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## FOREWORD

This is our report containing our Draft Proposals for the communities of the County Borough of Caerphilly.

This community review of the County Borough of Caerphilly is conducted under the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 and Commission's terms of reference document. The issue of fairness is set out clearly in the legislation and has been a key principle the Commission. We are also required to look to the future and have asked the Council to give us projections of the number of electors in five years' time.

In working up our proposals, we have considered local ties and those who wish to retain current boundaries. We have looked carefully at every representation made to us. However, we have had to balance these issues and representations against all the other factors we have to consider, and the constraints set out above. In particular, the requirement to ensure that communities continue to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government. As a consequence of any changes to community or community ward boundaries the commission has also considered the need for electoral parity and democratic fairness for all electors.

Finally, may I thank the Members and officers of the principal council for assisting us with the information to aid us in developing our draft proposals, the Community and Town Councils for their contribution and all those who made representations.

We look forward to receiving any views you may wish to share.

**Beverly Smith**  
**Chair**

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## REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY ARRANGEMENTS OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF CAERPHILLY

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## Chapter 1. SUMMARY OF DRAFT PROPOSALS

1. The Commission 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.
2. The Commission proposes a change to the boundaries of 13 communities across the principal council area. As a consequence of those changes the Commission has proposed changes to the electoral arrangements of 13 communities across the principal council area.
3. The Commission has proposed no changes to 15 communities across the principal council area: Aber Valley, Abercarn, Argoed, Blackwood, Crosskeys, Crumlin, Darran Valley, Llanbradach & Pwllypant, New Tredegar, Newbridge, Penmaen, Penyrheol, Trecenydd & Energlyn, Van and Ynysddu.
4. During the initial consultation period the Commission received representations from the Caerphilly County Borough Council Cross Party Working Group (CCBCCPWG), 4 Town and Community Councils, 1 Member of Parliament, 1 Member of the Senedd, 1 Political Party Branch, 7 County Councillors, 3 Community Councillors and 5 Members of the public. The Commission considered the representations carefully before it formulated its proposals. All representations are published on the Commissions [website](#).
5. As described in the Draft Proposals Information document, in producing a scheme of community arrangements the Commission must have regard to a number of issues contained in the legislation. It is not always possible to resolve all of these, sometimes conflicting, issues. In the Commission's proposed scheme, it has placed emphasis on ensuring that communities continue to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government.
6. The Commission recognises that the creation of communities and community wards which depart from the pattern which now exists may impact upon existing ties between communities and straddle multiple community councils. The Commission recognises however that there may be different proposals for communities and community wards that better reflect community ties and it would welcome any alternative suggestions that comply with the legislation.
7. In this document the proposed community and community wards have been given working names which are intended to represent an area rather than particular settlements, villages, or towns. The Commission recognises that there may be names that are more appropriate, it would welcome alternative suggestions. The Commission would request that these suggested names should not merely consist of listed communities and villages but, instead, should reflect the character of the areas involved as well as being effective in either Welsh or English.
8. This draft scheme represents the Commission's preliminary views on the community arrangements for the principal council area. It welcomes any representations in respect of these proposals. The Commission will consider carefully all representations made to it before formulating its final recommendations and submitting them to Welsh Government.

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

1. As part of the Commission agreeing to carry out the review on behalf of the local authority the Commission requests that the local authority submits its own council size policy to the Commission.
2. The Council Size Policy is not used as prescriptively as in other types of reviews carried out by the Commission and acts as a guide.
3. Caerphilly County Borough Council have submitted the following which forms their Council Size Policy:
  - The Review should ensure that a Community should have no fewer than 7 councillors and no more than 25 to carry out its statutory responsibilities effectively.
  - No community council should have less than 500 electors.
  - Although a formal council size policy should be adopted, each community should be considered on its own merits, having regard to its population and geography.

### Chapter 3. DRAFT PROPOSALS

1. The Commission'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);
  - key arguments made during the Commissions 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.

## RISCA EAST AND RISCA WEST

2. The current community council arrangements in Risca East consists of 3 wards: Pontymister Tŷ Sign, Pontymister Upper, and Trenewydd. The community has a total electorate of 4,624 and is represented by 9 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Pontymister Tŷ Sign	1,803	4
Pontymister Upper	1,291	2
Trenewydd	1,530	3
Total	4,624	9

3. The current town council arrangements in Risca West consists of 4 wards: Pontymister Lower, Risca Dan-y-graig, Risca Town and Fernlea, and Tŷ Isaf Fields. The town has a total electorate of 3,910 and is represented by 8 town councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors are as follows:

Town Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Pontymister Lower	630	1
Risca Dan-y-graig	443	1
Risca Town and Fernlea	1,367	3
Tŷ Isaf Fields	1,470	3
Total	3,910	8

## Representations

4. The Commission received 2 representations concerning the Community of Risca East and the Town of Risca West from: The Caerphilly Council Cross Party Working Group (CCBCCPWG), and Risca West Town Council. The representations are published on the Commission's [website](#).

## Community ward boundary proposals

5. The Commission proposes to apply 1 change to the existing town and community boundaries, which includes the creation of a new community:
- Creation of a new community known as Risca
6. The Commission proposes to abolish the Town of Risca West and the Community of Risca East and utilising the 2 areas to form the new Community of Risca. The proposal was submitted by Risca West Town Council. The Commission agrees that this proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government for the residents of the area as it involves the combination of 2 neighbouring communities with a shared identity. The Commission proposes utilising the existing community ward boundaries within the 2 existing communities to create internal wards within the new Community of Risca. The proposal can be found on the map on page 12.
7. As a result of these proposals, the electorate within the new Community of Risca would be 8,534.
8. The new community ward of Pontymister Tŷ Sign would have 1,803 electors. The new community ward of Pontymister Upper would have 1,291 electors. The new community ward of Trenewydd would have

1,530 electors. The new community ward of Pontymister Lower would have 630 electors. The new community ward of Risca Dan-y-graig would have 443 electors. The new community ward of Risca Town and Fernlea would have 1,367 electors. The new community ward of Tŷ Isaf Fields and Ochrywyth would have 1,470 electors.

### Proposed Names

9. As a result of these proposals the Commission proposes the new English community name of **Risca** and the Welsh community name of **Rhisga** as recommended by the Welsh Language Commissioner.
10. Risca West Town Council also proposed the new community ward name of Tŷ Isaf Fields and Ochrywyth to replace the current Tŷ Isaf Fields community ward name. The Commission agrees with the proposal and as a result of these proposals, the Commission proposes the new English community ward name of **Tŷ Isaf Fields and Ochrywyth** and the Welsh community ward name of **Caeau Tŷ Isaf ac Ochrywyth** as recommended by the Welsh Language Commissioner.
11. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Pontymister Tŷ Sign** as recommended by the Welsh Language Commissioner.
12. The Commission also proposes retaining the English community ward name of **Pontymister Upper**, and proposes the Welsh community ward name of **Pontymister Uchaf** as recommended by the Welsh Language Commissioner.
13. The Commission also proposes retaining the English community ward name of **Pontymister Lower**, and proposes the Welsh community ward name of **Pontymister Isaf** as recommended by the Welsh Language Commissioner.
14. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Trenwydd**. The Welsh Language Commissioner is satisfied with the spelling of the existing name. The Commission would welcome suggestions for alternative ward names.
15. The Commission also proposes retaining the English community ward name of **Risca Dan-y-graig**, and proposes the Welsh community ward name of **Rhisga Dan-y-graig** as recommended by the Welsh Language Commissioner.
16. Finally, the Commission proposes retaining the English community ward name of **Risca Town and Fernlea**, and proposes the Welsh community ward name of **Tref Rhisga a Fernlea** as recommended by the Welsh Language Commissioner.

### Consequential Changes

#### Community Council electoral arrangements

17. The proposed community council arrangements in the new Community of Risca would consist of 7 wards: Pontymister Tŷ Sign, Pontymister Upper, Pontymister Lower, Trenwydd, Risca Dan-y-graig, Risca Town and Fernlea, and Tŷ Isaf Fields and Ochrywyth. The town is proposed to have a total electorate of 8,534 and be represented by 18 community councillors.
18. The Commission is required to propose electoral arrangements for the new community council that would be created following these proposals. The Commission's proposed electoral arrangements for the community council can be seen on page 10.

	The Community of Risca							
	Existing				Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Pontymister Tŷ Sign	1,803	4	451	-10%	1,803	4	451	-5%
Pontymister Upper	1,291	2	646	29%	1,291	3	430	-9%
Trenewydd	1,530	3	510	2%	1,530	3	510	8%
Pontymister Lower	630	1	630	25%	630	1	630	33%
Risca Dan-y-graig	443	1	443	-12%	443	1	443	-7%
Risca Town and Fernlea	1,367	3	456	-9%	1,367	3	456	-4%
Tŷ Isaf Fields	1,470	3	490	-2%	-	-	-	-
Tŷ Isaf Fields and Ochrwyth	-	-	-	-	1,470	3	490	3%
	8,534	17	502		8,534	18	474	

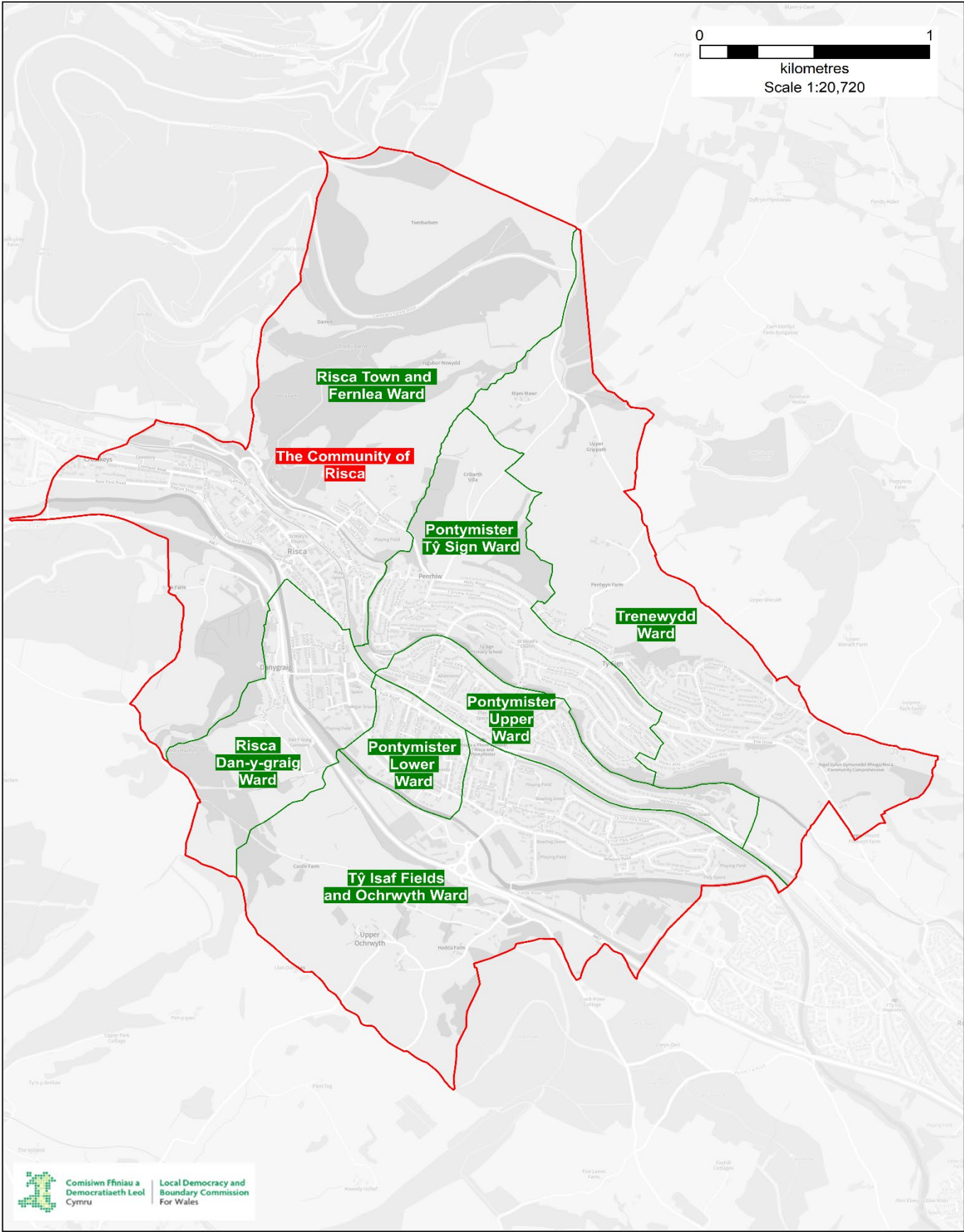
The Commission notes that the council size policy submitted by CCBCCPWG would mean that the Community of Risca would be entitled to between 17 and 20 community councillors. In order to provide effective and convenient local government, the Commission has proposed that the Community of Risca be represented by 18 community councillors to provide fair representation across the revised community area.

### Principal council electoral ward arrangements

19. The Commission is required to consider the consequential changes to principal council electoral wards that would occur following these proposals.
20. The Commission proposes that the electoral ward of Risca East is made up of the Pontymister Tŷ Sign, Pontymister Upper, and Trenewydd wards of the Community of Risca.
21. The Commission proposes that the electoral ward of Risca West is made up of the Pontymister Lower, Risca Town and Fernlea, Risca Dan-y-graig, and Tŷ Isaf Fields and Ochrwyth wards of the Community of Risca.
22. The Commission's proposed electoral ward arrangements can be seen on page 11.

Consequential Changes to Electoral Ward Arrangements								
Existing					Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Risca East	4,624	3	1,541	-10%	4,624	3	1,541	-10%
Risca West	3,910	2	1,955	15%	3,910	2	1,955	15%
	8,534	5	1,707		8,534	5	1,707	

# The Community of Risca





**BEDWAS, TRETHOMAS AND MACHEN AND RUDRY**

23. The current community council arrangements in Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen consists of 3 wards: Bedwas, Trethomas, and Machen. The Community has a total electorate of 7,907 and is represented by 12 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Bedwas	3,329	4
Trethomas	1,732	3
Machen	2,846	5
Total	7,907	12

24. The current community council arrangements in Rudry consists of 3 wards: Llanfedw, Rhyd-y-gwern, and Rudry. The town has a total electorate of 876 and is represented by 9 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Llanfedw	198	2
Rhyd-y-gwern	120	2
Rudry	558	5
Total	876	9

**Representations**

25. The Commission received 15 representations concerning the Communities of Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen and Rudry from: The Caerphilly Council Cross Party Working Group (CCBCCPWG), Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council (BTM CC), 1 Member of Parliament, 1 Member of the Senedd, the Plaid Cymru Cangen BTM Caerffili ag Iago Sant Branch, 4 County Councillors, 2 Community Councillors and 4 members of the public. The representations are published on the Commission's [website](#).

**Community ward boundary proposals**

26. The Commission proposes to apply 1 change to the existing community boundaries, which includes the creation of a new community:
- Creation of a new community known as Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Rudry
27. The Commission proposes to abolish the Community of Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen and the Community of Rudry and utilising the 2 areas to form the new Community of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Rudry. The proposal was submitted by CCBCCPWG and partly supported by BTM CC, 1 Member of Parliament, 1 Member of the Senedd, 4 County Councillors, 2 Community Councillors and 3 members of the public. The Commission agrees that this proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government as it involves the combination of 2 neighbouring communities with a shared identity. The Commission proposes utilising the existing community ward boundaries within the 2 existing communities to create internal wards within the new Community of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Rudry. The proposal can be found on the map on page 16.
28. As a result of these proposals, the electorate within the new community area would be 8,783.

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29. The new community ward of Bedwas would have 3,329 electors. The new community ward of Trethomas would have 1,732 electors. The new community ward of Machen would have 2,846 electors. The new community ward of Llanfedw would have 198 electors. The new community ward of Rhyd-y-gwern would have 120 electors. The new community ward of Rudry would have 558 electors.

### Proposed Names

30. As a result of these proposals the Commission proposes the new English community name of **Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Rudry** and the Welsh community name of **Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen a Rhydri** as recommended by the Welsh Language Commissioner.
31. The Commission proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Bedwas** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
32. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Trethomas** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
33. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Machen** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
34. The Commission also proposes retaining the English community ward name of **Rudry**, and proposes the Welsh community ward name of **Rhydri** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
35. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Llanfedw** as recommended by the Welsh Language Commissioner.
36. Finally, the Commission proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Rhyd-y-gwern** as recommended by the Welsh Language Commissioner.

### Consequential Changes

#### Community Council electoral arrangements

37. The proposed community council arrangements in the new Community of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Rudry community area would consist of 6 wards: Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen, Llanfedw, Rhyd-y-gwern and Rudry. The community is proposed to have a total electorate of 8,783 and be represented by 17 community councillors.
38. The Commission is required to propose electoral arrangements for the new community council that would be created following these proposals. The Commission's proposed electoral arrangements for the community councils can be seen on page 15.

Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Rudry Community Council								
Existing					Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Bedwas	3,329	4	832	99%	3,329	5	666	29%
Machen	2,846	5	569	36%	2,846	5	569	10%
Trethomas	1,732	3	577	38%	1,732	3	577	12%
Llanfedw	198	2	99	-76%	198	1	198	-62%
Rhyd-y-gwern	120	2	60	-86%	120	1	120	-77%
Rudry	558	5	112	-73%	558	2	279	-46%
	8,783	21	418		8,783	17	517	

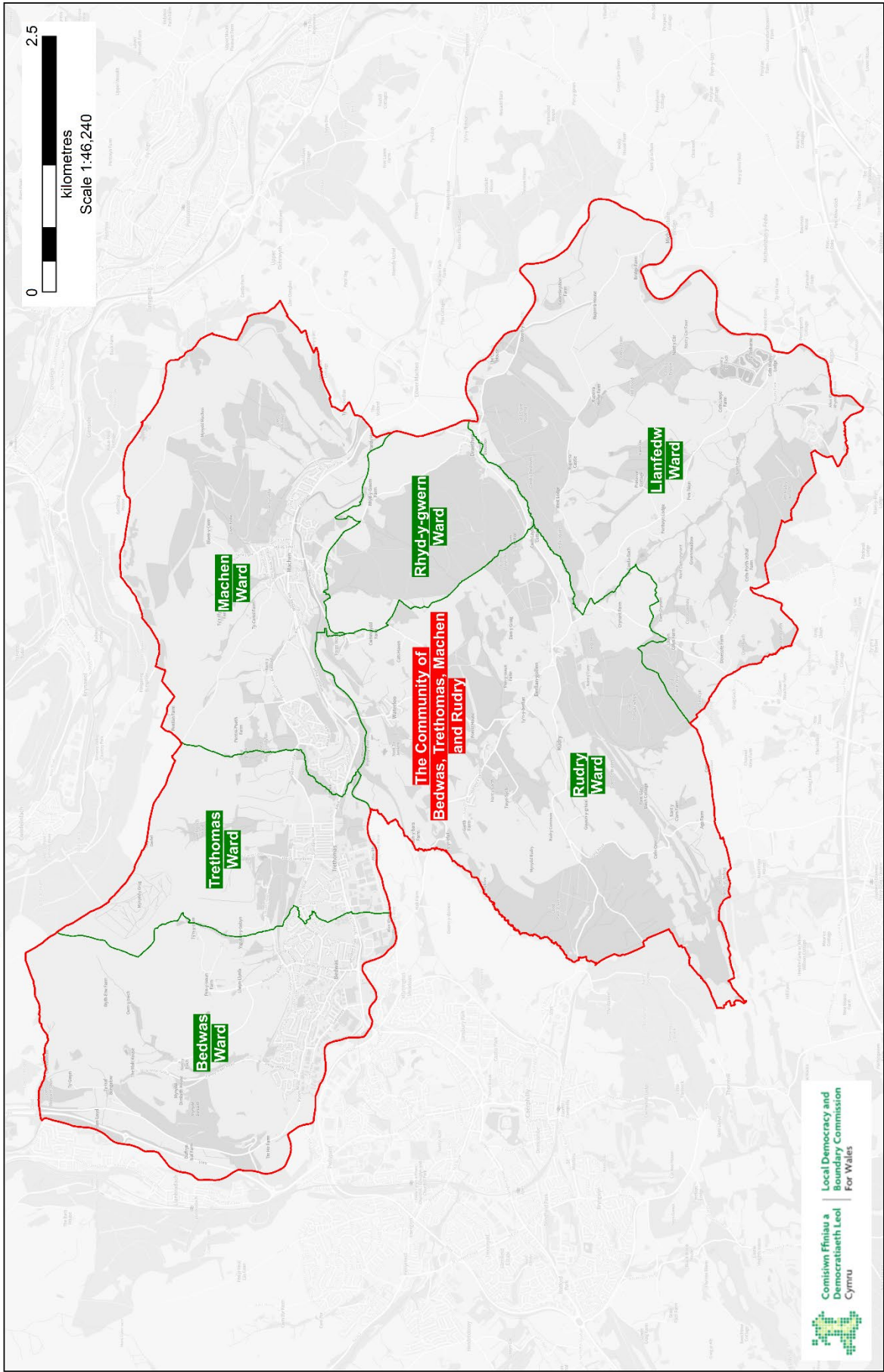
The Commission notes that the council size policy submitted by CCBCCPWG would mean that the Community of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Rudry would be entitled to between 17 and 20 community councillors. In order to provide effective and convenient local government, the Commission has proposed that the Community of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Rudry be represented by 17 community councillors. The Commission is of the view that a community council of 17 members provides for appropriate levels of representation across the community area and is reflective of the representations received and the results of the Local Government Elections in May 2022.

### Principal council electoral ward arrangements

39. The Commission is required to consider the consequential changes to principal council electoral wards that would occur following these proposals.
40. The Commission proposes that the electoral ward of Bedwas and Trethomas is made up of the Bedwas and Trethomas wards of the Community of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Rudry.
41. The Commission proposes that the electoral ward of Machen and Rudry is made up of the Machen, Llanfedw, Rhyd-y-gwern and Rudry wards of the Community of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Rudry.
42. The Commission's proposed electoral ward arrangements can be seen below :

Consequential Changes to Electoral Ward Arrangements								
Existing					Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Bedwas and Trethomas	5,061	3	1,687	-4%	5,061	3	1,687	-4%
Machen and Rudry	3,722	2	1,861	6%	3,722	2	1,861	6%
	8,783	5	1,757		8,783	5	1,757	

# The Community of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Rudry



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**GELLIGAER AND NELSON**

43. The current community council arrangements in Gelligaer consists of 6 wards: Cascade, Cefn Hengoed, Greenhill, Hengoed, Tir-y-berth, and Ystrad Mynach. The Community has a total electorate of 13,540 and is represented by 13 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Cascade	2,486	2
Cefn Hengoed	1,919	2
Greenhill	1,988	3
Hengoed	2,135	2
Tir-y-berth	995	1
Ystrad Mynach	4,017	3
Total	13,540	13

44. The current community council arrangements in Nelson consists of 2 wards: Llanfabon and Llwyncelyn. The community has a total electorate of 3,531 and is represented by 9 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Llanfabon	966	3
Llwyncelyn	2,565	6
Total	3,531	9

**Representations**

45. The Commission received 2 representations concerning the Communities of Gelligaer and Nelson from: the Caerphilly Council Cross Party Working Group (CCBCCPWG), and Gelligaer Community Council (Gelligaer CC). The representations are published on the Commission's [website](#).

**Community ward boundary proposals**

46. The Commission proposes to apply 2 changes to the existing internal community boundaries, and 1 change to the existing community boundary, which includes the transfer of areas between the following community areas:
- Cefn Hengoed to Ystrad Mynach
  - Cefn Hengoed to Tir-y-berth
  - Greenhill to Llwyncelyn
47. The Commission proposes to transfer part of the Cefn Hengoed ward to the Ystrad Mynach ward. This involves the transfer of 6 streets in the Cwm Calon Housing Estate and affects 260 electors. The proposal sees the Cwm Calon Housing Estate united in 1 ward. This proposal was submitted by the CCBCCPWG and Gelligaer CC who stated that the current arrangements leave the residents in the 6 streets in the Cwm Calon Housing Estate with no direct access to their polling station. The Commission agrees that this proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government as it creates a clearer boundary



and better access. The proposal can be found on the map on page 21 and in greater detail on the map on page 22.

48. The Commission also proposes to transfer part of the Cefn Hengoed ward to the Tir-y-berth ward. This involves the transfer of Farm Close and affects 63 electors. The proposal sees the residents in Farm Close included in the Tir-y-berth ward. This proposal was submitted by the CCBCCPWG and Gelligaer CC who stated that the current arrangements leave the residents in Farm Close with no direct access to their polling station. The Commission is of the view that the proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government as residents in Farm Close have more direct access to the Tir-y-berth ward. The proposal can be found on the map on page 21 and in greater detail on the map on page 23.
49. The Commission further proposes to transfer part of the Greenhill ward, which is within the Community of Gelligaer to the Llwyncelyn ward in the Community of Nelson. This involves the transfer of the area to the west of the ward and affects 8 electors. This proposal was submitted by CCBCCPWG and partly supported by Gelligaer CC to allow for the residents to be included within the Community of Nelson. The Commission agrees that the proposal provides for effective and convenient local government as the area recommended to be transferred is adjacent to the Llwyncelyn ward and residents have clear and more direct access to the Community of Nelson. The proposal can be found on the map on page 21 and in greater detail on the map on page 24 and 25.
50. As a result of these proposals, the electorate within the Community of Gelligaer would decrease to 13,532. With 8 electors transferring to the Community of Nelson.
51. The electorate within the Community of Nelson would increase to 3,539. With 8 electors transferring from the Community of Gelligaer.

### Proposed Names

52. As a result of these proposals the Commission proposes retaining the English community name of **Gelligaer** and the Welsh community name of **Gelli-gaer** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
53. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community name of **Nelson** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
54. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Llanfabon** as recommended by the Welsh Language Commissioner.
55. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Llwyncelyn** as recommended by the Welsh Language Commissioner.
56. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Cascade** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
57. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Greenhill** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
58. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Tir-y-berth** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.

59. As a result of these proposals the Commission proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Ystrad Mynach** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
60. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Cefn Hengoed** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
61. Finally, the Commission proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Hengoed** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.

### Consequential Changes

#### Community Council electoral arrangements

62. The proposed community council arrangements in Gelligaer would consist of 6 wards: Cascade, Cefn Hengoed, Greenhill, Hengoed, Tir-y-berth, and Ystrad Mynach. The Community has a total electorate of 13,532 and is represented by 14 community councillors.
63. The Commission is required to consider the consequential changes to community electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Commission's proposed electoral arrangements for the community council can be seen below:

Gelligaer Community Council								
Existing					Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Cascade	2,486	2	1,243	19%	2,486	3	829	-14%
Cefn Hengoed	1,919	2	960	-8%	1,596	2	798	-17%
Greenhill	1,988	3	663	-36%	1,980	2	990	2%
Hengoed	2,135	2	1,068	2%	2,135	2	1,068	10%
Tir-y-berth	995	1	995	-4%	1,058	1	1,058	9%
Ystrad Mynach	4,017	3	1,339	29%	4,277	4	1,069	11%
	13,540	13	1,042		13,532	14	967	

The Commission notes that the council size policy submitted by CCBCCPWG would mean that the Community of Gelligaer would be entitled to between 19 and 22 community councillors. However, in the interest of providing effective and convenient local government, the Commission has proposed that the Community of Gelligaer be represented by 14 community councillors to provide acceptable levels of variance and representation across the community area. The Commission would welcome suggestions for community councillor allocation for the community area.

64. The proposed community council arrangements in Nelson would consist of 2 wards: Llanfabon and Llwynceilyn. The Community has a total electorate of 3,539 and is represented by 9 community councillors.

65. The Commission is required to consider the consequential changes to community electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Commission's proposed electoral arrangements for the community council can be seen below:

Nelson Community Council								
Existing					Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Llanfabon	966	3	322	-18%	966	3	322	-18%
Llwyncelyn	2,565	6	428	9%	2,573	6	429	9%
	3,531	9	392		3,539	9	393	

The Commission notes that the council size policy submitted by CCBCCPWG would mean that the Community of Nelson would be entitled to between 8 and 14 community councillors. In order to provide effective and convenient local government in-line with the council size policy, the Commission has proposed no changes to the councillor allocation of the Community of Nelson.

### Principal council electoral ward arrangements

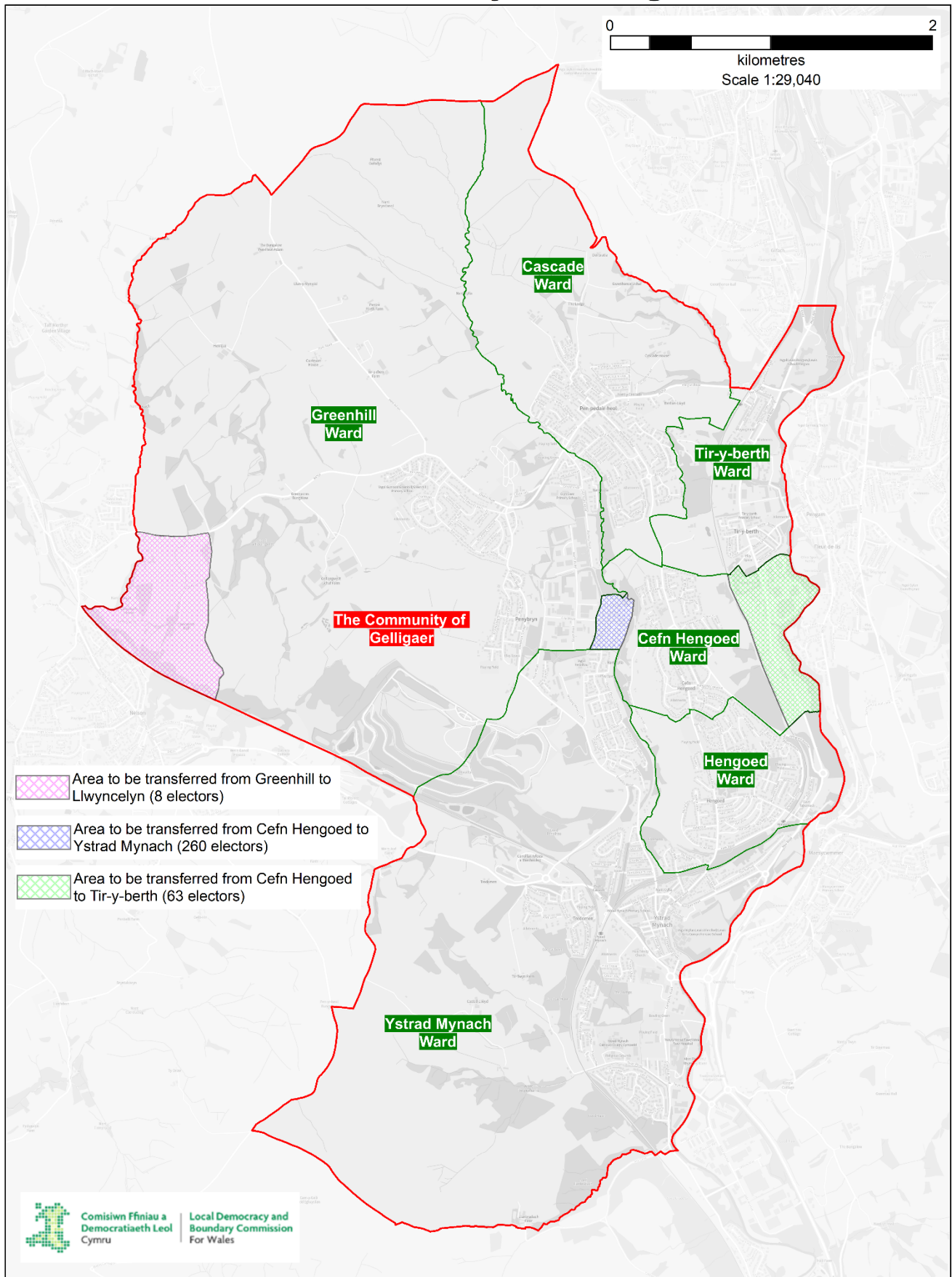
66. The Commission is required to consider the consequential changes to principal council electoral wards that would occur following these proposals.
67. As a consequence of the proposed changes to the warding arrangements within Gelligaer and Nelson the Commission also propose the same changes be applied to the existing electoral wards below:
- Hengoed
  - Nelson
  - St Cattwg
  - Ystrad Mynach

68. The Commission's proposed electoral ward arrangements can be seen below:

Consequential Changes to Electoral Ward Arrangements								
Existing					Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Hengoed	4,054	2	2,027	7%	3,731	2	1,866	-2%
St Cattwg	5,469	3	1,823	-4%	5,524	3	1,841	-3%
Ystrad Mynach	4,017	2	2,009	6%	4,277	2	2,139	13%
Nelson	3,531	2	1,766	-7%	3,539	2	1,770	-7%
	17,071	9	1,897		17,071	9	1,897	

