

*These notes refer to the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales)  
Act 2013 (c.4) which received Royal Assent on 30 July 2013*

# **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEMOCRACY) (WALES) ACT 2013**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 5 - Other changes to local government**

#### ***Sections 55 to 57 – Community council websites; Requirement to give public notices electronically; Meetings and proceedings of communities***

73. **Section 55** requires a community council to publish certain information electronically (e.g. on a website), including details of the council's membership and business and make provision for members of the public to contact the council or its clerk electronically. The requirement to make information available is subject to normal rules on access to information.
74. A community council must have regard to any guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers in relation to this matter.
75. **Section 56** requires community councils to also publish public notices electronically (e.g. on its website).
76. **Section 57** requires a community council to publish agendas and public reports for forthcoming meetings electronically (e.g. on its website).