

FINAL REPORT ON THE COMMUNITY BOUNDARY REVIEW UNDER SECTION 25 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEMOCRACY)(WALES) ACT 2013 BY CYNGOR GWYNEDD

1. Introduction

Cyngor Gwynedd ('the Council') has completed its community boundary review under section 25 of the Local Government (Democracy)(Wales) Act 2013 ("the Act").

On 2 October 2025 the Full Council approved Final Recommendations under section 25 of the Act and the recommendations are submitted by means of this report to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru, as the appropriate implementing authority in accordance with section 36 of the Act.

2. The Final Recommendations

The Final Recommendations approved are as follows:

The Communities of Felinheli and Pentir

Modification of part of the boundary between Y Felinheli and Pentir Communities. The change meant that the residents of Ffordd Heulyn would all vote in Y Felinheli. Currently, residents in part of the street vote in Penrhosgarnedd.

Llanegryn and Tywyn Communities

Modification of part of the boundary between the Community of Llanegryn and the Community of Tywyn so that land owned by Rhyd y Garnedd Farm is all part of the Community of Llanegryn

The Communities of Llanllechid and Bethesda

Modification of part of the boundary to include, within the community of Bethesda (Rachub ward), the existing houses in the Llwyn Bedw, Cae Rhosydd estates together with site 127 in the Gwynedd Local Development Plan 2024-2039 List of Potential Sites.

The maps showing these Final Recommendations are appended as Appendix 1

The Process

Approval of Review and Terms of Reference (07/03/24)

The conduct of a Review and the Terms of Reference was approved by the Full Council on 07/03/24. The authority had previously written to all community councils to ask if there were any issues they would like to bring to its attention in relation to their current boundaries. The recommendation to Full Council was based on the information received in response, along with information already known to officers. Approval was given undertake a review of the boundaries of specific communities where possible reasons for changes had been highlighted, in particular issues relating to the following communities:

- Y Felinheli and Pentir– modification of part of the boundary
- Llanllechid Bethesda - modification of part of the boundary
- Llanegryn and Tywyn - modification of part of the boundary.
- Llanelltyd and Ganllwyd - combining the two councils to create one council in the Mawddach Valley

The full report submitted to the Council and the minutes of the meeting are available on Gwynedd Council's website via the following link (see Item 16):

[Agenda for The Council on Thursday, 7th March, 2024, 1.30 pm](#)

Initial Publicity and Terms of Reference Consultation (11/11/24 – 20/12/24)

Following the required publicity under the Act, no additional matters were brought to the authority's attention in relation to the Boundary Review's Terms of Reference. A summary of the responses received is attached as **Appendix 2** (please note that the responses include responses to a review of electoral arrangements under section 31 which took place concurrently and is not the subject of this report).

Draft Proposals Approved (06/03/25)

Following consideration of the responses the Full Council approved the following as Draft Proposals:

- Y Felinheli and Pentir - Transfer of properties along Ffordd Heulyn and within the village of Felinheli from the community of Pentir into the community of Felinheli
- Llanllechid Bethesda - Transfer of that part of the Llwyn Bedw housing estate situated in the Community of Llanllechid into the Community of Bethesda so that the whole of the estate is in the Community of Bethesda.
- Llanegryn and Tywyn - Transfer of land from Rhydygarnedd farm from the community of Tywyn into the community of Llanegryn so that all properties are within the community of Llanegryn
- Llanelltyd and Ganllwyd – To unite the communities of Llanelltyd and Ganllwyd to establish a new community.

The full report submitted to the Council and the minutes of the meeting are available on Gwynedd Council's website via the following link (see Item 12)

[Agenda for The Council on Thursday, 6th March, 2025, 1.30 pm](#)

Consultation on the Draft Proposals (28/03/25 – 23/05/25)

A Draft Proposals Report was published in accordance with the requirements of the Act and publicity was given to the fact that representations could be made to the authority during the public consultation period. It was sent to the consultees prescribed in the Act, which included all those who responded at the preliminary stage. In addition to the mandatory consultees it was also sent to:

- The Community Councils
- The County Councillors
- Members of the Senedd
- Members of Parliament
- Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales
- Welsh Language Commissioner

An eight-week consultation period took place between 28/03/25 and 23/05/25

Community councils and Gwynedd Council members were contacted during the consultation period to remind them of the deadline, explaining to the community councils that they could get in touch if the timing of their meetings made it difficult to respond by the deadline.

Responses

Comments were received in response to two of the draft proposals:

Llanllechid and Bethesda

Proposing an adjustment to the boundary line in the Draft Proposal to include more land (summary of responses at **Appendix 3**)

Llanelltyd and Ganllwyd

Following further correspondence with the community councils it became clear that there was no longer a desire to unite the communities. Ganllwyd Community Council specifically stated that it strongly opposed the proposal.

Full Council Approves Final Proposals (02/10/25)

The Council considered the above responses and approved the Final Recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 above, for submission to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales

The full report submitted to the Council and the minutes of the meeting are available on Gwynedd Council's website via the following link (see Item 12)

[Agenda for The Council on Thursday, 2nd October, 2025, 1.30 pm](#)

Publication of the Report

In accordance with section 36 of the Act, this report will be published electronically on Cyngor Gwynedd's website and will be available for inspection (free of charge) at the Cyngor Gwynedd Offices, Shirehall Street, Caernarfon, LL55 1SH for a period of 6 weeks. Copies of the report will be sent the mandatory consultees, the Ordnance Survey and the Welsh Ministers. Any other person who submitted evidence or made representations in relation to the report published under section 35 will be informed how to obtain a copy of the report.

Dated 1 April 2026