

Laleston Community Council Electoral Arrangement Review

DRAFT PROPOSALS REPORT

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Chapter 1. SUMMARY OF DRAFT PROPOSALS

Bridgend County Borough Council has a duty under Section 55(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 to keep under review the boundaries and electoral arrangements of the communities within Bridgend. To ensure compliance with the legislation, following a formal request from Laleston Community Council, Bridgend County Borough Council agreed at its Council meeting on 24th June 2026 to commence a review of the Laleston electoral arrangements.

Public notice of the intention to commence a review of Laleston Community Council was given on the 26 June 2026 with the publication of the Terms of Reference.

A 6-week initial consultation commenced on the 26 June 2026, inviting initial comments from stakeholders to be submitted by post or email to the Electoral Office. The consultation period ended on the 7 August 2026.

In formulating the draft proposals, the initial proposals were reviewed taking into consideration representations received at the initial consultation stage.

Chapter 2. THE COUNCIL SIZE POLICY

1. The Council adopted a 'Town & Community Council Size Policy' at a meeting of full Council on the 17th of April 2024.
2. An ideal minimum size of electorate for a community council to be in the region of 5,000 electors without any maximum size.
3. In setting the ratio of councillors to electors, it is proposed to use the Aston Business School guidelines published in 1992 to provide a level of flexibility when determining the ratios. Their guidance is set out below in Table 2: -

Table 2 – Ratio of Councillors to Electors

Electorate	Councillor Allocation
Less than 500	5 – 8
501 – 2,500	6 – 12
2,501 – 10,000	9 – 16
10,001 – 20,000	13 – 27
Greater than 20,000	13 - 31

4. There will need to be parity in the ratio of councillors to electors amongst the wards in Laleston community council.

Chapter 3. DRAFT PROPOSALS

1. Laleston Community Council has three wards: Laleston/Bryntirion, Cefn Glas 1 and Cefn Glas 2. This consultation does not change these wards or consider boundary changes.
2. The current community council arrangements in Laleston consist of a total electorate of 10,295 and is represented by 13 community councillors.

Community ward	Electorate	Number of Councillors
Laleston/Bryntirion	7,026	5
Cefn Glas 1	1,412	4
Cefn Glas 2	1,857	4
Total	10,295	13

Representations

3. The Council received 3 representations concerning the community of Laleston.

Community Council electoral arrangements

4. The proposed community council arrangements in Laleston will consist of a total electorate of 10,295 and be represented by 15 community councillors.
5. The Council's proposed electoral arrangements for the community council can be seen below:

Laleston Community Council								
Wards	Existing				Proposed			
	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance
Laleston/Bryntirion	7,026	5	1,405	77%	7,026	10	703	3%
Cefn Glas 1	1,412	4	353	-55%	1,412	2	706	-10%
Cefn Glas 2	1,857	4	464	-41%	1,857	3	619	2%
Total	10,295	13	792		10,295	15	686	

The Council has proposed a council membership of 15, which is an increase of 2 from the existing arrangements and is in line with the Council Size Policy. The Council believes the new arrangements would improve the level of effective and convenient local government in the area and provide better levels of electoral parity.

Appendix 3 Representations Received from Initial Consultation

Comments and feedback received by the Election Office in regard to the initial consultation period for the Laleston Community Council Electoral Arrangements Review

Comments received by email from Laleston Community Council:

At last week's Council meeting it was resolved that the following be referred back to you as part of the consultation process.

Currently there are 13 councillors for the area, my suggestion is that this is left at 13 for this review and reconsidered as part of any subsequent boundary review.

850 houses will be built on land west of Bridgend as allocated within the LDP, assuming a ratio of 1.5 electors per household this would increase the electors in Laleston/Bryntirion ward from 7,046 to 8,321. This needs to be considered when working out the total number of councillors and the splits within.

Mathematically, the best outcome would be for Cefn Glas 1 & 2 to have 2 councillors each per ward – whilst this would still mean a disparity of electors per councillor in Cefn Glas 1 without a boundary change this is the only logical outcome. Laleston/Bryntirion ward should then be given 9 councillors. This would mean as follows:

Laleston Community Council	Council Electorate	New Homes *1.5	Total	No. of Cllrs at Present	Cllr / Elector Ratio
Cefn Glas 1	1,411		1,411	2	706
Cefn Glas 2	1,861		1,861	2	931
Laleston/Bryntirion	7,046	1,275	8,321	9	925

I would point out that the resolution was unanimously accepted as the considered way forward. There was no dissent on the proposal, which we ask is given serious consideration.

The Council would also wish that the formal review of the boundary be undertaken as expeditiously as possible.

Comments received by email from County Borough Cllr Spiller:

Good morning,

Following the below I would like to make the following comments on the proposal to review the electoral arrangements within Laleston Community Council's wards ahead of the 2027 local elections.

In an ideal world we would be reviewing the boundaries of Laleston Community Council to ensure that the internal community boundaries represent the balance. I would strongly support the realignment of Morgan's Meadow within Cefn Glas, along with a new wards of Laleston/Bryntirion and Broadlands, and the amalgamation of Cefn Glas 1 & 2 – I understand this isn't possible within the review.

Therefore, I think the following needs to be implemented:

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Comments received by email from County Borough Cllr Harrison:

I am happy with the proposals

Chapter 4. RESPONSES TO THIS REPORT

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2. For further information on the review and the review process please refer to the Council's webpage: www.bridgend.gov.uk/my-council/elections/boundary-reviews/