

LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Council Meeting held at
St Hilary Village Hall,
On Tuesday, 3rd October 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairperson: Councillor Liz Loch.
Councillors : Steph Bonnar, Julian Hitchcock, Mary Llewellyn, Heather Shaw, Geoff Simpson and Jim Teague.

In Attendance: Jackie Griffin, Clerk.
6 Members of the Public.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillor Ray Simkiss.

Item 2: Declarations of Interest.
None.

Item 3: To discuss and draft a response to the Boundary Commission’s Draft Proposal for Llanfair Community Council as part of the review into town and community councils’ boundaries in the Vale of Glamorgan.
Councillor Loch had prepared a detailed ‘slide presentation’ explaining the purpose and procedure of the Boundary Review currently being carried out in the Vale of Glamorgan, by the Boundary Commission for and on behalf of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The following points were made:

- In Llanfair Community Council area there are currently 494 electors which, with 8 Councillors, which equates to 62 electors for each Councillor.
- The importance of Llanfair retaining its ‘rural identity’.
- The ‘rules’ mean that the status quo cannot be maintained and there must be a reduction in the number of councillors.
- The minutes of Llanfair CC indicate that the community has very specific issues, very different to the urban community of Cowbridge, some of these include: the Primary School at the Herberts; HGV issues in St Hilary; defibrillators in the communities; lack of public transport; tree maintenance; property planning contraventions.
- The representation of Councillors from Llanfair wards (proposed to be 3 out of a total of 16) would be in a minority and not have a loud voice; and this may result in a lack of support due to the smaller representation.
- Agreed it was very much a numbers game and whatever the outcome of the review, there would still only be 3 councillors to represent the Llanfair Community applying the formula agreed between the Boundary Commission and Vale of Glamorgan Council.
- An alternative to be amalgamated with Cowbridge was discussed including being joined with one or two of the smaller, neighbouring community councils either Llanmaes CC or Llandow CC or both.

Resolved that the Chair, Councillor Loch, should discuss and meet, if in agreement, the Chairs of Llanmaes CC and Llandow CC to discuss their thoughts on the Draft Proposals and the possibility of Llanfair amalgamating with them as an alternative to the proposal of joining with Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council.

Item 4: Place, Date and Time of Next Meeting
Thursday, 5th October 2023, 7.00pm at St Hilary Village Hall.

..... **Chairman.**
Date : 5th October 2023.