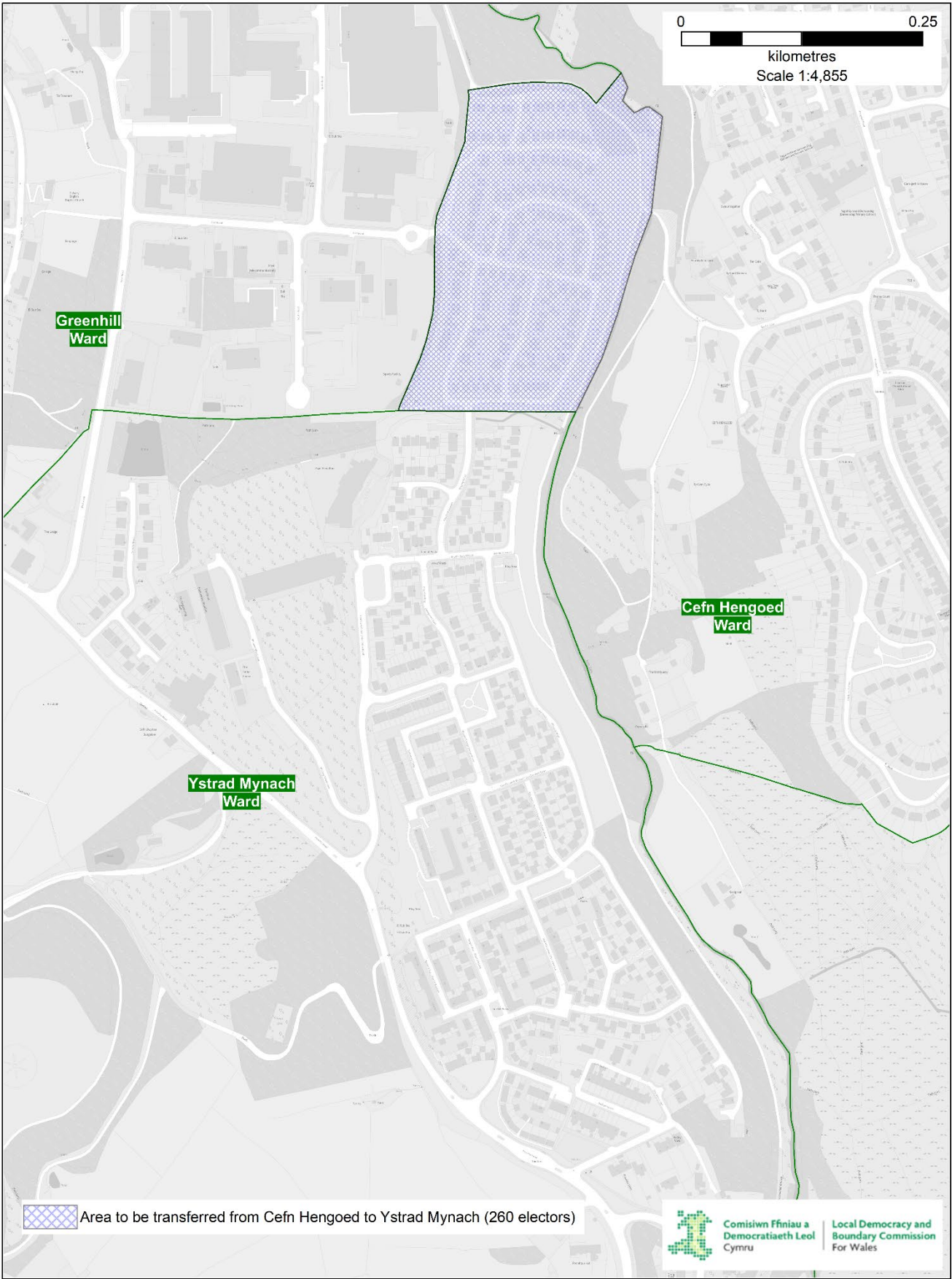


# The Community of Gelligaer



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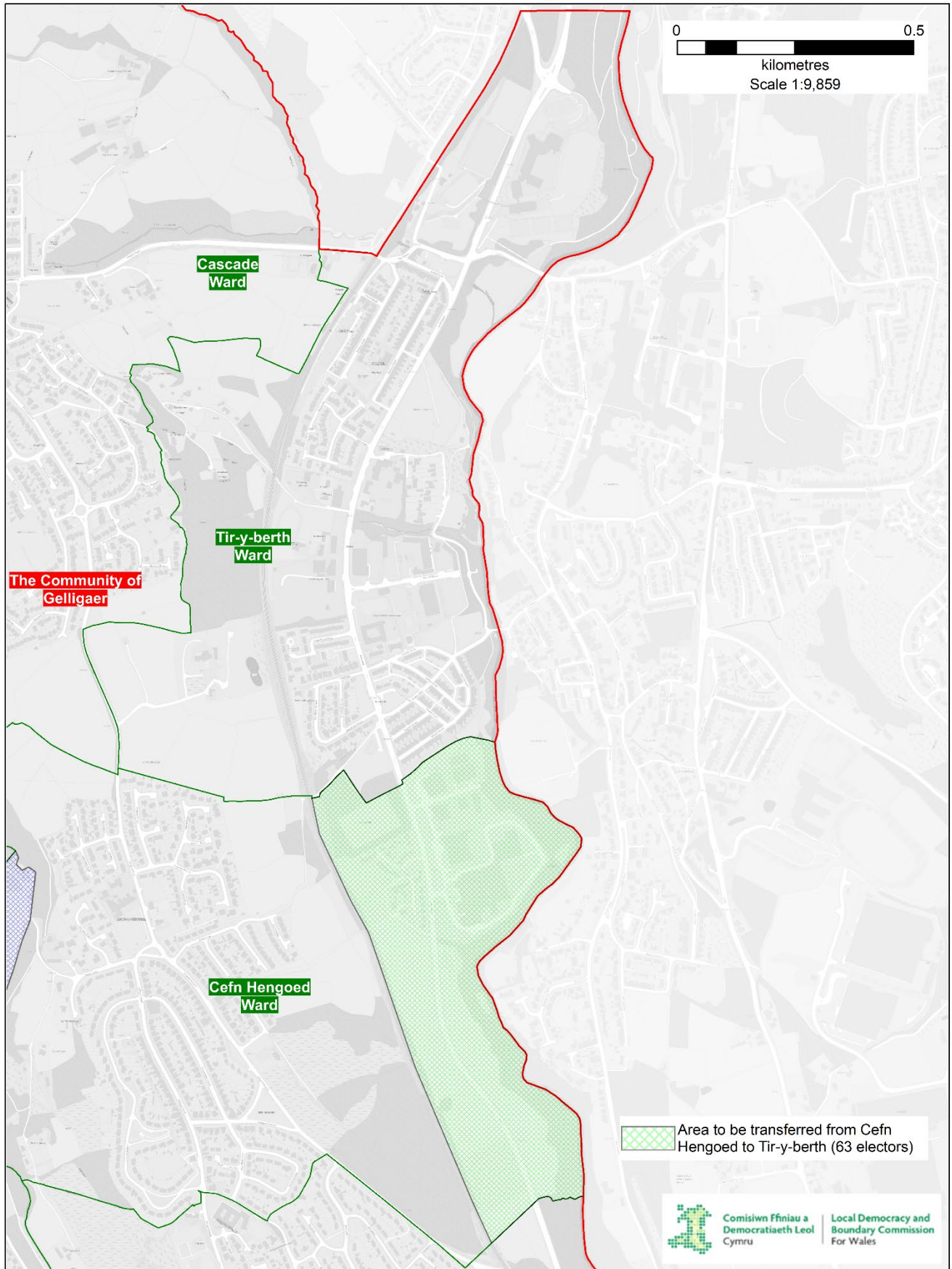
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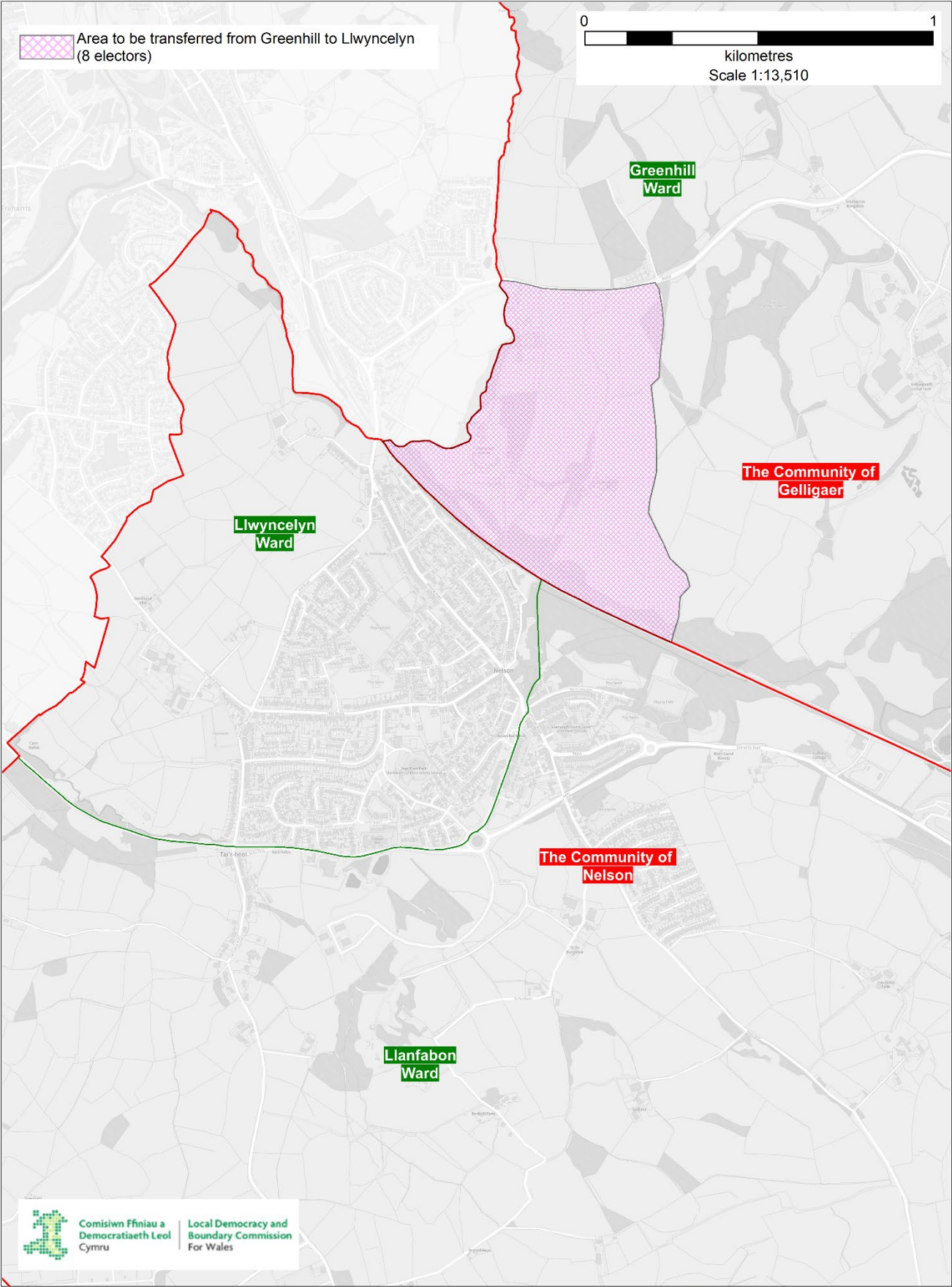
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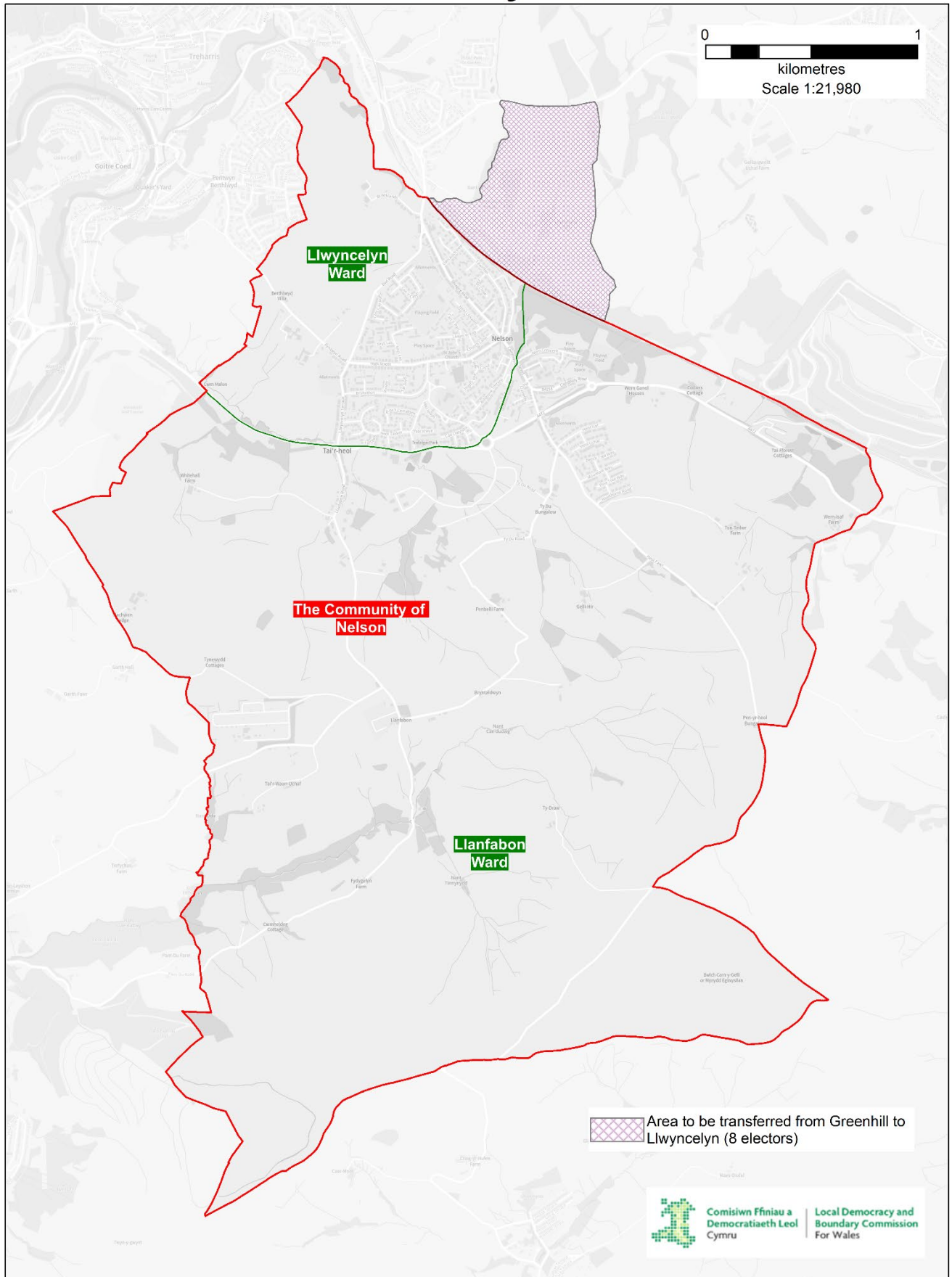
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# The Community of Nelson



## CAERPHILLY

69. The current town council arrangements in Caerphilly consists of 7 wards: Brynccenydd, Castle, Cwrt Rawlins, Parcyfelin, Tonyfelin, Twyn, and Watford. The Town has a total electorate of 12,071 and is represented by 12 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors are as follows:

Town Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Brynccenydd	839	1
Castle	1,369	2
Cwrt Rawlins	2,167	2
Parcyfelin	3,516	3
Tonyfelin	1,248	1
Twyn	1,654	2
Watford	1,278	1
Total	12,071	12

## Representations

70. The Commission received 4 representations concerning the Town of Caerphilly from: The Caerphilly Council Cross Party Working Group (CCBCCPWG), the Plaid Cymru Cangen BTM Caerffili ag Iago Sant Branch (Plaid Cymru Branch), County Councillor Anne-Broughton Pettit and Community Councillor John Pettit. The representations are published on the Commission's [website](#).

## Town ward boundary proposals

71. The Commission proposes to apply 4 changes to the existing internal community boundaries, which includes the transfer of areas between the following community areas:
- Parcyfelin to Tonyfelin
  - Tonyfelin to Parcyfelin
  - Tonyfelin to Parcyfelin
  - Castle to Brynccenydd
72. The Commission proposes to transfer part of the Tonyfelin ward to the Parcyfelin ward. This involves the transfer of Castell Y Fan and affects 38 electors. This proposal was submitted by the Plaid Cymru Branch to allow Castell Y Fan to be united in 1 ward. The Commission agrees that this proposal provides improvements in the interest of effective and convenient local government as it creates a clear and logical boundary and unites residents of Castell Y Fan in 1 ward. The proposal can be found on the map on page 30 and in greater detail on the map on page 31.
73. The Commission also proposes to transfer part of the Tonyfelin ward to the Parcyfelin ward. This involves the transfer of the area north east of the ward including Caerphilly Leisure Centre and affects 119 electors. This proposal is based on the representation submitted by the Plaid Cymru Branch to allow all residents in Haner Erw, Cwrt Gwaun Fach and Heol Bro Wen to be included in the Parcyfelin ward. The Commission is of the view that the proposal provides for effective and convenient local government as it creates improved access to the area and a clearer boundary between the 2 wards. The proposal can be found on the map on page 30 and in greater detail on the map on page 31.

74. The Commission also proposes to transfer part of the Parcyfelin ward to the Tonyfelin ward. This involves the transfer of polling district JB3 and affects 159 electors. This proposal was submitted by the Plaid Cymru Branch to allow for the polling district to be included in the Tonyfelin ward due to the area being a natural social extension of the Tonyfelin ward. The Commission agrees that the proposal provides for effective and convenient local government as residents in polling district JB3 have direct access to the Tonyfelin ward and the proposal creates a clear boundary between the 2 wards. The proposal can be found on the map on page 30 and in greater detail on the map on page 32.
75. The Commission further proposes to transfer part of the Castle ward to the Bryncenydd ward. This involves the transfer of the front area and grounds of Caerphilly Castle and affects 0 electors. This proposal was submitted by Community Councillor John Pettit to allow for all of the Castle grounds to be included in the Bryncenydd ward, which would create a clearer boundary between the 2 wards. The Commission agrees that the proposal provides for effective and convenient local government as it creates a clearer boundary between the 2 wards. The proposal can be found on the map on page 30 and in greater detail on the map on page 33.
76. As a result of these proposals, there would be no changes to the electorate within the Community of Caerphilly or the Community of Van.

