

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANSTEFFAN A LLANYBRI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES - PARLIAMENTARY:

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales has published its 2023 Parliamentary Review. The Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 states there is to be a fixed number of 650 constituencies for the whole of the UK and provides a mathematical formula to determine how many constituencies should be allocated to each of the four parts of the UK, based on their electorate figures. In accordance with that formula, the number of constituencies allocated to Wales under the Act is reduced from 40 to 32.

Llansteffan currently sits within the Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire constituency. Under the proposal the county electoral wards of Carmarthen Town North, Carmarthen Town South, Carmarthen Town West, Cynwyl, Laugharne Township, Llanboidy, Llansteffan, St Clears, Trelech and Whitland will join the existing Carmarthen East & Dinefwr ward to create a new Caerfyrddin Parliamentary Ward. The new boundaries will coincide with the county boundary.

For further details, and to participate in the consultation process, please go to:

<https://bcomm-wales.gov.uk/reviews/09-21/2023-parliamentary-review-initial-proposals>

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES - COUNTY WARDS:

I continue to challenge the decision to combine Llansteffan and St. Clears wards. Having received all the data on which the decision was made through a Freedom of Information request, our only recourse is to challenge the (lack of) evidence which informed the decision. I'm told my challenge is futile, however, I will press on.

CONSULTATION ON 20mph ON RESTRICTED ROADS:

Welsh Government has launched a consultation on 20mph speed limits on restricted roads.

Restricted roads are defined as roads on which are provided a system of street lighting furnished by means of lamps placed not more than 200 yards apart. They are typically located in residential and builtup areas of high pedestrian activity in Wales. The default national speed limit for such roads is currently 30mph, although local authorities can use traffic regulation orders to set another speed limit in appropriate cases. In the Traffic Orders & 20mph Public Attitudes Survey, all participants were asked directly whether they would support a speed limit of 20 mph in the area in which they lived. Four in five Welsh adults (80%) said they would, compared to one in five (20%) who would not.

This Consultation will present information and evidence supporting the benefits of reduced speeds on restricted roads to road safety and to our communities. Please complete the survey either online or printed, as this is an opportunity for everyone to express their opinions about this policy.

Traffic Orders & 20mph Public Attitudes Survey:

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-07/traffic-orders-and-20mph-public-attitudes-survey.pdf>

Online Consultation Document - Reducing speed limit to 20mph on restricted roads:

<https://gov.wales/proposal-reduce-speed-limit-20mph-residential-streets>

<https://llyw.cymru/cynnig-i-ostwng-y-terfyn-cyflymder-ar-strydoedd-preswyl-i-20mya>

LORD'S PARK FARM - CONSULTATION:

Members of the public who registered to participate in the National Trust's consultation on Lord's Park Farm, Llanybri should have received an email by now, inviting them to a meeting on the 27th September in Llansteffan Memorial Hall. If you registered but have not received notification of the meeting, please contact me immediately as numbers attending in the hall are limited due to Covid restrictions. If you registered by telephone please contact me as soon as possible.

I have met with the National Trust Managers and our regional Senedd Member in Dinefwr today to discuss some of the wider issues regarding Trust-owned land use.

SECTION 106 AGREEMENT - PL/00629 - LLANYBRI

The terms of the Section 106 agreement for this application have now been agreed as follows:

1. **Affordable housing** – a 30% proportion of the dwellings.
2. **Highways** – The payment of a financial contribution of £25k towards the improvement of road safety infrastructure and upgrade/provision of pedestrian facilities in the village of Llanybri.
3. **Education** – The payment of a financial contribution towards the improvement of education provision in the relevant catchment schools which will be calculated at the reserved matters stage based upon the formula set out in our planning obligations SPG.

The development will also include the provision of a new direct footway link from the new development to the neighbouring park to the rear which will be secured via condition.

BROADBAND:

Please note local requests to sign up for high-speed broadband grants provision throughout the "241---" exchange area. We need ALL properties to sign up in order to draw down the maximum grant support which we hope will provide the service free of charge to every household and business. We are working on "211---" exchange plans. Please contact Simon Weaver or myself for further information. Also - volunteers needed!

FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS:

The federation of Bancyfelin, Llansteffan and Llangain schools has now been formalised and a new governing body appointed. The first formal meeting of the governing body will take place on October 12th 2021. Unfortunately, Llansteffan & Llanybri Community Council is not represented on the new Governing Body.

I am Interim Chair until the first official meeting of the new Governing body.

CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - PLANNING HWB

As part of the re-structuring within Carmarthenshire Planning department, a Planning Hwb has been established to take all enquiries. Customers with any queries regarding planning applications or planning enforcement should now contact: planninghwb@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

This is to allow development officers to concentrate on their workload rather than dealing with telephone and email queries.

BEACH WHEELCHAIRS:

Planning for the Beach Wheelchair service in Llansteffan will continue over coming months, and it is hoped that the delivery will be trialled at the beginning of the Spring tourist season.

NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING SIGNAGE:

The number of campervans and mobile homes overnighiting on the Beach Car Park and the North Area of the Green has reduced dramatically since the new signage was introduced.

UK EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME:

There is concern locally regarding Carbon Offsetting Schemes which result in farmland being bought by big businesses to offset their carbon emissions. Twelve farms have been bought recently in Carmarthenshire and South Ceredigion, by large/multinational companies whose business is based around burning fossil fuels, for the purpose of tree-planting. The concern is regarding the continuation of emissions once offset is used in mitigation, and the disappearance of farmland for the production of food. It is important that we get to grips with the concept of "greenwashing" and ensure that a healthy balance is maintained between forestation and agriculture. Carmarthenshire County Council is likely to debate this issue in due course, prior to making representations to Welsh Government.

COUNTY NEWSROOM:

Please visit the Carmarthenshire County Council Newsroom for all the latest local news:
<https://newsroom.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/>

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