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Ms Sarah Sargent
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Dear Ms Sargent

**Consultation on proposed Legislative Competence Order relating to
community councils and councillor recruitment, retention and allowances**

May we please add to the short comment dated 28 August 2009 which we sent you.


“Matter 12.11 – would allow the Welsh Assembly Government to make direct grants to community councils, which might be used to supplement precept income in response to increasing activities of councils”.

Yes, there is scope for change. In our small council, for example, we have a total of 373 houses. The churchyard at Llangattock was transferred to the local council in 1920. It is long-time full and there is no income.

This year we had to reinstate sections of the boundary wall which had collapsed or become unsafe and, at the time of writing, we are involved with tree surgery to remove unsafe branches, etc. The cost this year exceeds £5,000 which is over £13 per house and comes entirely via the precept.

We are also responsible for War Memorials, and these, like the churchyards, will require more and more money spent on them with the passage of time. This is where small community councils would benefit if WAG were to be allowed to make discretionary grants.

Yours sincerely


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