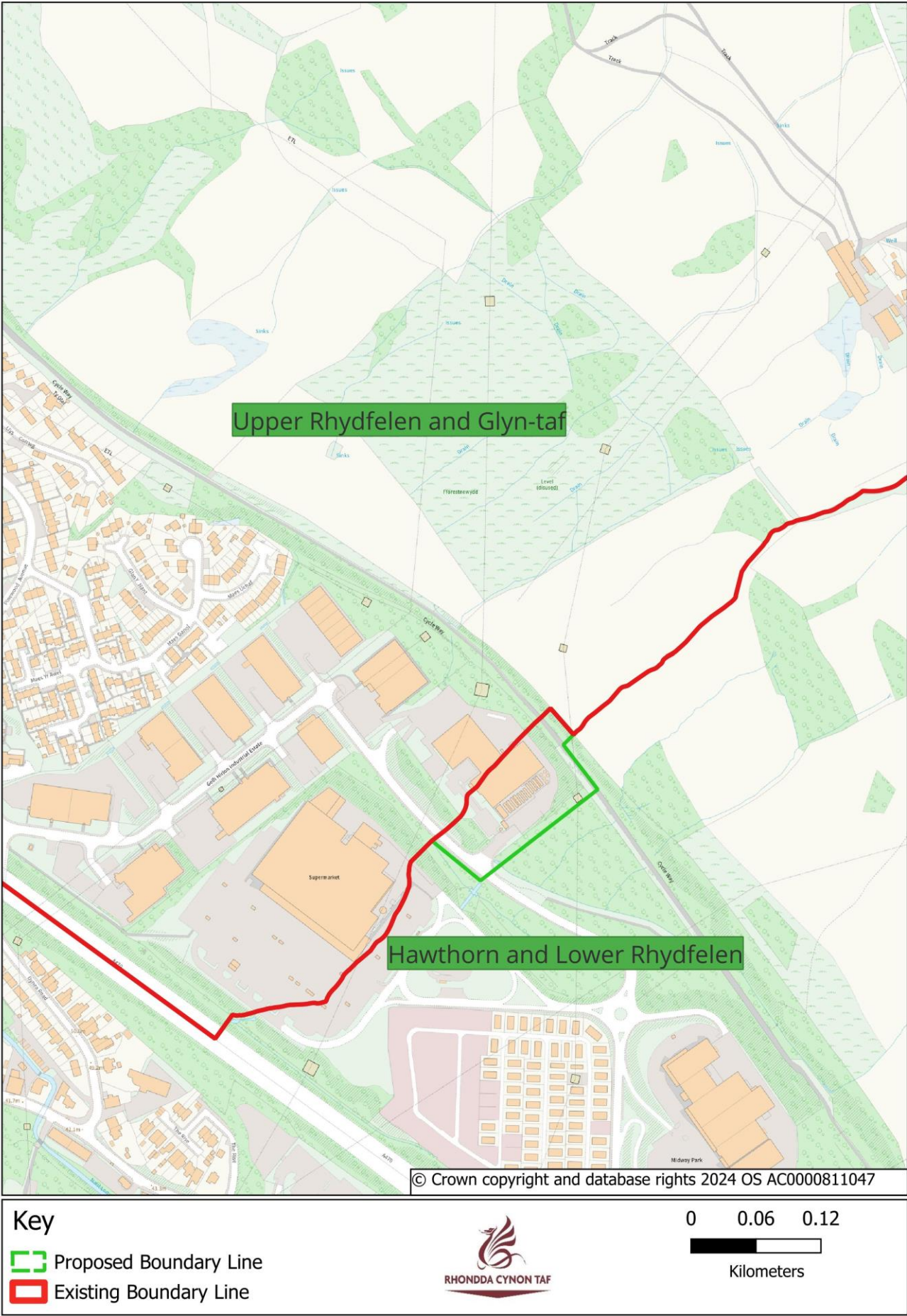
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Adjustment to the boundary between Hawthorn and Lower Rhydfelen Ward and Upper Rhydfelen and Glyn-Taf Ward of the Community of Pontypridd Town