### Proposed Names

77. As a result of these proposals the Commission proposes retaining the English community name of **Caerphilly** and the Welsh community name of **Caerffili** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
78. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Bryncenydd** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
79. The Commission also proposes retaining the English community ward name of **Castle** with the Welsh community ward name of **Y Castell** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
80. The Commission also proposes retaining the English community ward name of **Cwrt Rawlins** with the Welsh community ward name of **Cwrt Rawlin** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
81. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Parcyfelin** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
82. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Tonyfelin** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
83. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Twyn** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
84. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Watford** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.

## Consequential Changes

### Town Council electoral arrangements

85. The proposed town council arrangements in the Caerphilly Town council area would consist of 7 wards: Brynccenydd, Castle, Cwrt Rawlins, Parcyfelin, Tonyfelin, Twyn, and Watford. The Town has a total electorate of 12,071 and is represented by 14 community councillors.
86. The Commission is required to consider the consequential changes to community electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Commission's proposed electoral arrangements for the town council can be seen below.

Caerphilly Town Council								
Existing					Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Brynccenydd	839	1	839	-17%	839	1	839	-3%
Castle	1,369	2	685	-32%	1,369	2	685	-21%
Cwrt Rawlins	2,167	2	1,084	8%	2,167	2	1,084	26%
Parcyfelin	3,516	3	1,172	17%	3,514	3	1,171	36%
Tonyfelin	1,248	1	1,248	24%	1,250	2	625	-28%
Twyn	1,654	2	827	-18%	1,654	2	827	-4%
Watford	1,278	1	1,278	27%	1,278	2	639	-26%
	12,071	12	1,006		12,071	14	862	

The Commission notes that the council size policy submitted by CCBCCPWG would mean that the Town of Caerphilly would be entitled to between 17 and 20 community councillors. However, in order to provide effective and convenient local government, the Commission has proposed that the Town of Caerphilly be represented by 14 community councillors to provide fair representation across the community area.

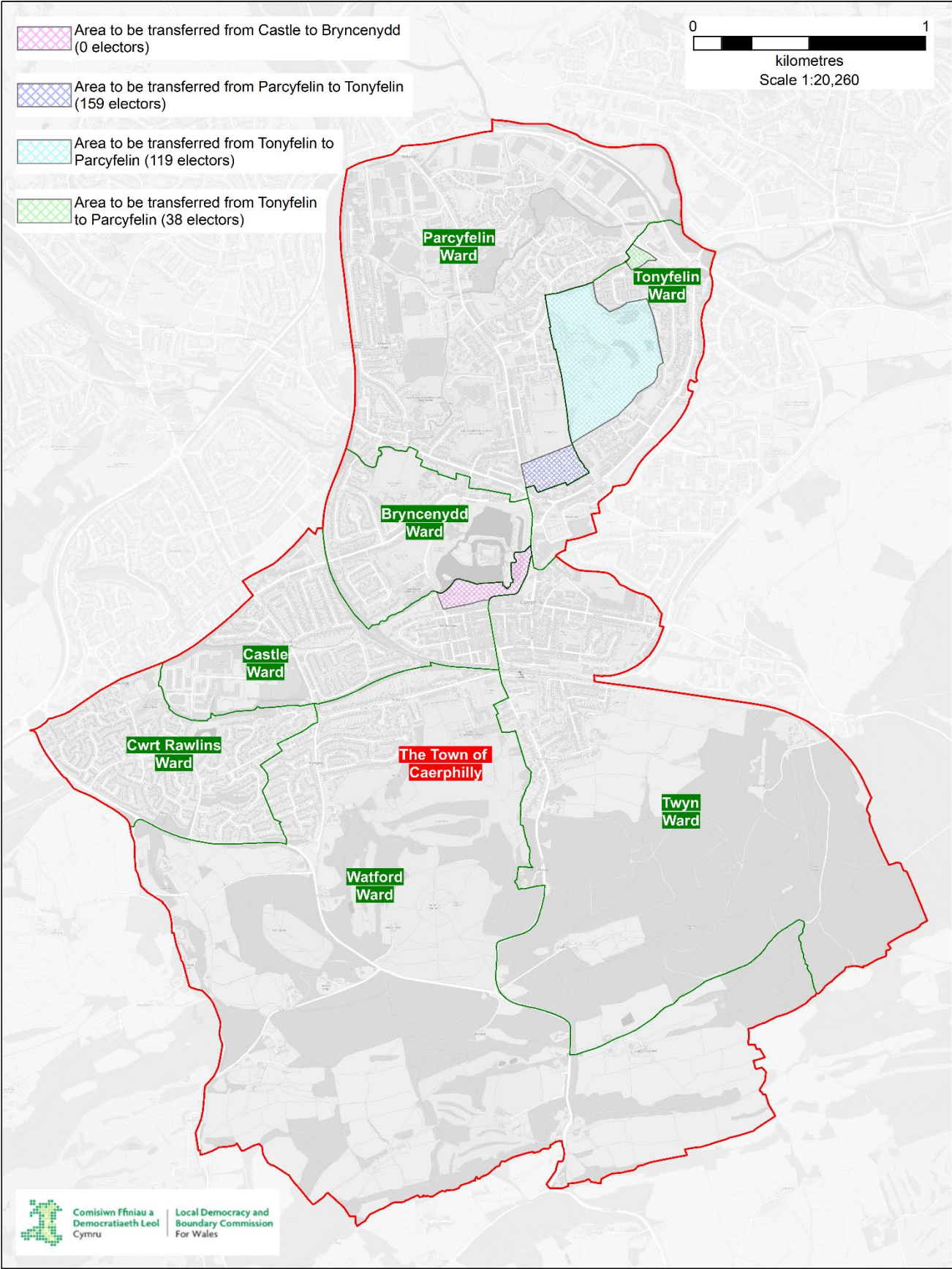
### Principal council electoral ward arrangements

87. The Commission is required to consider the consequential changes to principal council electoral wards that would occur following these proposals.
88. As a consequence of the proposed changes to the warding arrangements within Caerphilly the Commission also propose the same changes be applied to the existing electoral wards below:
- Morgan Jones
  - St Martins
89. The Commission's proposed electoral ward arrangements can be seen on page 29.



Consequential Changes to Electoral Ward Arrangements								
Existing					Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Morgan Jones	5,603	3	1,868	-7%	5,603	3	1,868	-7%
St Martins	6,468	3	2,156	7%	6,468	3	2,156	7%
	12,071	6	2,012		12,071	6	2,012	

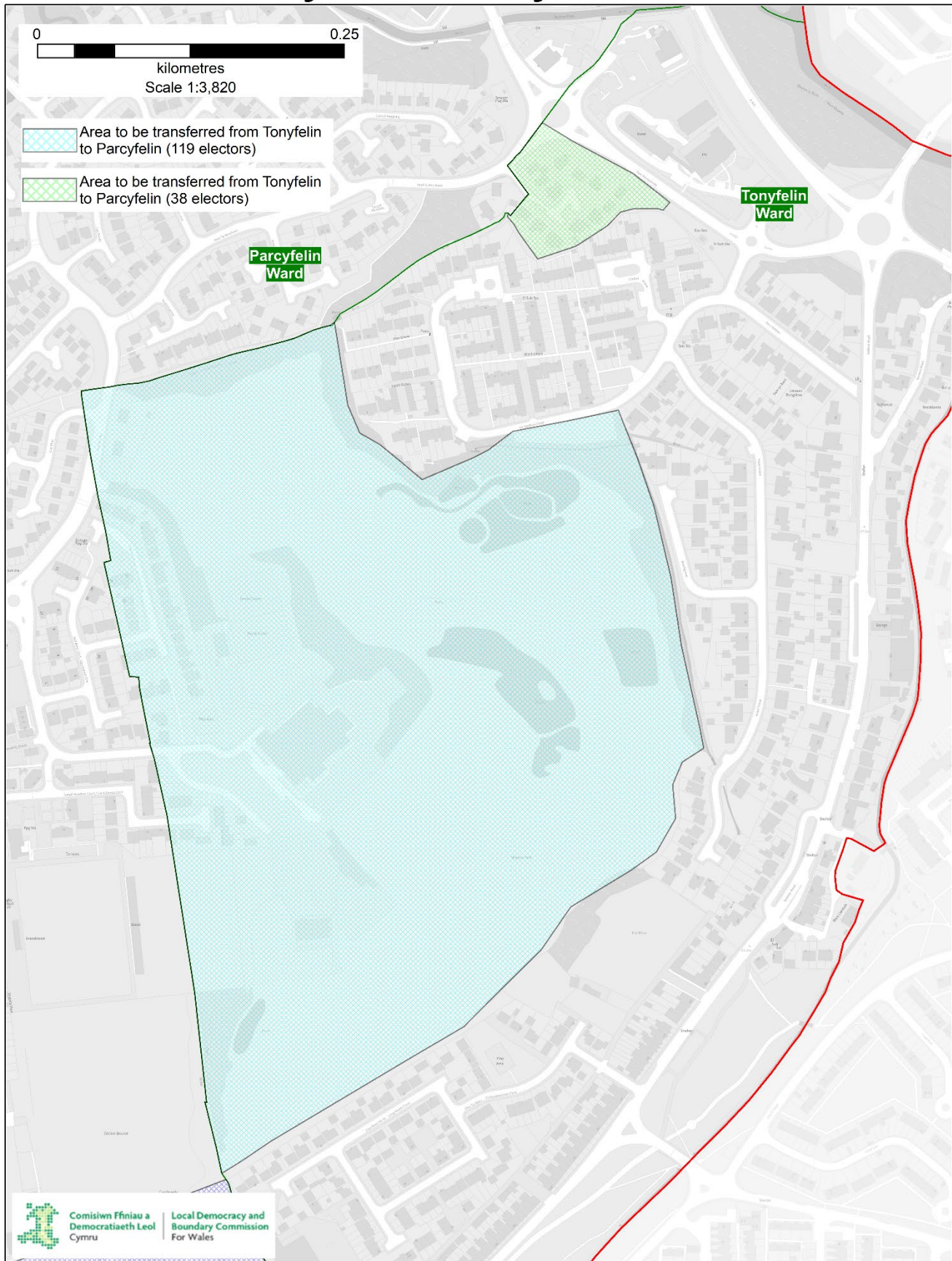
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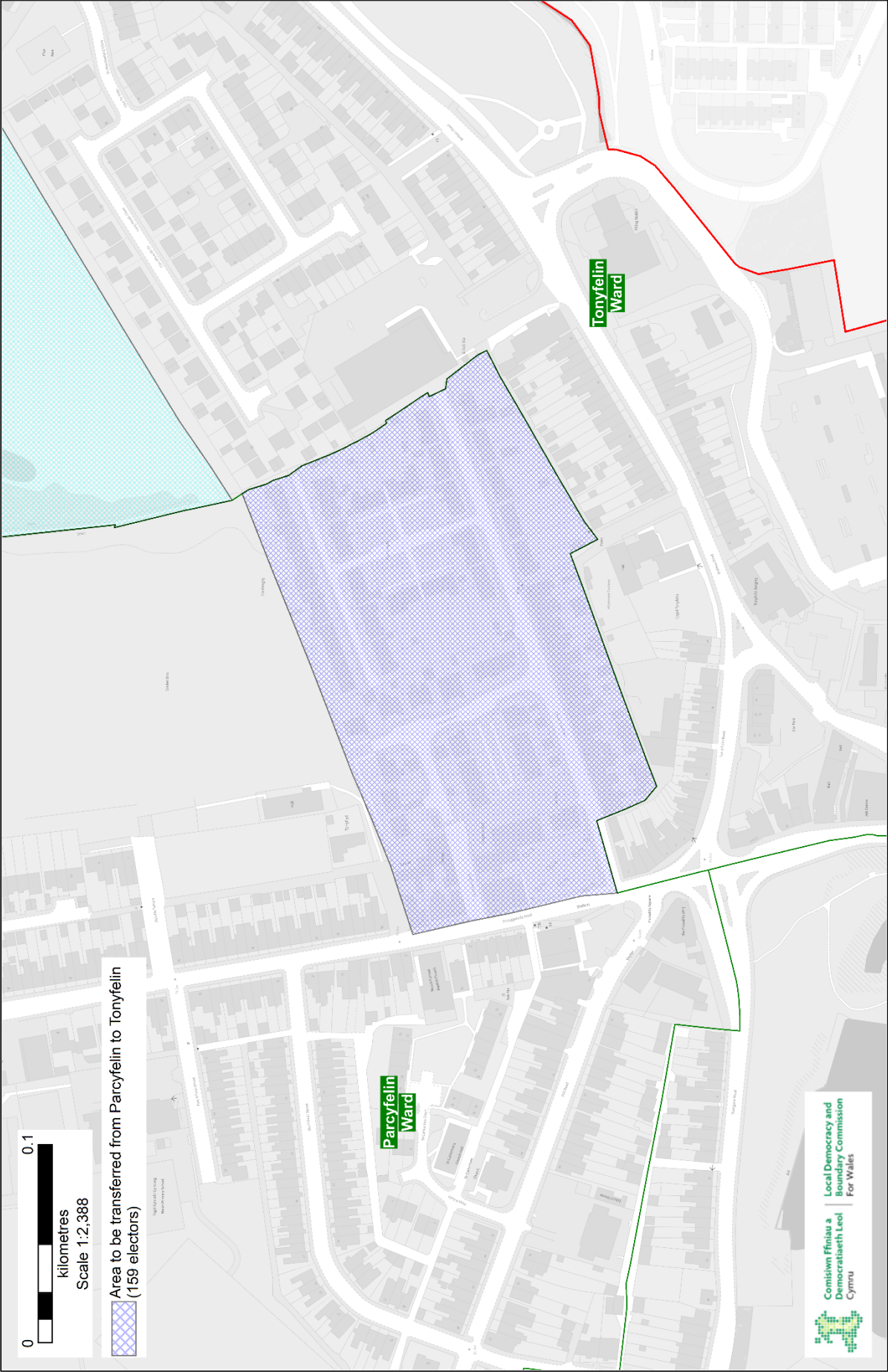
## Tonyfelin to Parcyfelin Area



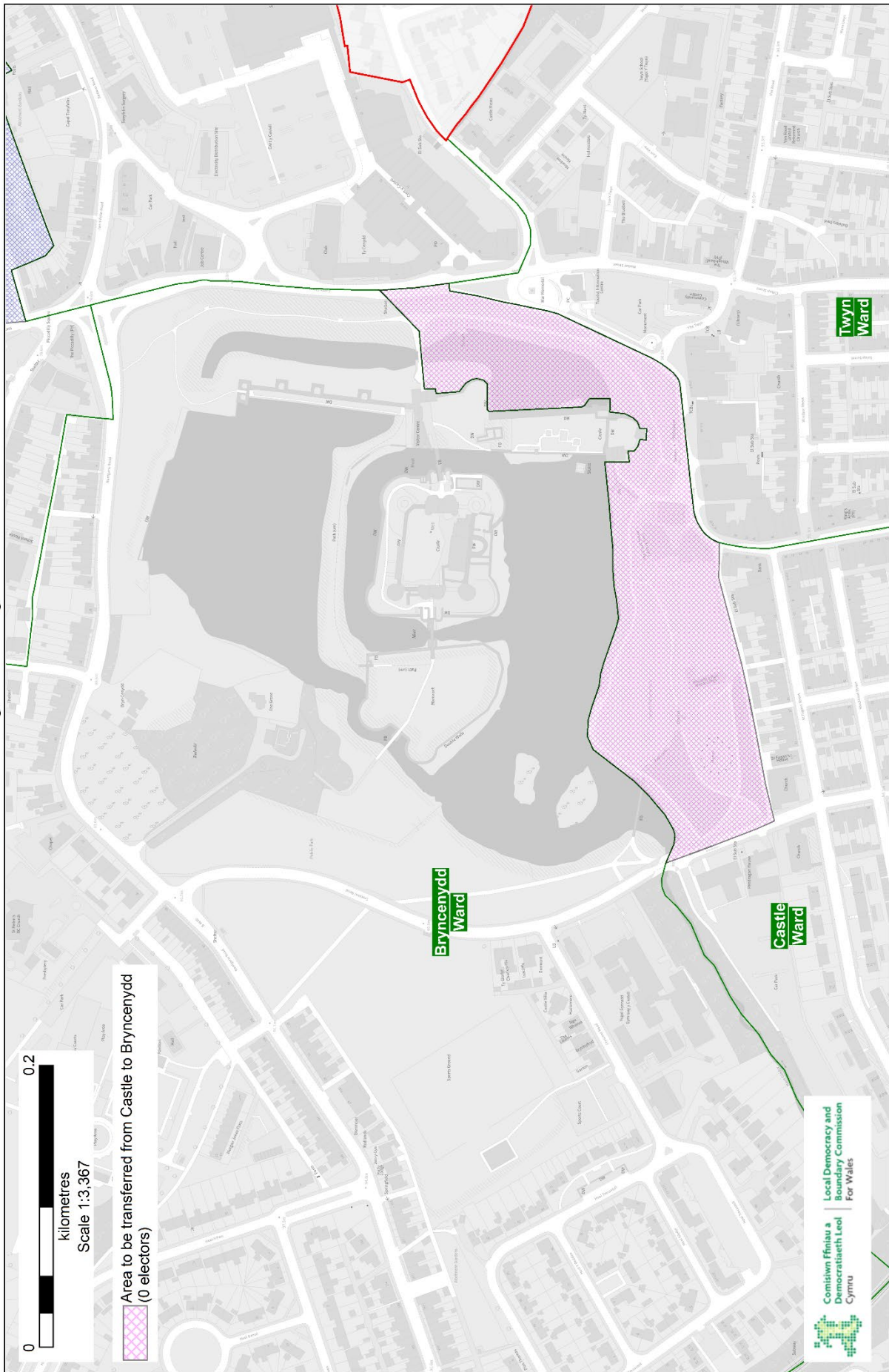
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# Parcyfelin to Tonyfelin Area



# Castle to Brynennydd Area



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## BARGOED AND PENGAM

90. The current town council arrangements in Bargoed consists of 4 wards: Aberbargoed, Bargoed, Gilfach, and Park. The Town has a total electorate of 8,503 and is represented by 13 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors are as follows:

Town Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Aberbargoed	2,737	4
Bargoed	3,631	5
Gilfach	1,481	2
Park	654	2
Total	8,503	13

91. The current Community of Pengam has a total electorate of 2,705.

Community	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Pengam	2,705	-
Total	2,705	-

## Representations

92. The Commission received 2 representations concerning the Town of Bargoed and the Community of Pengam from: The Caerphilly Council Cross Party Working Group (CCBCCPWG), and Bargoed Town Council (Bargoed TC). The representations are published on the Commission's [website](#).

