

POLLING STATION LOG RESULTS

POLLING STATION NO.	POLLING STATION BUILDING	ELECTORATE	<u>COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL/ COMMUNITY ELECTION</u> 3RD MAY 2012	<u>EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY</u> 22ND MAY 2014
1 AA1	ST AIDENS CHURCH	115		Steps Outside. Poor disabled access. Entrance single door
2 AA2	AEL Y BRYN COMMUNITY CENTRE	1626		One disabled parking space
3 AB	ST DAVIDS RHYMNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE	904		No disabled parking
4 AC	LOWER RHYMNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE	1314		Two disabled parking spaces
5 AD	ABERTYSSWG COMMUNITY CENTRE	1078		
6 AE	ST TYFAELOGS CHURCH HALL	1482		Access one small step. No disabled parking
7. BA	DERI LIBRARY	926		No disabled parking
8 BB1	FOCHRIW COMMUNITY CENTRE	859		No telephone available in the building, no mobile signal. Two disabled parking spaces
9 BB2	MOUNT PLEASANT INN	43		Step into building. Single door entrance. Small space
10 CA1	WHITEROSE INFORMATION CENTRE	522	Superb facilities	
11 CA2	BETHANIA PENTECOSTAL CHURCH	299	Door handle continually coming off and one occasion doors locked, only for 2 minutes while someone went around to open.	Room small
12 CB1	WHITEROSE INFORMATION CENTRE	450	Excellent welcome and facilities	
13 CB2	ST DINGATS CHURCH	807	Very nice lot made very welcome, it must cost a bit to heat such a big church we only need a small room?	
14 CC	PHILLIPSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL	729		School requested Returning Officer to use alternative venue.
15 CD	TIRPHIL COMMUNITY CENTRE	385		
16 CE	ST DAVIDS CHURCH	489		On street parking. Single door entrance
17 DB1	ST GWLADYS COURT SHELTERED HOUSING	1508		
18 DB2	ST GWLADYS CHURCH HALL	1001		
19 DB3	CARTREF OAP HALL	1375		No disabled parking directly outside station
20 DC	GILFACH BARGOED COMMUNITY CENTRE	770		
21 DD1	GILFACH FARGOED PRIMARY SCHOOL	592		
22 DD2	1 ST GILFACH SCOUT HALL	943		
23 EA1	GELLIGAER COMMUNITY CENTRE	1246		No designated parking. No dropped kerbs for motorised wheelchairs.
24 EA2	GLYN GAER PRIMARY SCHOOL	326		One disabled Parking space

25 EA3	PENYBRYN VILLAGE HALL	535		No Designated Disabled parking
26 EB1 & 27 EB2	CASCADE COMMUNITY CENTRE	1097		
		1498		
28 EC1	TIRYBERTH VILLAGE HALL	717		Changed to school for this election only. Single door entrance.
29 EC2	GLAN-Y-NANT LEARNING CENTRE	315		Single door entrance.
30 ED1 & 31 ED2	HENGOED COMMUNITY CENTRE	873		Disabled parking at train station next door.
		686		
32 ED3	CEFN HENGOED YOUTH CENTRE	648	Much better venue than the school, 1) easier access for voters/disabled people. 2) more room for setting up station, 3) better lighting in the evening, 4) more facilities in terms of suitable tables, chairs, kitchen area, toilets, 5) very helpful staff opening/closing venue, 6) parking facility.	No designated disabled parking.
33 EE	CEFN HENGOED COMMUNITY CENTRE	1631		No designated disabled parking.
34 EF1	LEWIS STREET METHODIST CHURCH	1422	One candidate complained about opposition posters in window of house next to polling station.	
35 EF2		901		
36 EF3	FFERM-Y-BRYN SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION	748		
37 EF4	YSGOL PENALLTAU	920		
38 FA1	CALFARIA BAPTIST CHURCH	870		
39 FA2	LLANFABON CHURCH HALL	97		Double step outside so even with ramp there is still a small step. Chippings outside building
40 FB1 & 41 FB2	NELSON COMMUNITY CENTRE	1215	Car park very dark once street lights are switched on.	
		1314		
42 GA	CWM GLAS INFANTS SCHOOL	1452	A number of complaints were made about the fact that there were no lights to show the way to polling station for both entrances. Lack of facilities for tellers	
43 GB1	EBENEZER CHURCH HALL	627		Very small step into room
44 GB2	LLANBRADACH COMMUNITY CENTRE	901		