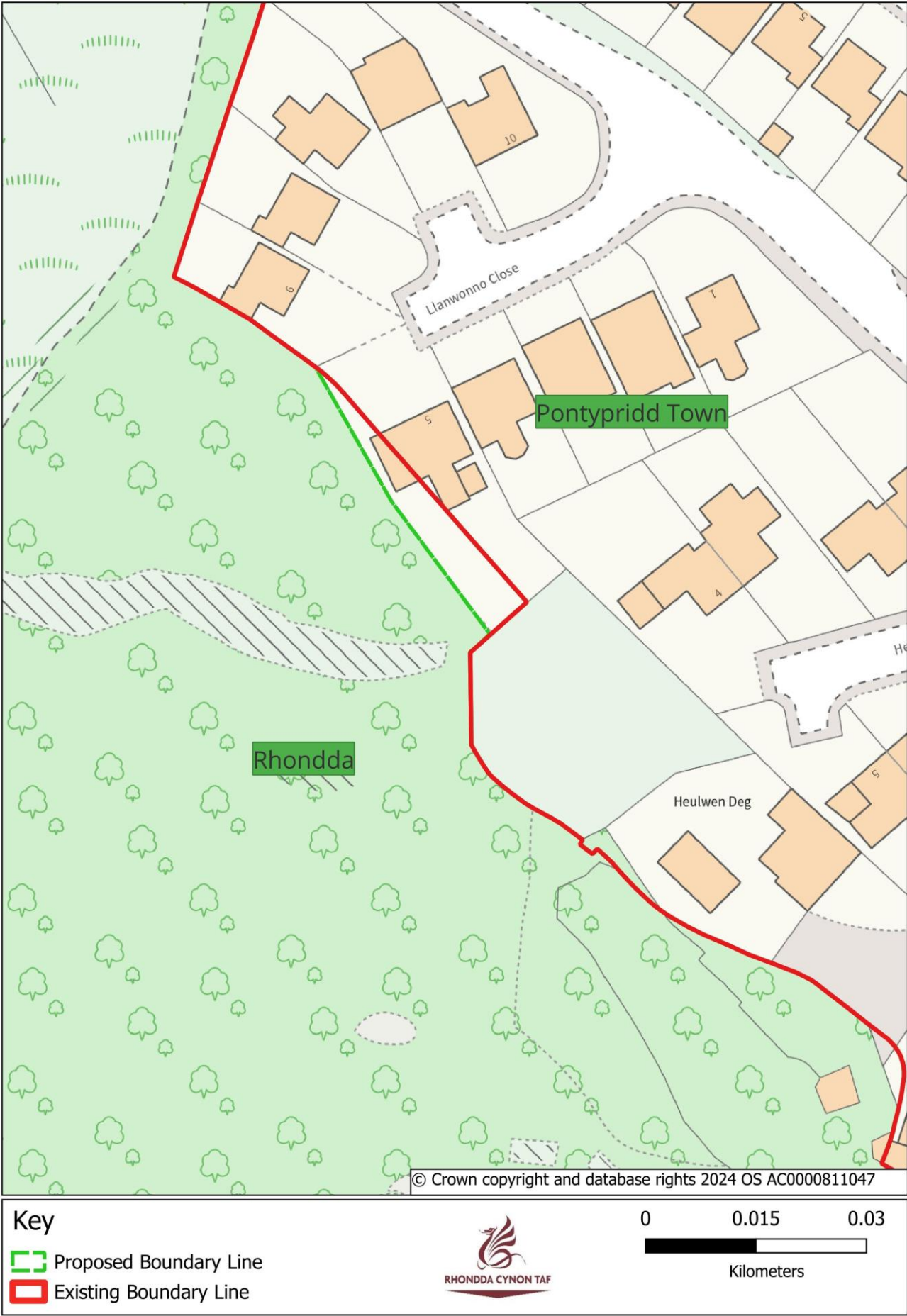




Adjustment to the boundary between Rhydfelen Central Ward and Upper Rhydfelen and Glyn-Taf Ward of the Community of Pontypridd Town



Adjustment to the boundary between Pontypridd Town Ward and Rhondda Ward of the Community of Pontypridd Town





**77. Llantwit Fardre**

The current community council arrangements in Llantwit Fardre consists of 4 wards: Church Village, Efail Isaf, Llantwit Fardre and Ton-teg. These proposals do not affect the electorate of the community areas.