## Town ward boundary proposal

93. The Commission proposes to apply 2 changes to the existing internal community boundaries, and 1 change to the existing community boundary, which includes the transfer of areas between the following community areas:
- Bargoed to Gilfach
  - Gilfach to Park
  - Aberbargoed to Pengam
94. The Commission proposes to transfer part of the Gilfach ward to the Park ward. This involves the transfer of 3 streets in the Park Housing Estate and the whole of the Heol Fargoed Allotment Site and affects 40 electors. This proposal was submitted by Bargoed TC to allow the Park Housing Estate to be united in 1 ward and to create a clear boundary between the Gilfach and Park wards. The Commission agrees that this proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government as it creates a clear and more logical boundary between the 2 wards and unites the Park Estate in the Park ward. The proposal can be found on the map on page 38 and in greater detail on the map on page 39.
95. The Commission also proposes to transfer part of the Bargoed ward to the Gilfach ward. This involves utilising Heol Fargoed as the western boundary, Park Drive as the northern boundary and Cardiff Road as the eastern boundary and affects 135 electors. This proposal is based on the representation submitted by Bargoed TC to allow the residents of Hillside Park to be united in the Gilfach ward. However, the Commission proposal includes the sports fields and Bargoed Care Home on Heol Fargoed and Park Drive. It is the view of the Commission that this proposal provides for more effective and convenient local



government as it creates a clearer boundary and improved access to the area. The proposal can be found on the map on page 38 and in greater detail on the map on page 39.

96. The Commission further proposes to transfer part of the Aberbargoed ward, which is within the Town of Bargoed to the Community of Pengam. This involves the transfer of the Llanmoor Homes Development and affects 100 electors. This proposal was submitted by Bargoed TC to allow for the Llanmoor Homes Development to be included within the Community of Pengam, linking the development with the Britannia Walk Housing Estate on the opposite side of Pengam Road. The Commission agrees that the proposal provides effective and convenient local government as the area recommended to be transferred is adjacent to the Britannia Walk Housing Development on Pengam Road and residents have clearer and direct access to Pengam. The proposal can be found on the map on page 38 and in greater detail on the map on page 40 and page 41.
97. As a result of these proposals, the electorate within the Town of Bargoed would be 8,403. With 100 electors transferring to the Community of Pengam.
98. The electorate within the Community of Pengam would be 2,805. With 100 electors transferring from the Town of Bargoed.

### Proposed Names

99. As a result of these proposals the Commission proposes retaining the English community name of **Bargoed** and the Welsh community name of **Bargod** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
100. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community name of **Pengam** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
101. The Commission also proposes retaining the English community ward name of **Aberbargoed** and the Welsh community ward name of **Aberbargod** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
102. The Commission also recommends retaining the English community ward name of **Bargoed** and the Welsh community ward name of **Bargod** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
103. The Commission also proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Gilfach** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
104. The Commission also proposes retaining the English community ward name of **Park** and the Welsh community ward name of **Parc** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
105. Finally, the Commission proposes retaining the single community ward name of **Pengam** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.

## Consequential Changes

### Town Council electoral arrangements

106. The proposed town council arrangements in the revised Bargoed Town council area would consist of 4 wards: Aberbargoed, Bargoed, Gilfach, and Park. The town is proposed to have a total electorate of 8,403 and be represented by 16 community councillors.
107. The Commission is required to consider the consequential changes to community electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Commission's proposed electoral arrangements for the community councils can be seen below:

Bargoed Town Council								
Existing					Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Aberbargoed	2,737	4	684	5%	2,637	5	527	0%
Bargoed	3,631	5	726	11%	3,496	6	583	11%
Gilfach	1,481	2	741	13%	1,576	3	525	0%
Park	654	2	327	-50%	694	2	347	-34%
	8,503	13	654		8,403	16	525	

The Commission notes that the council size policy submitted by CCBCCPWG would mean that the Town of Bargoed would be entitled to between 17 and 20 community councillors. However, in the interest of providing effective and convenient local government the Commission has proposed that the Town of Bargoed be represented by 16 councillors. The Commission believes that the allocation will provide fair representation across the community area and is reflective of the Local Government Election results in May 2022.

108. The Commission has not considered the electoral arrangements for the Community of Pengam as there is no community council within the community area.

### Principal council electoral ward arrangements

109. The Commission is required to consider the consequential changes to principal council electoral wards that would occur following these proposals.
110. As a consequence of the proposed changes to the warding arrangements within Bargoed and Pengam the Commission also propose the same changes be applied to the existing electoral wards below:
- Aberbargoed and Bargoed
  - Gilfach
  - Cefn Fforest and Pengam

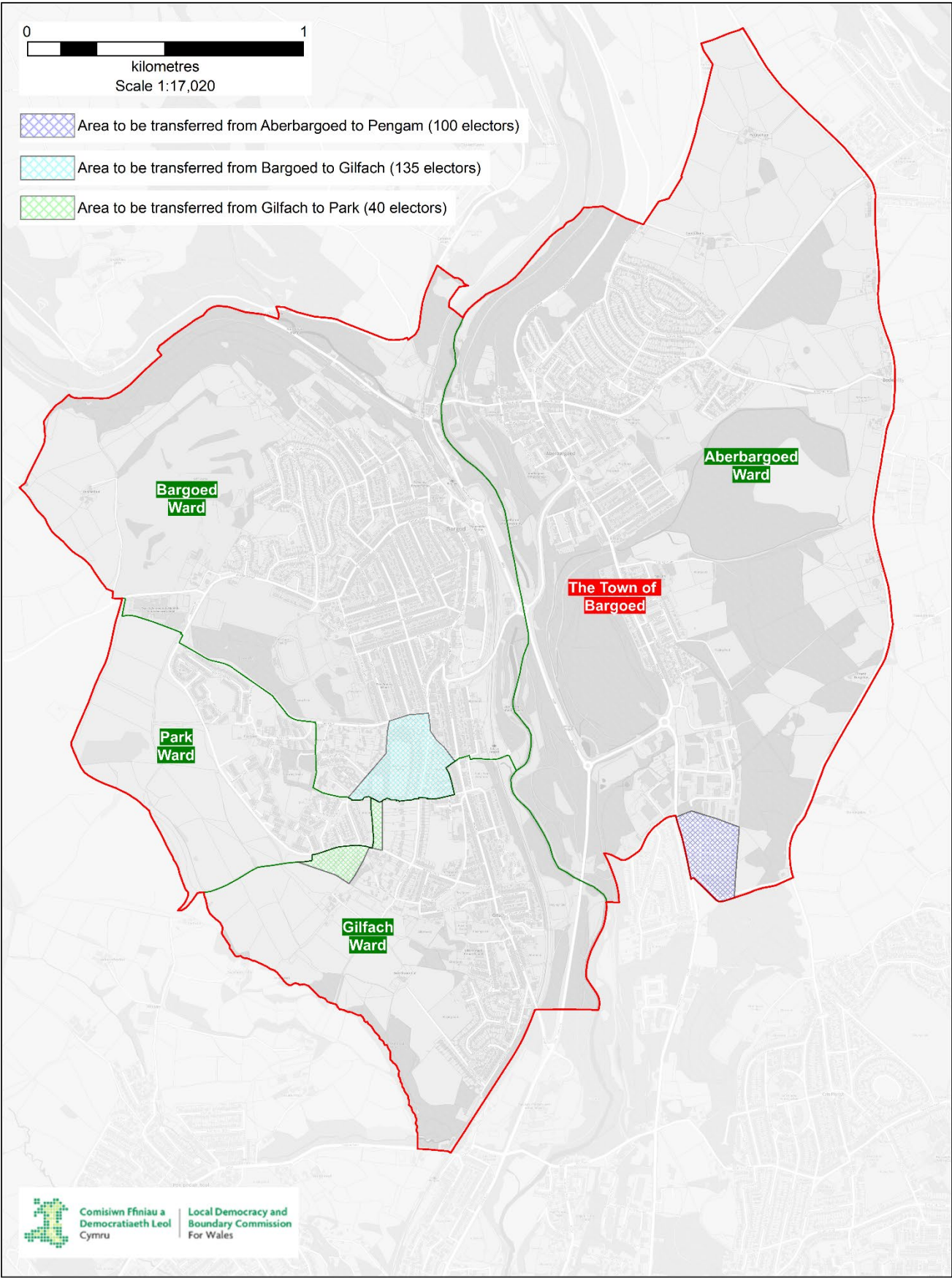
The Commission has considered the consequential changes to the electoral ward of Cefn Fforest and Pengam on page 43.



111. The Commission's proposed electoral ward arrangements can be seen below:

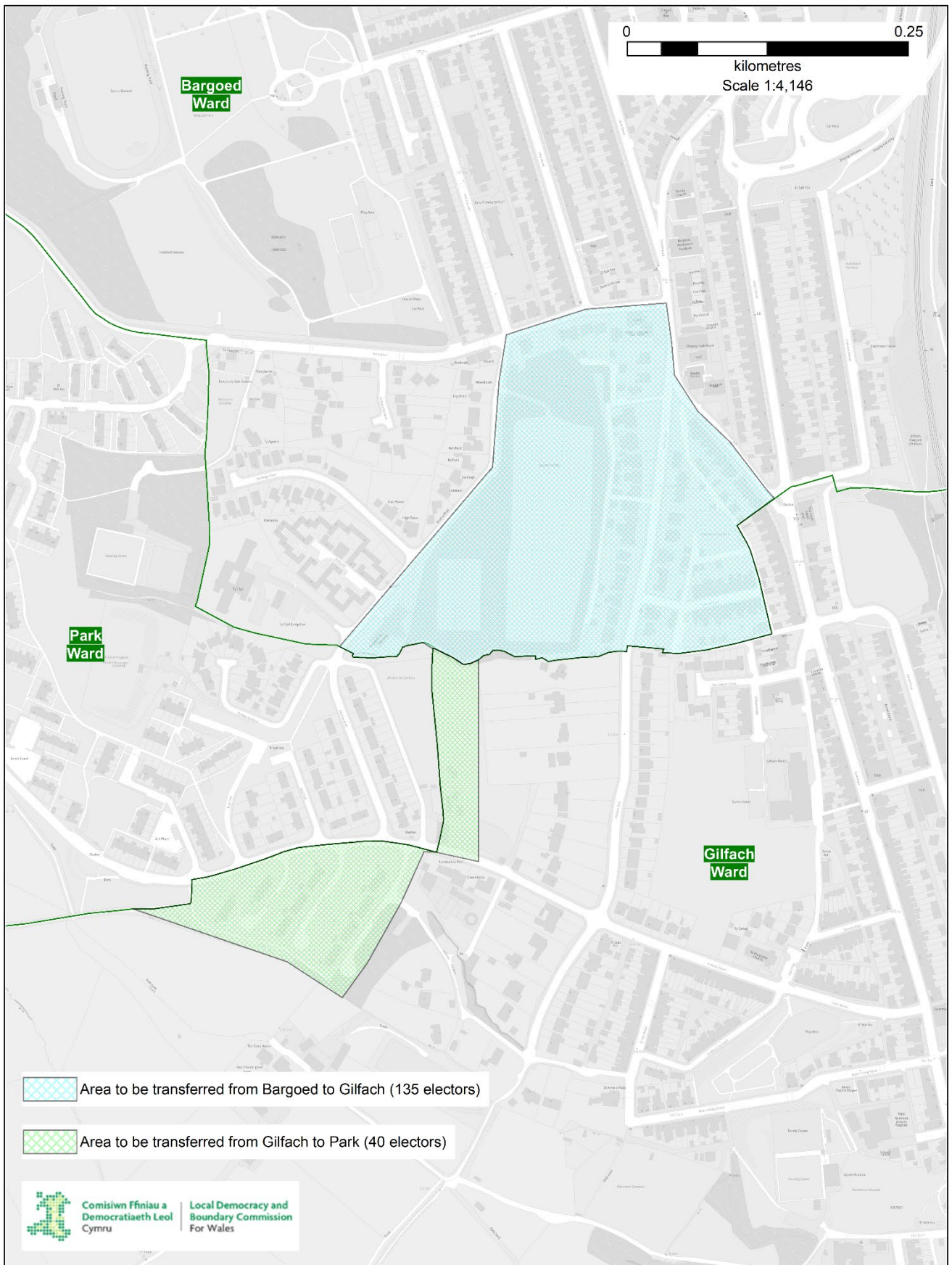
Consequential Changes to Electoral Ward Arrangements								
Existing					Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Aberbargoed and Bargoed	7,022	3	2,341	10%	6,827	3	2,276	8%
Gilfach	1,481	1	1,481	-30%	1,576	1	1,576	-25%
	8,503	4	2,126		8,403	4	2,101	

# The Town of Bargoed



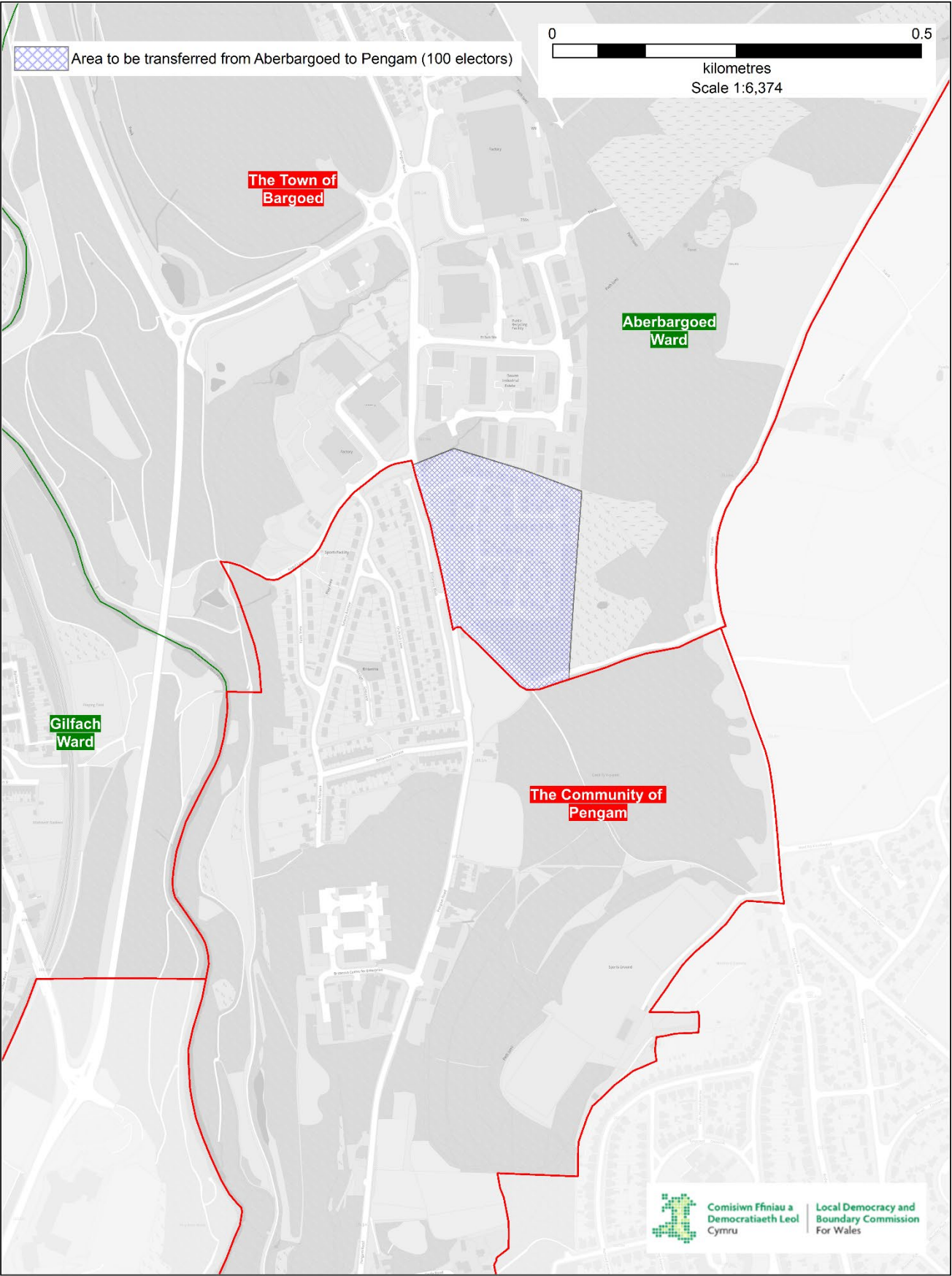
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## Bargoed to Gilfach and Gilfach to Park Area

