

# Community Review – St. Brides Major Community Council

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## Initial proposal by the Electoral Registration Officer – 29 September 2017

Consultation on the number of members for both the Ogmore-by-Sea ward and St. Brides Major ward albeit St.Brides Major Community Council solely sought to review the Ogmore-by-Sea ward.

## Final Proposal by the Electoral Registration Officer – May 2018

**No change**

Community	Community Ward	Polling Districts	Current Number of Members	Ratio of Electorate to Members
St Brides Major	Ogmore-by-Sea	WA0	5	1:189
	St Brides Major	WB0 – WC0	6	1:133

Community	Community Ward	Polling Districts	Electorate wef 01.12.17	Property Total
St Brides Major	Ogmore-by-Sea	WA0	990	637
	St Brides Major	WB0 – WC0	795	441

In reaching my final proposal I have had regard to the application submitted by St Brides Major Community Council and the submissions received during the first stage of the consultation. I have also undertaken investigations with the Council's Planning Department, had regard to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Local Development Plan and planning applications 2013/00862/RES and 2014/01108/RES.

Albeit the initial request from St Brides Major Community Council was to review the number of Members in the Ogmore-by-Sea Ward, the review has been conducted for both wards in the Community Council as a whole in accordance with the Local Government (Democracy) Wales Act 2013 to determine an appropriate number of Members for each Ward to ensure effective and convenient local government.

An update from the Planning Department on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018 states:

*“...the most recent application numbers for the two sites are the following;*

*Allocated sites as part of MG2*

*-Ogmore Residential Centre, Ogmore by Sea: 2013/00862/RES*

*-Ogmore by Sea Caravan Park, Main Road, Ogmore by Sea: 2014/01108/RES*

*Approved Windfall Sites*

*-Land to the west of Craig Yr Eos Avenue, Ogmore By Sea: 2013/00236/OUT.*

*Outline application for 6 dwellings which have been brought forward with individual reserved matters applications/ full applications. These are; 2014/00626/RES, 2015/00627/FUL, 2017/01157/FUL and 2015/00523/FUL.*

*-Land to the South of Craig Yr Eos Avenue, Ogmore by Sea: 2015/00016/FUL. Construction began in March 2017,*

*With regards to your question concerning our use of ONS statistics, ONS population figures and projections are used in calculating the Housing Need in LDP policy MG1. However, these would be used in a Vale-wide manner and as such would not show settlement specific population projections. In Ogmore’s case there are no more allocated sites however as seen with the latter two applications there is always the possibility that windfall sites might come forward so we cannot guarantee that the number of properties in Ogmore won’t increase across the next 5-10 year period. “*

No further representations were submitted during the second stage of the consultation.

Having regard to the above, the application and representations received in line with the provisions of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013, I consider that the increase in electorate is small and will have minimal impact and therefore that the current electoral arrangements for the St Brides Major Community Council are appropriate and I recommend no change

I’d note that the Local Democracy Boundary Commission for Wales will be commencing its Electoral Review Programme for the Vale of Glamorgan Council from April 2019 until December 2020 with the Vale of Glamorgan Council conducting a Community Review for all Town and Community Councils in the Vale of Glamorgan 2023. By conducting a further review for St Brides Major Community Council in conjunction with the full community review it will ensure consistency with all community councils in the Vale of Glamorgan, this would be in the interests of effective and convenient local government.

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