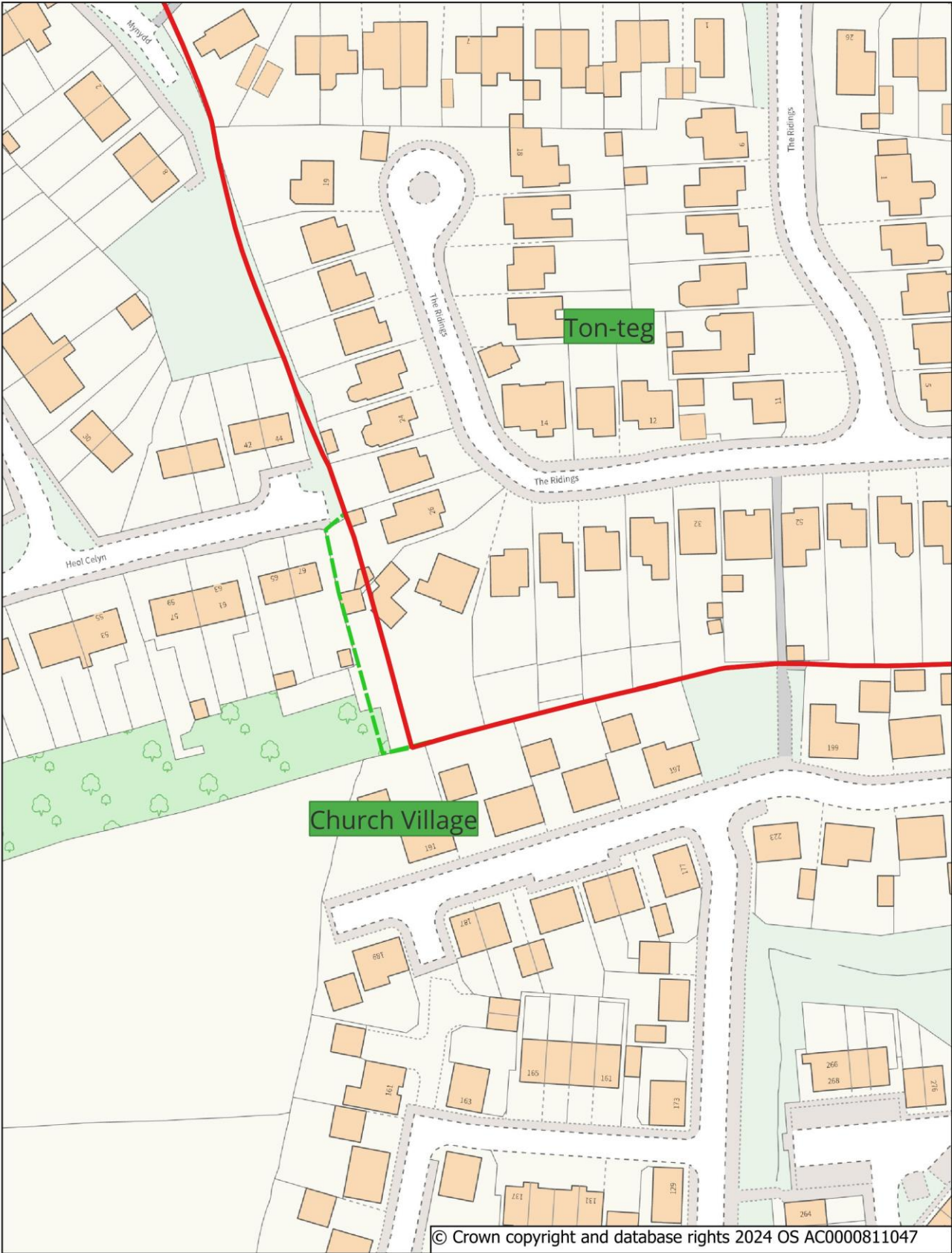
**Representations**

78. The Council received representation from the Authority's Electoral Registration Officer. The representations are published on the Council's website. This proposal does not affect the electorate of these community wards.