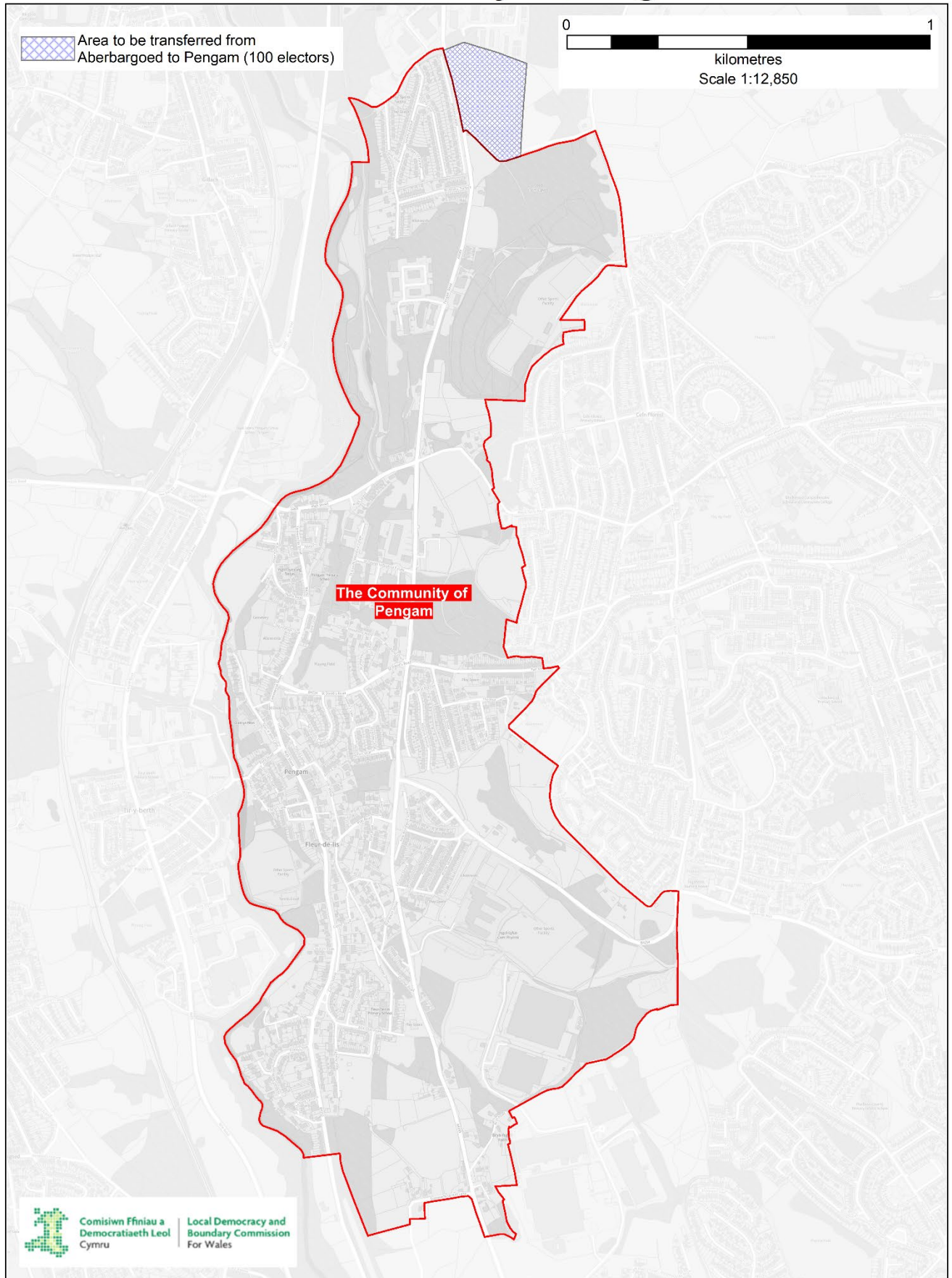




# Aberbargoed to Pengam Area



## The Community of Pengam



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## CEFN FFOREST AND PENGAM

112. The current Community of Cefn Fforest has a total electorate of 2,721.

Community	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Cefn Fforest	2,721	-
Total	2,721	-

113. The current Community of Pengam has a total electorate of 2,705.

Community	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Pengam	2,705	-
Total	2,705	-

## Representations

114. The Commission received 2 representations concerning the Community of Cefn Fforest and the Community of Pengam from: The Caerphilly Council Cross Party Working Group (CCBCCPWG), and County Councillor Marina Chacon- Dawson. The representations are published on the Commission's [website](#).

## Community ward boundary proposals

115. The Commission proposes to apply 1 change to the existing community boundaries, which includes the creation of a new community:

- Creation of a new community known as Cefn Fforest and Pengam

116. The Commission proposes to abolish the Community of Cefn Forest and the Community of Pengam and utilising the 2 areas to form the new Community of Cefn Forest and Pengam. The proposal was submitted by Councillor Marina Chacon- Dawson. The Commission is of the view that this proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government as it involves the combination of 2 neighbouring communities with a shared identity. The Commission has included the changes to the Community of Pengam as proposed on pages 35, 40 and 41. The proposal can be found on the map on page 44.

117. As a result of these proposals, the electorate within the new community area would be 5,526. With 100 electors transferring from the Town of Bargoed as described on pages 35, 40 and 41.

## Proposed Names

118. As a result of these proposals the Commission recommends combining the current English community names to form a new community name of **Cefn Fforest and Pengam** and the Welsh community name of **Cefn Fforest a Phengam** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.

## Consequential Changes

### Community Council electoral arrangements

119. The proposed community arrangements in the revised Cefn Fforest and Pengam community area is proposed to have a total electorate of 5,526, which includes the transfer of 100 electors from the Llanmoor Homes Development in the Town of Bargoed as proposed on pages 35, 40 and 41.
120. The Commission has not considered the electoral arrangements for the new community area as there is no community council within the community area.

### Principal council electoral ward arrangements

121. The Commission is required to consider the consequential changes to principal council electoral wards that would occur following these proposals.
122. As a consequence of the proposed changes to the warding arrangements within Cefn Fforest and Pengam the Commission also propose the same changes be applied to the existing electoral wards below:

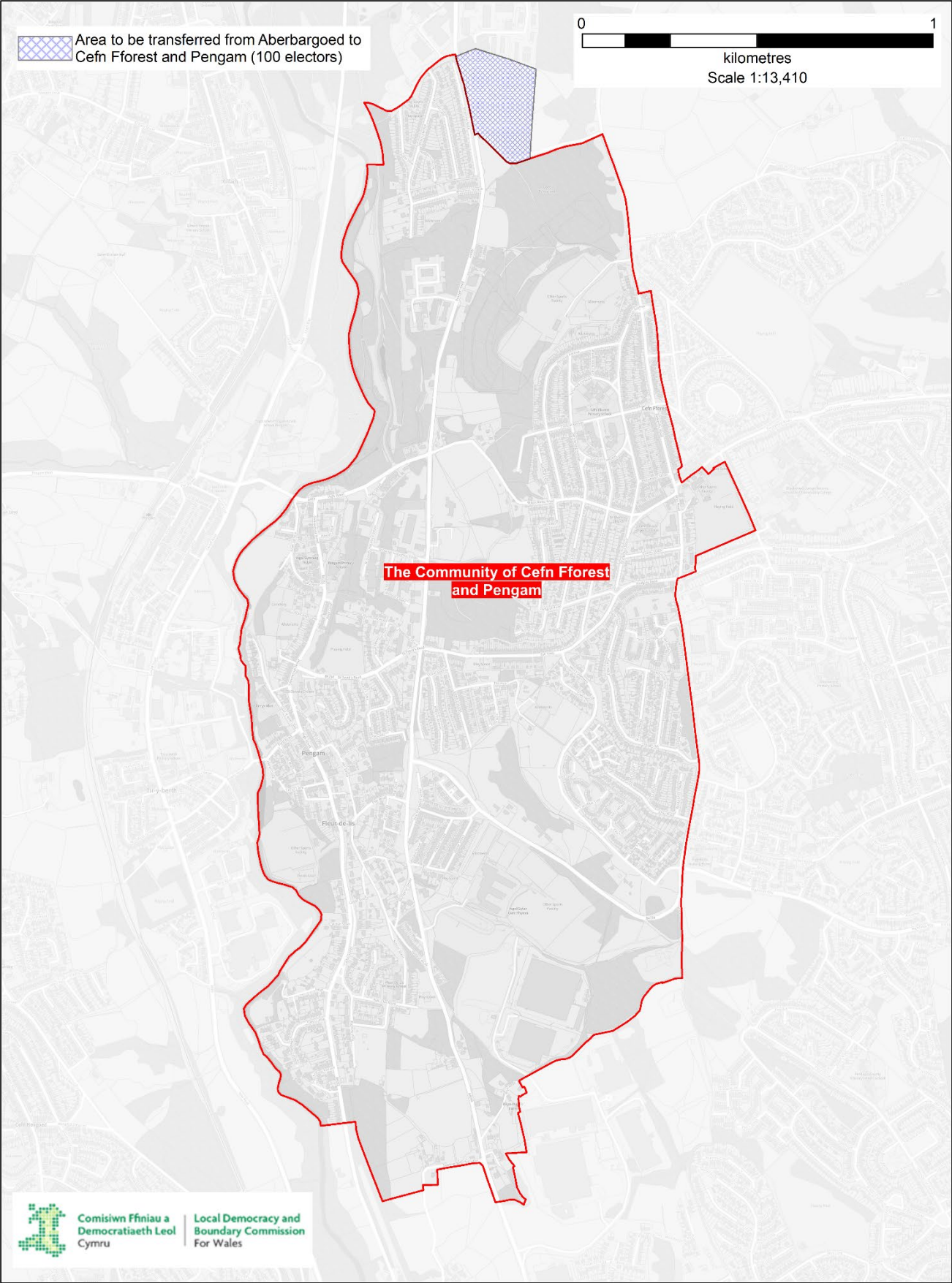
- Cefn Fforest and Pengam

The Commission has included the proposed changes to the Community of Pengam as described on pages 35, 40 and 41.

123. The Commission's proposed electoral ward arrangements can be seen below:

Consequential Changes to Electoral Ward Arrangements								
Existing					Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Cefn Fforest and Pengam	5,426	3	1,809	0%	5,526	3	1,842	0%
	5,426	3	1,809		5,526	3	1,842	

# The Community of Cefn Fforest and Pengam



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**MAESYCWMMER AND PONTLLANFRAITH**

124. The current community council arrangements in Maesycwmmmer consists of a total electorate of 1,937 and is represented by 9 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors are as follows:

Community	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Maesycwmmmer	1,937	9
Total	1,937	9

125. The current Community of Pontllanfraith has a total electorate of 6,103.

Community	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Pontllanfraith	6,103	-
Total	6,103	-

**Representations**

126. The Commission received 1 representation concerning the Community of Maesycwmmmer and the Community of Pontllanfraith from the Caerphilly Council Cross Party Working Group (CCBCCPWG). The representation is published on the Commission's [website](#).

**Community ward boundary proposals**

127. The Commission proposes to apply 1 change to the existing community boundary, which includes the transfer of area between the following community area:

- Maesycwmmmer to Pontllanfraith

128. The Commission proposes to transfer part of the Community of Maesycwmmmer to the Community of Pontllanfraith. This involves the transfer of the area to the north of the ward and affects 278 electors. This proposal is based on the representation submitted by CCBCCPWG to allow the Hawtin Meadows Housing Development to be included within the Community of Pontllanfraith. The Commission proposal also includes the section of Hawtin Park Industrial Estate, within the Community of Maesycwmmmer, to create a clearer boundary utilising the A4049. It is the view of the Commission that this proposal provides for effective and convenient local government as the area recommended to be transferred is adjacent to the Community of Pontllanfraith and the A4049 creates a clearer boundary between the 2 communities. The proposal can be found on the map on pages 48 and 49 and in greater detail on the map on page 50.
129. As a result of this proposal, the electorate within the Community of Maesycwmmmer would decrease to 1,659. With 278 electors transferring to the Community of Pontllanfraith.
130. The electorate within the Community of Pontllanfraith would increase to 6,381. With 278 electors transferring from the Community of Maesycwmmmer.

### Proposed Names

131. As a result of these proposals the Commission proposes retaining the English community name of **Maesycwmmmer** and the Welsh community name of **Maesycwmwr** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
132. The Commission also proposes retaining the English community name of **Pontllanfraith** and the Welsh community name of **Pontllan-fraith** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.

### Consequential Changes

#### Community Council electoral arrangements

133. The community council arrangements in the revised Maesycwmmmer community council area is proposed to have a total electorate of 1,659 and be represented by 8 community councillors.
134. The Commission is required to consider the consequential changes to community electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Commission's proposed electoral arrangements for the community councils can be seen below:

Maesycwmmmer Community Council								
Existing					Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Maesycwmmmer	1,937	9	215	0%	1,659	8	207	0%
	1,937	9	215		1,659	8	207	

The Commission notes that the council size policy submitted by CCBCCPWG would mean that the Community of Maesycwmmmer would be entitled to between 8 and 14 community councillors. In the interest of providing effective and convenient local government, the Commission has proposed that the Community of Maesycwmmmer be represented by 8 community councillors. The Commission believes that the allocation will provide an acceptable level of representation for the community area and is reflective of the Local Government Election results in May 2022.

The proposed community arrangements in the revised Pontllanfraith community area is proposed to have a total electorate of 6,381.

135. The Commission has not considered the electoral arrangements for the Community of Pontllanfraith as there is no community council within the community area.

#### Principal council electoral ward arrangements

136. The Commission is required to consider the consequential changes to principal council electoral wards that would occur following these proposals.
137. As a consequence of the proposed changes to the community arrangements between Maesycwmmmer and Pontllanfraith the Commission also propose the same changes be applied to the existing electoral wards on page 47.

