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Consultation Response to Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill

Llangoedmore Community Council were unable to review the proposals at their January meeting due to difficulties in downloading the information from the internet, but they were able to discuss them at their meeting on the 4th February.

Although the date for response has passed we hope that you will be able to take account of the comments below.

Question 4

Section 35, sub-section (4)

The Council believes that the minimum period for representations should be 9 weeks. The rationale for this is that most Councils meet on a monthly cycle. If a proposal is published just after a meeting it could be 4 weeks before it can be presented to another meeting for consideration and allowing time for members to read and consider a proposal another month before an informed decision can be made. Allowing another week for the decision to be communicated gives the 9 weeks we propose as a minimum.

Question 8, (also applies to Questions 10 and 11)

Sections 53 and 54

The Council accepts and welcomes the use of web sites to publish information, but there are several aspects which will need consideration. Community Councils may be quite small, with part-time Clerks as the only employee and no in-built expertise in electronic publishing. There will be financial costs involved in setting up the sites and in training the Clerk to manage the site or to pay for a commercial body to manage the site on behalf of the Council. There could be a need for the Assembly or Principal Councils to set up "umbrella" sites which could be used by smaller Councils.

The requirement in Section 53 (1) (c) for all documents referred to in the minutes would hopefully be satisfied by links to other sites, rather than reproducing the documents themselves.

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