**Community boundary proposals**

79. The Council proposes to apply 1 change to the existing community boundary, which includes the adjustment of the boundary between the following community wards:
- Church Village and Ton-teg
80. The Council proposes to adjust the boundary line between the Church Village ward and the Ton-teg ward. The current boundary cuts through several properties and gardens on The Ridings. The proposal can be found on the map on page 55.

Adjustment to the boundary between Church Village Ward and Ton-teg Ward



Key

- Proposed Boundary Line
- Existing Boundary Line





## Chapter 4. RESPONSES TO THIS REPORT

All observations on these draft proposals should be sent to:

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council  
Electoral Services  
10-12 Gelliwastad Road  
Pontypridd  
CF37 2BW

Or by email to:

[CommunityReview@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:CommunityReview@rctcbc.gov.uk)

no later than Friday 3 January 2025

For further information on the review and the review process please refer to the Rhondda Cynon Taf [website](#).

No.	COMMUNITY NAME	DESCRIPTION	No. OF COUNCILLORS	ELECTORATE 2023	2023 RATIO	% variance from existing County average	ELECTORATE 2028	2028 RATIO	% variance from existing County average
1	ABERAMAN NORTH	The Community of Aberaman North (3,777) [3,928]	-	3,777	-	-	3,928	-	-
2	ABERAMAN SOUTH	The Community of Aberaman South (3,608) [3,692]	-	3,608	-	-	3,692	-	-
3	ABERCYNON	The Community of Abercynon (4,617) [4,644]	-	4,617	-	-	4,644	-	-
4	ABERDARE EAST	The Community of Aberdare East (5,001) [5,493]	-	5,001	-	-	5,493	-	-
5	ABERDARE WEST	The Community of Aberdare West (6,167) [6,245]	-	6,167	-	-	6,245	-	-
6	CWM CLYDACH	The Community of Cwm Clydach (1,994) [2,006]	-	1,994	-	-	2,006	-	-
7	CWMBACH	The Community of Cwmbach (3,841) [3,895]	-	3,841	-	-	3,895	-	-
8	CYMMER	The Community of Cymmer (3,427) [3,447]	-	3,427	-	-	3,447	-	-
9	FERNDALE	The Community of Ferndale (3,157) [3,175]	-	3,157	-	-	3,175	-	-
10	GILFACH GOCH	The Community Wards of Garden Village (1,229) [1,236], Gilfach Goch (692) [696] and Hendreforgan (606) [648]	7	2,527	361	-39%	2,580	369	-40%
11	HIRWAUN	The Community Wards of Hirwaun (3,190) [3,273] Penderyn (691) [695]	14	3,881	277	-53%	3,968	283	-54%
12	LLANHARAN	The Community Wards of Brynna (2,100) [2,153], Llanharan (2,888) [2,905] and Llanilid (1,874) [2,990]	14	6,862	490	-17%	8,048	575	-6%
13	LLANHARRY	The Community Wards of Llanharry (2,762) [2,778], Tyle-garw (636) [640]	9	3,398	378	-36%	3,418	380	-38%
14	LLANTRISANT	The Community Wards of Beddau (3,147) [3,191], Llantrisant Town (3,276) [3,321], Talbot Green (2,051) [2,063] and Tyn-y-nant (2,472) [2,486]	14	10,946	782	32%	11,061	790	29%
15	LLANTWIT FARDRE	The Community Wards of Church Village (5,263) [5,294], Efail Isaf (1,055) [1,061], Llantwit Fardre (3,851) [4,048] and Ton-teg (2,538) [2,553]	13	12,707	977	66%	12,956	997	63%
16	LLWYDCOED	The Community of Llwydcoed (1,307) [1,315]	-	1,307	-	-	1,315	-	-