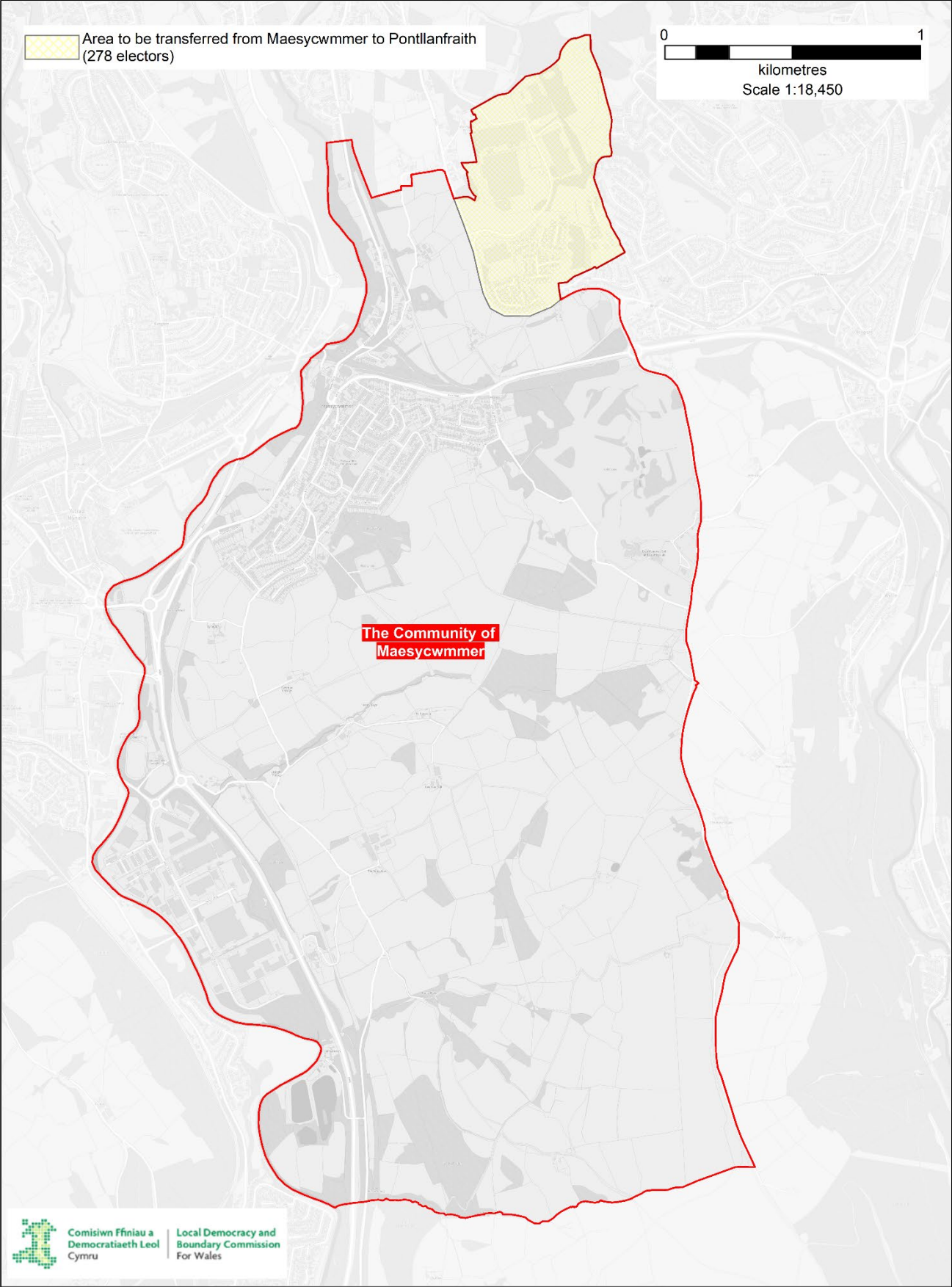


- Maesycwmmmer
- Pontllanfraith

138. The Commission's proposed electoral ward arrangements can be seen below:

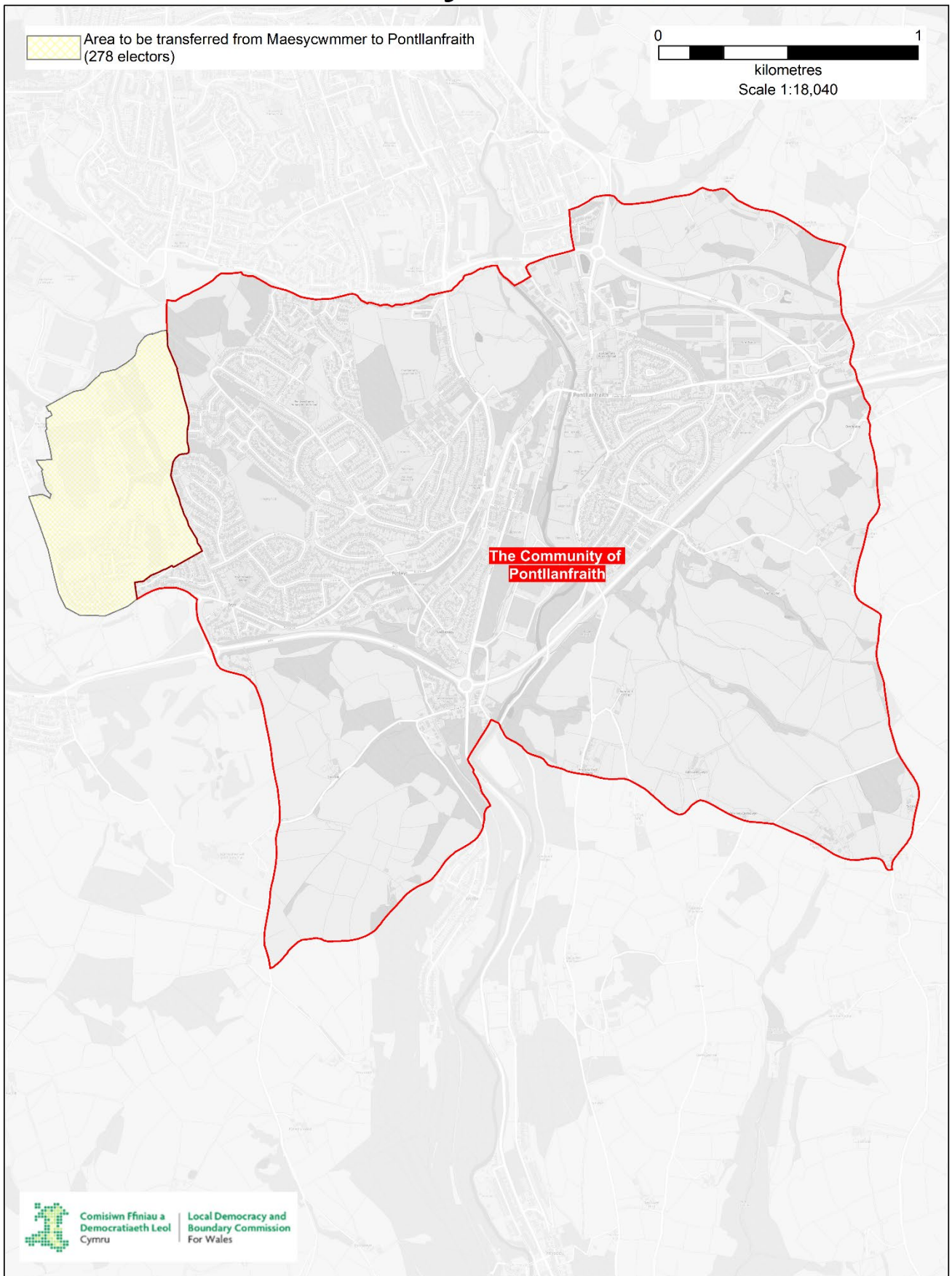
Consequential Changes to Electoral Ward Arrangements								
Existing					Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Maesycwmmmer	1,937	1	1,937	-4%	1,659	1	1,659	-17%
Pontllanfraith	6,103	3	2,034	1%	6,381	3	2,127	6%
	8,040	4	2,010		8,040	4	2,010	

# The Community of Maesycwmmmer



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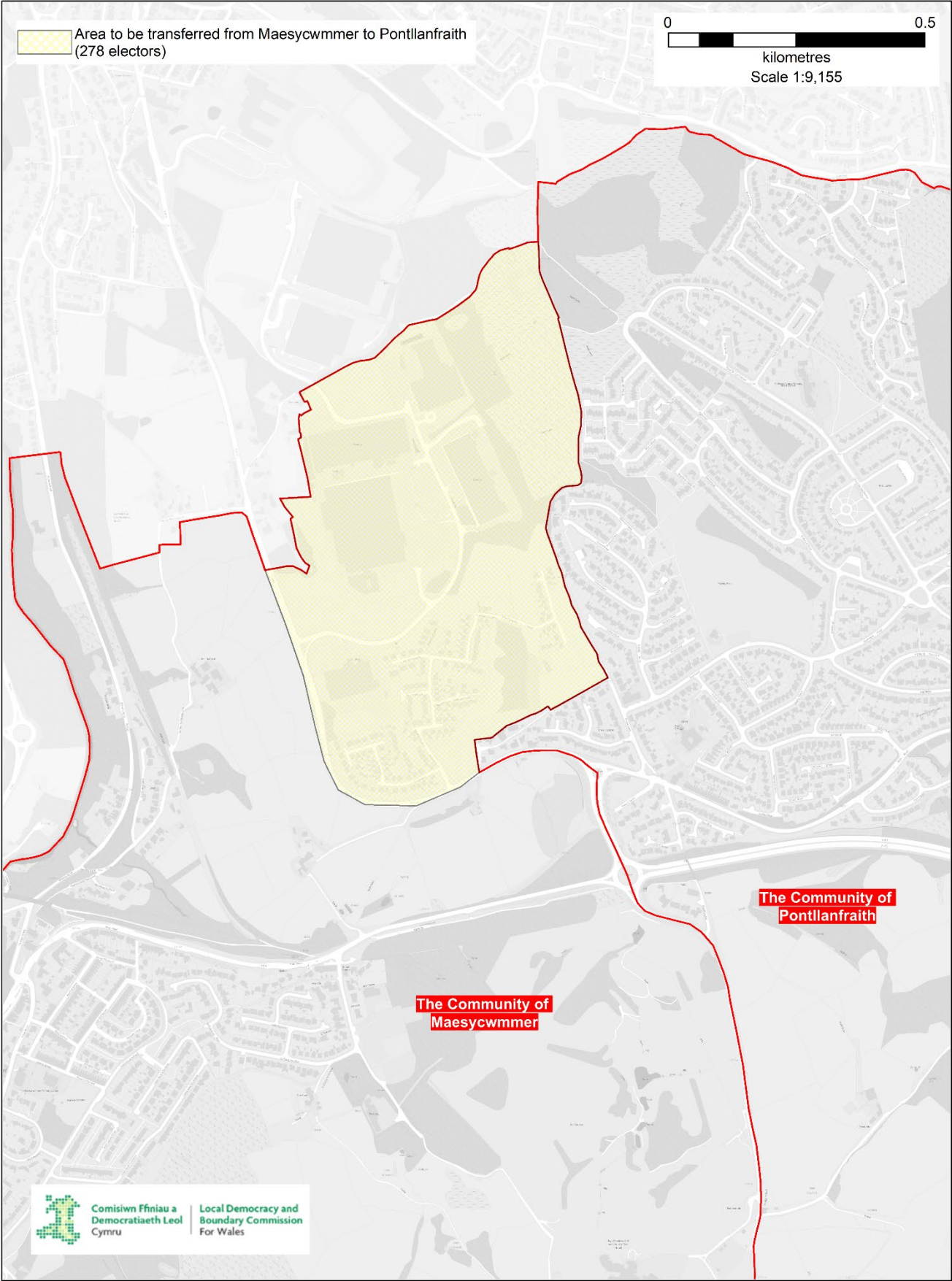
## The Community of Pontllanfraith



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# Maesycwmmmer to Pontllanfraith Area



**RHYMNEY**

139. The current community council arrangements in Rhymney consists of 5 wards: Abertysswg, Moriah, Pontlloftyn, St David's, and Twyn Carno. The Community has a total electorate of 6,186 and is represented by 15 community councillors. The electorate per ward and number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Abertysswg	1,043	3
Moriah	1,210	3
Pontlloftyn	1,357	3
St David's	368	1
Twyn Carno	2,208	5
Total	6,186	15

**Representations**

140. The Commission received 1 representation concerning the Community of Rhymney from the Caerphilly Council Cross Party Working Group (CCBCCPWG). The representation is published on the Commission's [website](#).

**Community ward boundary proposals**

141. The Commission proposes to apply 1 change to the existing community ward boundaries, which includes the combination of community wards:-
- Combination of St David's and Moriah
142. The Commission proposes to combine the community wards of St David's and Moriah. This involves the combination of 2 adjacent community wards to form a new community ward named St David's and Moriah. The proposal was submitted by the CCBCCPWG who stated in its representation that the revised community ward of St David's and Moriah should be represented by 3 councillors as no nominations were received for the St David's ward in the Local Government Elections in May 2022. The Commission agrees that this proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government as it reflects the results of the Local Government Elections in May 2022. The proposal can be found on the map on page 54.
143. As a result of these proposals, the electorate within the new community ward would be 1,578. There would be no change to the total electorate of the Community of Rhymney.

**Proposed Names**

144. As a result of these proposals the Commission proposes retaining the English community name of **Rhymney** and the Welsh community name of **Rhymni** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
145. The Commission also proposes retaining the English community ward name of **Abertysswg** and the Welsh community ward name of **Abertyswg** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.



146. The Commission also proposes retaining the English community ward name of **Pontlottyn** and the Welsh community ward name of **Pontlotyn** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
147. The Commission also proposes the new English community ward name of **St David's and Moriah** and the Welsh community ward name of **Dewi Sant a Moriah** as recommended by the Welsh Language Commissioner.
148. Finally, the Commission proposes retaining the English community ward name of **Twyn Carno** and the Welsh community ward name of **Twyncarno** as prescribed in the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.

## Consequential Changes

### Community Council electoral arrangements

149. The proposed community council arrangements in the revised Rhymney community council area would consist of 4 wards: Abertysswg, Pontlottyn, St David's and Moriah, and Twyn Carno. The community is proposed to have a total electorate of 6,186 and be represented by 14 community councillors.
150. The Commission is required to consider the consequential changes to community electoral arrangements that would occur following these proposals. The Commission's proposed electoral arrangements for the community council can be seen below:

Rhymney Community Council								
Existing					Proposed			
Wards	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Abertysswg	1,043	3	348	-16%	1,043	3	348	-21%
Moriah	1,210	3	403	-2%	-	-	-	-
Pontlottyn	1,357	3	452	10%	1,357	3	452	2%
St David's	368	1	368	-11%	-	-	-	-
Twyn Carno	2,208	5	442	7%	2,208	5	442	0%
St David's and Moriah	-	-	-	-	1,578	3	526	19%
	6,186	15	412		6,186	14	442	

The Commission notes that the council size policy submitted by CCBCCPWG would mean that the Community of Rhymney would be entitled to between 17 and 20 community councillors. However, in order to provide effective and convenient local government, the Commission has proposed that the Community of Rhymney be represented by 14 members. The Commission is of the view that the allocation provides for appropriate levels of representation across the community area and is reflective of the representations received and the results of the Local Government Elections in May 2022. The Commission would welcome suggestions for community councillor allocation for the community area.

### Principal council electoral ward arrangements

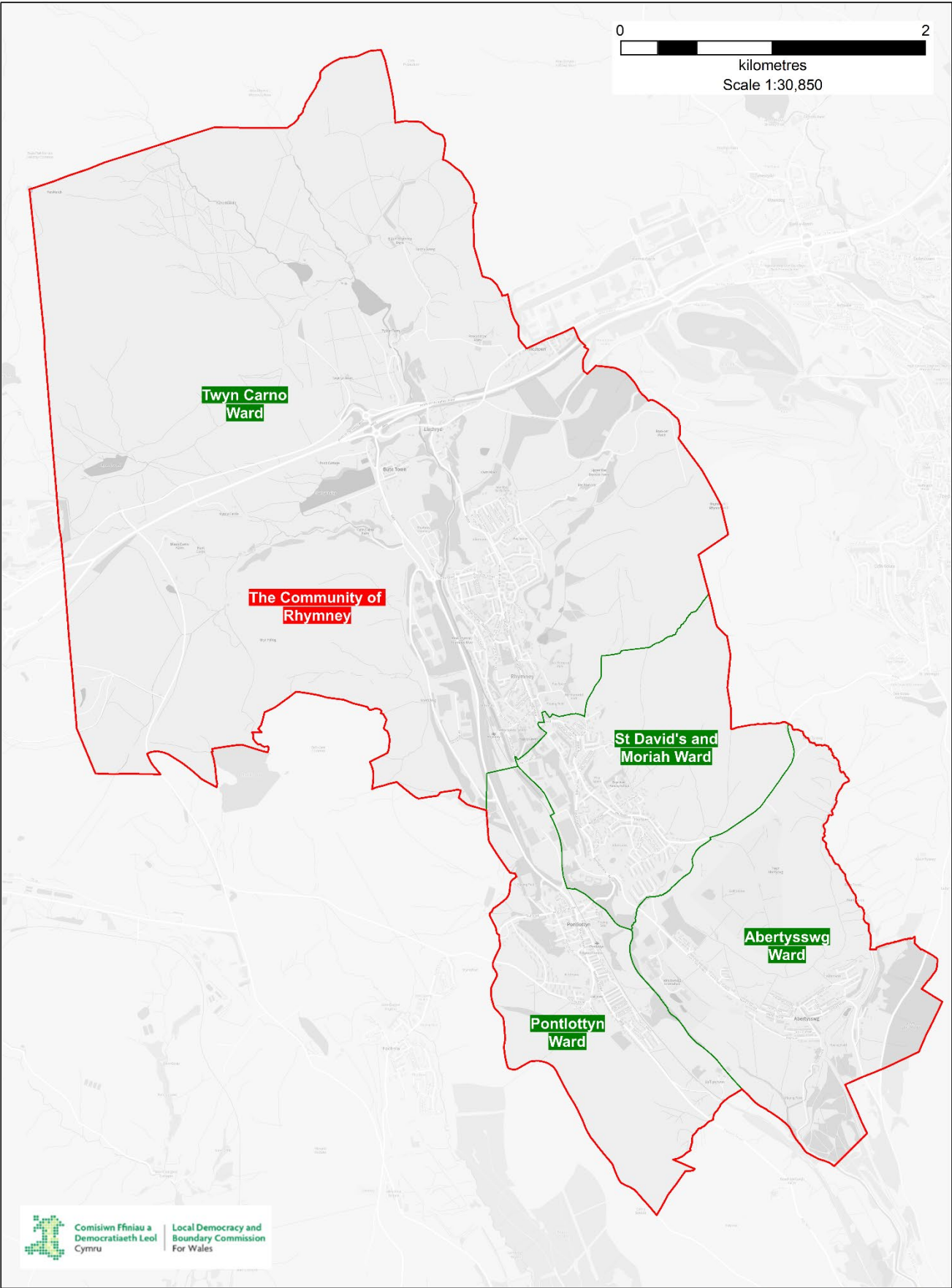
151. The Commission is required to consider the consequential changes to principal council electoral wards that would occur following these proposals.

