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Consultation on the role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector

Ymateb gan: Cyngor Cymuned Abermiwl gyda Llandyssil

Response from: Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council

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CONSULTATION

Dear Sir / Madam,

Community Councils provide a valuable service to communities in Wales. In covering much smaller areas than Local Authorities, they are much more aware of what is required in local communities and provide valuable provisions for them.

Having meetings open to the public allows the community to get information about their area quickly, without having to travel large distances to LA meetings. The open format and the publication of minutes on the Council web sites provides accountability and transparency. Annual audits of the Council accounts ensures that all monetary transactions are traceable and transparent.

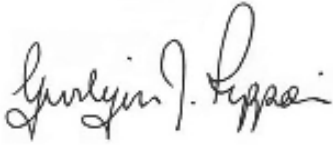
Now that meetings are online, Councillors and members of the public have access to the meetings if they cannot attend in person. This provides even more accountability and transparency as greater numbers can attend meetings.

It is this Council's opinion that Community Council's work very well, with a good working relationship between the Councillors and the Clerk.

Having outlined the benefits of Community Councils, it is important to remember that Community Councils are run by volunteers. It is becoming increasingly difficult to persuade people to join Community Councils and therefore there should not be any move to offload LA responsibilities to Community Councils. If this were to take place then the increased responsibility placed on Community Councillors would, we feel, cause many

councillors to choose not to seek re-election.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gwilym J. Rippon'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

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