17	LLWYN-Y-PIA	The Community of Llwyn-y-pia (2,348) [2,362]	-	2,348	-	-	2,362	-	-
18	MAERDY	The Community of Maerdy (2,307) [2,320]	-	2,307	-	-	2,320	-	-
19	MOUNTAIN ASH EAST	The Community of Mountain Ash East (2,350) [2,364]	-	2,350	-	-	2,364	-	-
20	MOUNTAIN ASH WEST	The Community of Mountain Ash West (3,238) [3,303]	-	3,238	-	-	3,303	-	-
21	PENRHIW-CEIBR	The Community of Penrhiw-ceibr (4,186) [4,210]	-	4,186	-	-	4,210	-	-
22	PENTRE	The Community of Pentre (3,937) [3,960]	-	3,937	-	-	3,960	-	-
23	PEN-Y-GRAIG	The Community of Pen-y-graig (4,036) [4,131]	-	4,036	-	-	4,131	-	-
24	PEN-Y-WAUN	The Community of Pen-y-waun (1,988) [2,000]	-	1,988	-	-	2,000	-	-
25	PONT-Y-CLUN	The Community Wards of Pontyclun Central (2,314) [2,346], Pontyclun East (1,913) [2,606] and Pontyclun West (1,988) [2,000]	11	6,215	565	-4%	6,952	632	3%
26	PONTYPRIDD TOWN	The Community Wards of Cilfynydd (2,150) [2,163], Glyncoch (1,978) [1,990], Graig (1,946) [1,957], Hawthorn and Lower Rhydfelen (1,760) [1,770], Pontypridd Town (2,333) [2,347], Rhondda (3,306) [3,325], Rhydfelen Central (2,070) [2,082], Trallwng (2,870) [2,887], Treforest (3,291) [3,310] and Upper Rhydfelen and Glyn-taf (2,494) [2,509]	23	24,198	1,052	78%	24,340	1,058	73%
27	PORTH	The Community of Porth (4,297) [4,466]	-	4,297	-	-	4,466	-	-
28	RHIGOS	The Community of Rhigos (724) [728]	10	724	72	-88%	728	73	-88%
29	TAFFS WELL	The Community Wards of Nantgarw (274) [276], Taffs Well (1,441) [1,449], Tawelfyn (539) [542] and Ty-rhiw (537) [540]	10	2,791	279	-53%	2,807	281	-54%
30	TONYPANDY	The Community of Tonypandy (2,715) [2,922]	-	2,715	-	-	2,922	-	-
31	TONYREFAIL	The Community Wards of Coedely (1,575) [1,686], Collena (1,657) [1,858], Penhiw-fer (1,065) [1,071], Thomastown (1,420) [1,471], Tylcha (1,288) [1,296] and Tynybryn (2,595) [2,798]	11	9,600	873	48%	10,180	925	51%
32	TREALAW	The Community of Trealaw (2,624) [2,639]	-	2,624	-	-	2,639	-	-
33	TREHAFOD	The Community of Trehafod (854) [859]	-	854	-	-	859	-	-
34	TREHERBERT	The Community of Treherbert (4,172) [4,196]	-	4,172	-	-	4,196	-	-
35	TREORCHY	The Community of Treorchy (5,835) [5,950]	-	5,835	-	-	5,950	-	-
36	TYLORSTOWN	The Community of Tylorstown (3,144) [3,162]	-	3,144	-	-	3,162	-	-
37	YNYSHIR	The Community of Ynyshir (2,406) [2,420]	-	2,406	-	-	2,420	-	-
38	YNYSYBWL AND COED-Y-CWM	The Community Wards of Lower (2,092) [2,104] Upper (1,394) [1,402]	12	3,486	291	-51%	3,506	292	-52%
39	YSTRAD	The Community of Ystrad (3,950) [4,028]	-	3,950	-	-	4,028	-	-
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11	HIRWAUN	The Community Wards of Hirwaun (3,190) [3,273] Penderyn (691) [695]	14	3,881	277	-52%	3,968	283	-53%
12	LLANHARAN	The Community Wards of Brynna (2,100) [2,153], Llanharan (2,888) [3,339] and Llanilid (1,874) [2,385]	14	6,862	490	-15%	7,877	563	-6%
13	LLANHARRY	The Community Ward of Llanharry (2,762) [2,778]	8	3,398	425	-27%	2,778	347	-42%