152. The Commission proposes that the electoral ward of Moriah and Pontlloftyn is made up of the Abertysswg, St David's and Moriah and Pontlloftyn wards of the Community of Rhymney.

153. The Commission's proposed electoral ward arrangements can be seen below :

Consequential Changes to Electoral Ward Arrangements								
Wards	Existing				Proposed			
	Electors	Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Moriah and Pontlloftyn	3,978	2	1,989	-4%	3,978	2	1,989	-4%
Twyn Carno	2,208	1	2,208	7%	2,208	1	2,208	7%
	6,186	3	2,062		6,186	3	2,062	

# The Community of Rhymney



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## **Chapter 4.      RESPONSES TO THIS REPORT**

1. All observations on these draft proposals should be sent to:

The Chief Executive  
Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales  
Hastings House  
Fitzalan Court  
Cardiff  
CF24 0BL

Or by email to:

[consultations@boundaries.wales](mailto:consultations@boundaries.wales)

no later than 4 December 2023.

2. For further information on the review and the review process please refer to the Commission webpage: [www.ldbc.gov.uk](http://www.ldbc.gov.uk)

## **Chapter 5.      ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

1.    The Commission wishes to express its gratitude to the principal council, the community and town councils and other interested bodies and persons for their assistance during the course of developing these draft proposals. The Commission commend the draft proposals contained within this report.

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**MICHAEL IMPERATO (Deputy Chair)**

**DIANNE BEVAN (Member)**

**FRANK CUTHBERT (Member)**

**GINGER WIEGAND (Member)**

**SHEREEN WILLIAMS MBE OStJ DL (Chief Executive)**

**October 2023**



THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF CAERPHILLY COUNCIL  
EXISTING COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Appendix 1									
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	Aber Valley	The Community Wards of Aberdwr (2,595), [3,066], and Senghenydd (1,914), [2,182]	11	4,509	410	-37%	5,248	477	-35%
2	Abercarn	The Community of Abercarn (4,046), [4,430]	0	4046	-	-	4,430	-	-
3	Argoed	The Community Wards of Argoed (674), [752], Hollybush (252), [274], Manmoel (73), [79] and Markham (1,006), [1,097]	14	2005	143	-78%	2,202	157	-78%
4	Bargoed	The Town Wards of Aberargoed (2,737), [3,358], Bargoed (3,631), [4,097], Giffach (1,481), [1,691] and Park (654), [709]	13	8503	654	1%	9,855	758	4%
5	Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen	The Community Wards of Bedwas (3,329), [3,779], Trethomas (1,732), [1,839] and Machen (2,846), [3,119]	12	7907	659	2%	8,737	728	0%
6	Blackwood Town	The Town Wards of Blackwood Central (2,061), [2,170], Blackwood North (1,410), [1,855], Blackwood South (1,308), [1,424] and Cefn Forest East (1,557), [1,695]	16	6336	396	-39%	7,144	447	-39%
7	Caerphilly Town	The Town Wards of Brycenydd (839), [991], Castle (1,369), [1,494], Cwrt Rawlins (2,167), [2,301], Parc-y-felin (3,516), [4,161], Tonyfeelin (1,248), [1,657], Twyn (1,654), [1,887] and Watford (1,278), [1,395]	12	12071	1,006	55%	13,886	1,157	59%
8	Cefn Forest	The Community of Cefn Forest (2,721), [3,035]	0	2721	-	-	3,035	-	-
9	Crosskeys	The Community of Crosskeys (2,451), [2,686]	0	2451	-	-	2,686	-	-
10	Crumlin	The Community of Crumlin (4,281), [4,852]	0	4281	-	-	4,852	-	-
12	Darlan Valley	The Community Wards of Den (977), [1,081], and Fochiwr (880), [959]	9	1857	206	-69%	2,040	227	-69%
13	Gelligaer	The Community Wards of Cascade (2,486), [2,866], Cefn Hengoed (1,919), [2,058], Greenhill (1,988), [2,236], Hengoed (2,135), [2,321], Tir-y-berth (995), [1,118] and Ystrad Mynach (4,017), [4,477]	13	13540	1,042	61%	15,068	1,159	59%
14	Llanbradach and Pwllpant	The Community Wards of Llanbradach (1,441), [1,557], Pwllpant (261), [271] and Wingfield (1,422), [1,662]	9	3124	347	-46%	3,490	388	-47%
15	Maesycwmmwr	The Community of Maesycwmmwr (1,937), [2,557]	9	1937	215	-67%	2,557	284	-61%
16	Nelson	The Community Wards of Llanfabon (966), [1,257] and Llwynelwyn (2,565), [2,787]	9	3531	392	-39%	4,044	449	-38%
17	New Tredegar	The Community Wards of Britbir (477), [560], Cwmsyfig (759), [895], New Tredegar (1,003), [1,157], Philipstown (642), [746] and Tir-phil (346), [373]	13	3229	248	-62%	3,731	287	-61%
18	Newbridge	The Community of Newbridge (4,778), [5,124]	0	4778	-	-	5,124	-	-
19	Pengam	The Community of Pengam (2,705), [3,038]	0	2705	-	-	3,038	-	-
20	Penmaen	The Community of Penmaen (4,425), [4,559]	0	4425	-	-	4,559	-	-
21	Penyrrheol, Treceynydd and Energlyn	The Community Wards of Penyrrheol (2,798), [3,034], Treceynydd (4,435), [5,331] and Energlyn (1,670), [1,859]	11	8903	809	25%	10,224	929	27%
22	Pontllanfraith	The Community of Pontllanfraith (6,103), [7,156]	0	6103	-	-	7,156	-	-
23	Rhyimey	The Community Wards of Aberyswg (1,043), [1,164], Moriah (1,210), [1,345], Pontlobyn (1,357), [1,521], St David's (388), [448] and Twyn Carno (2,208), [2,556]	15	6186	412	-36%	7,035	469	-36%
24	Risca East	The Community Wards of Pontymister Ty Sigr (1,803), [1,965], Pontymister Upper (1,291), [1,411] and Trenewydd (1,530), [1,666]	9	4624	514	-21%	5,042	560	-23%
25	Risca West Town	The Town Wards of Pontymister Lower (630), [685], Risca Town and Fernlea (1,367), [1,499], Risca Dan-y-graig (443), [516] and Ty Isaf Fields Road (1,470), [1,678]	8	3910	489	-25%	4,378	547	-25%
26	Rudry	The Community Wards of Llanfedw (198), [203], Rhyd-y-gwern (120), [121] and Rudry (558), [608]	9	876	97	-85%	932	104	-86%
27	Van	The Community Wards of Brynau (766), [854], Lansbury (916), [1,039] and Forset (1,617), [1,818]	10	3299	330	-49%	3,711	371	-49%
28	Ynysddu	The Community of Ynysddu (2,957), [3,258]	0	2957	-	-	3,258	-	-
TOTAL:			202	130,814	648		147,462	730	

Ratio is the number of electors per councillor  
Electoral figures supplied by the County Borough of Caerphilly Council as at December 2022

Greater than + or - 50% of County average	7	25%	7	25%
Between + or - 25% and + or - 50% of County average	8	29%	8	29%
Between + or - 10% and + or - 25% of County average	1	4%	1	4%
Between 0% and + or - 10% of County average	2	7%	2	7%

THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF CAERPHILLY COUNCIL  
PROPOSED COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Appendix 2									
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	Aber Valley	The Community Wards of Abertridwr and Senghennydd	11	4,509	410	-36%	5,248	477	-6%
2	Abercarn	The Community of Abercarn	0	4,046	-	-	4,430	-	-
3	Argoed	The Community Wards of Argoed, Hollybush, Marmoeil and Markham	14	2,005	143	-78%	2,202	157	-69%
4	Bargoed	The Community Wards of Aberbargoed, Bargoed, Giffach and Park	16	8,403	525	-19%	-	-	-
5	Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Rudry	The Community Wards of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen, Llanfedw, Rhyd-y-gwern and Rudry	17	8,783	517	-20%	9,669	569	12%
6	Blackwood Town	The Town Wards of Blackwood Central, Blackwood North, Blackwood South, and Cefn Forest East	16	6,336	396	-39%	7,144	447	-12%
7	Caerphilly Town	The Town Wards of Brycenydd, Castle, Cwrt Rawlins, Parcyfelin, Tonyfelin, Twyn and Watford	14	12,071	862	34%	13,886	992	96%
8	Cefn Forest and Pengam	The Community of Cefn Forest and Pengam	0	5,526	-	-	-	-	-
9	Crosstkeys	The Community of Crosstkeys	0	2,451	-	-	2,686	-	-
10	Crumlin	The Community of Crumlin	0	4,281	-	-	4,852	-	-
11	Darran Valley	The Community Wards of Deri and Fochriw	9	1,857	206	-68%	2,040	227	-65%
12	Gelligaer	The Community Wards of Cascade, Cefn Hengoed, Greenhill, Hengoed, Tir-y-berth and Ystrad Mynach	14	13,532	967	50%	-	-	-
13	Llanbradach and Pwllypant	The Community Wards of Llanbradach, Pwllypant and Wingfield	9	3,124	347	-46%	3,490	388	-23%
14	Maescwmmer	The Community of Maescwmmer	8	1,659	207	-68%	-	-	-
15	Nelson	The Community Wards of Brithdir, Cwmsyfig, New Tredegar, Philipstown and Tir-phil	9	3,539	393	-39%	-	-	-
16	New Tredegar	The Community Wards of Penrheol, Treceynydd and Energlyn	13	3,229	248	-61%	3,731	287	-43%
17	Newbridge	The Community of Newbridge	0	4,778	-	-	5,124	-	-
18	Penmaen	The Community of Penmaen	0	4,425	-	-	4,559	-	-
19	Penyrheol, Treceynydd and Energlyn	The Community Wards of Penyrheol, Treceynydd and Energlyn	11	8,903	809	26%	10,224	929	84%
20	Pontllanfraith	The Community of Pontllanfraith	0	6,381	-	-	-	-	-
21	Rhymney	The Community Wards of Abertyswg, Pontlottyn, St David's and Moriah, and Twyn Carno	14	6,186	442	-31%	7,035	503	-1%
22	Risca	The Community Wards of Pontymister Ty Sign, Pontymister Upper, Trenewydd, Pontymister Lower, Risca Town and Fernlea, Risca Dan-y-graig and Ty Isaf Fields and Ochwrwyth	18	8,534	474	-26%	9,420	523	3%
23	Van	The Community Wards of Brynau, Lansbury and Porset	10	3,299	330	-49%	3,711	371	-27%
24	Ynysddu	The Community of Ynysddu	0	2,957	-	-	3,258	-	-
TOTAL:			203	130,814	644		102,709	506	

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Electoral figures supplied by the County Borough of Caerphilly Council as at December 2022

	2023	2028
Greater than + or - 50% of County average	4	4
Between + or - 25% and + or - 50% of County average	10	2
Between + or - 10% and + or - 25% of County average	2	3
Between 0% and + or - 10% of County average	0	3

THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF CAERPHILLY COUNCIL  
EXISTING COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP  
VARIANCE FROM THE EXISTING COUNTY AVERAGE

		Appendix 3								
No.	COMMUNITY NAME	DESCRIPTION	No. OF COUNCILLORS (Existing)	ELECTORATE EXISTING	2023 RATIO	% variance from existing County average	No. OF COUNCILLORS (Proposed)	ELECTORATE PROPOSED	2028 RATIO	% variance from existing County average
1	Aber Valley	The Community of Aber Valley (4,509), [4,509]	3	4,509	1,503	-21%	3	4,509	1,503	-21%
2	Aberbargoed and Bargoed	The Aberbargoed (2,737), [2,637], Bargoed (3,631), [3,496] and Park (654), [694] wards of the Town of Bargoed	3	7,022	2,341	23%	3	6,827	2,276	20%
3	Abercarn	The Community of Abercarn (4,046), [4,046]	2	4,046	2,023	7%	2	4,046	2,023	7%
4	Algoed	The Community of Algoed (2,005), [2,005]	1	2,005	2,005	6%	1	2,005	2,005	6%
5	Bedwas and Trethomas	The Bedwas (3,329), [3,329] and Trethomas (1,732), [1,732] wards of the Community of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Rudy	3	5,061	1,687	-11%	3	5,061	1,687	-11%
6	Blackwood	The Town of Blackwood (6,336), [6,336]	3	6,336	2,112	11%	3	6,336	2,112	11%
7	Cefn Forest and Pengam	The Community of Cefn Forest and Pengam (5,426), [5,526]	3	5,426	1,809	-5%	3	5,526	1,842	-3%
8	Crosskeys	The Community of Crosskeys (2,451), [2,451]	1	2,451	2,451	29%	1	2,451	2,451	29%
9	Crumlin	The Community of Crumlin (4,281), [4,281]	2	4,281	2,141	13%	2	4,281	2,141	13%
10	Darran Valley	The Community of Darran Valley (1,857), [1,857]	1	1,857	1,857	-2%	1	1,857	1,857	-2%
11	Gilfach	The Gilfach (1,481), [1,576] ward of the Town of Bargoed	1	1,481	1,481	-22%	1	1,576	1,576	-17%
12	Hengoed	The Cefn Hengoed (1,919), [1,596] and Hengoed (2,135), [2,135] wards of the Community of Gelliqaer	2	4,054	2,027	7%	2	3,731	1,866	-2%
13	Llanbradach	The Community of Llanbradach and Pwllpant (3,124), [3,124]	2	3,124	1,562	-18%	2	3,124	1,562	-18%
14	Machen and Rudy	The Machen (2,846), [2,846], Llanfawr (198), [198], Rhyd-y-gwern (120), [120] and Rudy (558), [558] wards of the Community of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Rudy	2	3,722	1,861	-2%	2	3,722	1,861	-2%
15	Maesycwmmwr	The Community of Maesycwmmwr (1,937), [1,659]	1	1,937	1,937	2%	1	1,659	1,659	-12%
16	Morgan Jones	The Bryncoydd (839), [839], Paroyfelin (3,516), [3,514] and Tonyfelin (1,248), [1,250] wards of the Town of Caerphilly	3	5,603	1,868	-1%	3	5,603	1,868	-1%
17	Moriah and Pontlloftyn	The Aberyswg (1,043), [1,043], St David's and Moriah (1,578), [1,578] and Pontlloftyn (1,357), [1,357] wards of the Community of Rhyimey	2	3,978	1,989	5%	2	3,978	1,989	5%
18	Nelson	The Community of Nelson (3,531), [3,539]	2	3,531	1,766	-7%	2	3,539	1,770	-7%
19	New Tredegar	The Community of New Tredegar (3,229), [3,229]	2	3,229	1,615	-15%	2	3,229	1,615	-15%
20	Newbridge	The Community of Newbridge (4,778), [4,778]	3	4,778	1,593	-16%	3	4,778	1,593	-16%
21	Penmaen	The Community of Penmaen (4,425), [4,425]	2	4,425	2,213	17%	2	4,425	2,213	17%
22	Penyrhool	The Community of Penyrhool, Treceydd and Enegrglyn (6,903), [8,903]	4	8,903	2,226	7%	4	8,903	2,226	7%
23	Pontllanfrith	The Community of Pontllanfrith (6,103), [6,381]	3	6,103	2,034	7%	3	6,381	2,127	12%
24	Risca East	The Pontminster Ty Sign (1,803), [1,803], Pontminster Upper (1,291), [1,291], and Trenewydd (1,530), [1,530] wards of the Community of Risca	3	4,624	1,541	-19%	3	4,624	1,541	-19%
25	Risca West	The Pontminster Lower (630), [630], Risca Town and Fernlea (1,367), [1,367], Risca Dan-y-graig (443), [443] and Ty Isaf Fields and Ochwrwth (1,470), [1,470] wards of the Community of Risca	2	3,910	1,955	3%	2	3,910	1,955	3%
26	St Cathwg	The Cascade (2,486), [2,486], Greenhill (1,988), [1,980] and Tir-y-berth (995), [1,058] wards of the Community of Gelliqaer	3	5,469	1,823	-4%	3	5,524	1,841	-3%
27	St Martins	The Castle (1,369), [1,369], Cwrt Rawlins (2,167), [2,167], Twyn (1,654), [1,654] and Watford (1,278), [1,278] wards of the Town of Caerphilly	3	6,468	2,156	14%	3	6,468	2,156	14%
28	Twin Carno	The Twin Carno ward (2,208), [2,208] of the Community of Rhyimey	1	2,208	2,208	16%	1	2,208	2,208	16%
29	Van	The Community of Van (3,299), [3,299]	2	3,299	1,650	-13%	2	3,299	1,650	-13%
30	Ynysddu	The Community of Ynysddu (2,957), [2,957]	2	2,957	1,479	-22%	2	2,957	1,479	-22%
31	Ystrad Wrynach	The Ystrad Wrynach (4,017), [4,277] ward of the Community of Gelliqaer	2	4,017	2,009	6%	2	4,277	2,139	13%
TOTAL:			69	130,814	1,896		69	130,814	1,896	

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