14	LLANTRISANT	The Community Wards of Beddau (3,147) [3,191], Llantrisant Town (3,276) [3,321], Talbot Green (2,051) [2,232] and Tyn-y-nant (2,472) [2,486]	14	10,946	782	35%	11,230	802	34%
15	LLANTWIT FARDRE	The Community Wards of Church Village (5,263) [5,294], Efail Isaf (1,055) [1,061], Llantwit Fardre (3,851) [4,048] Ton-teg (2,538) [2,553]	13	12,707	977	69%	12,956	997	66%
16	LLWYDCOED	The Community of Llwydcoed (1,307) [1,315]	-	1,307	-	-	1,315	-	-
17	LLWYN-Y-PIA	The Community of Llwyn-y-pia (2,348) [2,362]	-	2,348	-	-	2,362	-	-
18	MAERDY	The Community of Maerdy (2,307) [2,320]	-	2,307	-	-	2,320	-	-
19	MOUNTAIN ASH EAST	The Community of Mountain Ash East (2,350) [2,364]	-	2,350	-	-	2,364	-	-
20	MOUNTAIN ASH WEST	The Community of Mountain Ash West (3,238) [3,303]	-	3,238	-	-	3,303	-	-
21	PENRHIW-CEIBR	The Community of Penrhiw-ceibr (4,186) [4,210]	-	4,186	-	-	4,210	-	-
22	PENTRE	The Community of Pentre (3,937) [3,960]	-	3,937	-	-	3,960	-	-
23	PEN-Y-GRAIG	The Community of Pen-y-graig (4,036) [4,131]	-	4,036	-	-	4,131	-	-
24	PEN-Y-WAUN	The Community of Pen-y-waun (1,988) [2,000]	-	1,988	-	-	2,000	-	-
25	PONT-Y-CLUN	The Community Wards of Pontyclun Central (2,314) [2,260], Pontyclun East (1,913) [2,694] and Pontyclun West (1,988) [2,640]	12	6,215	518	-10%	7,594	633	6%
26	PONTYPRIDD TOWN	The Community Wards of Cilfynydd (2,150) [2,163], Glyncoch (1,978) [1,990], Graig (1,946) [1,957], Hawthorn and Lower Rhydfelen (1,760) [1,770], Pontypridd Town (2,333) [2,347], Rhondda (3,306) [3,325], Rhydfelen Central (2,070) [2,082], Trallwng (2,870) [2,887], Treforest (3,291) [3,310] and Upper Rhydfelen and Glyn-taf (2,494) [2,509]	23	24,198	1,052	82%	24,340	1,058	76%
27	PORTH	The Community of Porth (4,297) [4,466]	-	4,297	-	-	4,466	-	-
28	RHIGOS	The Community of Rhigos (724) [728]	10	724	72	-87%	728	73	-88%
29	TAFFS WELL	The Community Wards of Nantgarw (274) [276], Taffs Well (1,441) [1,449], Tawelfyn (539) [542] and Ty-rhiw (537) [540]	10	2,791	279	-52%	2,807	281	-53%
30	TONYPANDY	The Community of Tonypandy (2,715) [2,922]	-	2,715	-	-	2,922	-	-
31	TONYREFAIL	The Community Wards of Coedely (1,575) [1,686], Collena (1,657) [1,858], Penhiw-fer (1,065) [1,071], Thomastown (1,420) [1,721], Tylcha (1,288) [1,296] and Tynybryn (2,595) [2,548]	14	9,600	686	19%	10,180	727	21%
32	TREALAW	The Community of Trealaw (2,624) [2,639]	-	2,624	-	-	2,639	-	-
33	TREHAFOD	The Community of Trehafod (854) [859]	-	854	-	-	859	-	-
34	TREHERBERT	The Community of Treherbert (4,172) [4,196]	-	4,172	-	-	4,196	-	-
35	TREORCHY	The Community of Treorchy (5,835) [5,950]	-	5,835	-	-	5,950	-	-
36	TYLORSTOWN	The Community of Tylorstown (3,144) [3,162]	-	3,144	-	-	3,162	-	-
37	YNYSHIR	The Community of Ynyshir (2,406) [2,420]	-	2,406	-	-	2,420	-	-
38	YNYSYBWL AND COED-Y-CWM	The Community Wards of Lower (2,092) [2,104] and Upper (1,394) [1,402]	12	3,486	291	-50%	3,506	292	-51%
39	YSTRAD	The Community of Ystrad (3,950) [4,028]	-	3,950	-	-	4,028	-	-
COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA TOTAL			151	87,335	578		90,544	600	
RCT TOTAL				178,618			183,676		