45 GC	PWLLYPANT VILLAGE HALL	285		
46 HA1 & 47 HA2 & 48 HA3	ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE	500 984 1221		HA2 Building was really cold and resulted in staff having to wrap themselves in blankets to stay warm.
49 HB1	WINDSOR HOTEL	612		No designated disabled parking. Ramp not the best.
50 HB2 & 51 HB3	SENGHENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE	705 754		
52 IA & 53 IB1 & 54 IB2 & 55 IB3	PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE	1727 844 1322 745		
56 IC1	GROESWEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	65		Entrance very close to road
57 IC2 & 58 IC3	TRECENYDD COMMUNITY CENTRE	1302 909		
59 IC4	HENDREDDENY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	1269		
60 IC5 & 67 JD2	CWRT RAWLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL	890 2017		
61 JA & 64 JB3	TONYFELIN WELSH BAPTIST CHAPEL	1131 173	Complaint about the parking outside. It is difficult to park outside, especially difficult for disabled persons to park.	JB3 – Allocated a different room which proved to be too small – return to previous room next time. Heating was non existent. There were the usual complaints re-;parking. JA – several complaints about parking especially for disabled. Gas fire not working. Room too small for 2 polling stations. Very limited parking. Wide single door entrance
62 JB1	PLAS-Y-FELIN PRIMARY SCHOOL	783		
63 JB2	CAERPHILLY WELSH PRIMARY	2271		Very limited parking. Single door entrance
65 JC	ST HELENS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH	898		Wide single door entrance

66 JD1	ST MARTINS COMP SCHOOL	1282	<p>Significant number of complaints on location of polling station. Too far to walk for electors, difficulty in parking on site during school hours. People with disabilities thought location was inaccessible. Several suggestions from electors that a more suitable location should be chosen in the future eg the Caerphilly Miners Hospital (Community Centre) or the Golf Club. A number of electors personally informed the polling inspector that the location was unsuitable when he visited the site during the day.</p> <p>Additional plastic polling stations notices would be useful in the future as electors also complained that the new location was difficult to find.</p>	Car blocking entrance to polling station would make it difficult for wheelchair access.
68 JE1	MASONIC HALL	576		No ramp – but 2 small steps.
69 JE2	VAN ROAD CHURCH HALL	1043		Wide single door. No designated disabled parking.
70 JF1 & 72 JF3	2 ND CAERPHILLY SCOUT HALL	433 549		Single door entrance. No designated disabled parking.
71 JF2	NEUADD Y PARC HALL	458		Very Limited off street parking. Single door entrance.
73 LA1 & 74 LA2	BEDWAS O.A.P. HALL	1413 1808		
75 LB1 & 76 LB2	TRETHOMAS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	798 912		
77 LC1	MACHEN VILLAGE HALL	1783		
78 LC2	GRAIG –Y-RHACCA COMMUNITY CENTRE	1187		
79 MA1	VAN COMMUNITY CENTRE	1346		Plenty of room to move Lansbury Housing Station in

80 MA2	PORTA CABIN FISHERMANS REST	377		
81 MB	LANSBURY PARK HOUSING OFFICE	1006	Complaints that no disabled access for voters. Poor lighting in the night	Very poor station. No Disabled access. Poor lighting
82 MC	THE TWYN SCHOOL	806	Step at entrance	Good Station but poor Disabled Access.
83 NA	RUDRY PARISH HALL	533		
84 NB /NC	CARAVAN HOLLYBUSH CAR PARK	317		Caravan Not ideal
85 DA1	ABERBARGOED PRIMARY SCHOOL	765		Access level but difficult. Single door, opens outwards but only if door release button pushed from inside.
86 DA2	ABERBARGOED SPORTS PAVILION	893		Disabled voter attended station – Disabled door locked due to youths hanging about outside – Presiding Officer opened the door straight away but the voter was unhappy it was locked. No disabled parking
87. DA3	ST PETER'S CHURCH	936		No disabled parking
88 KA	Maesycwmmmer O.A.P. Hall	1654		Reported to station inspector the path to the access is in need of repair. No disabled parking
89 OA	PORTA CABIN ABERBEEG	192		
90 OB	CROESPENMAEN WELFARE HALL	1037		No designated disabled parking
91 OC	CRUMLIN HIGH LEVEL PRIMARY SCHOOL	598		Space limited.
92 OD /OE	CRUMLIN O.A.P. HALL	465		
93 OF	HAFODYRYNYS VILLAGE HALL	242		
94 OG	TREOWEN COMMUNITY CENTRE	812		No designated disabled parking
95 OH	TRINANT WELFARE HALL	1035	Building very very cold,	No designated disabled parking
96 PA	TYNEWYDD PRIMARY SCHOOL	855		No designated disabled parking
97 PB1 & 98 PB2	ST PETERS CLOSE AGED RESIDENCE	721 647		
99 PC1 & 100 PC2	NEWBRIDGE MEMORIAL HALL	736 946	Poor light, Cold room Inadequate heating, lighting and parking	
101 PD	PENTWYNMAWR COMMUNITY CENTRE	997		
102 QA	PORTA CABIN CHAPEL OF EASE	460		Porta Cabin was not fit for purpose, neither was the location of cabin due to flooding of area, commented by voters.
103 QB	GWYDDON COURT O.A.P. RESIDENCE	682		
104 QC	LLANFACH VILLAGE HALL	509		
105 QD	CAER GORLAN BAPTIST CHAPEL	965	Both Presiding Officer and Poll Clerk feel that	

			the vestry is not suitable for election purpose. Very cold, damp and smells of damp. No fire escape from main room only exit via main door. Two electric fires supplied totally inadequate to heat room and are very old.	
106 QE	CWMCARN HIGH SCHOOL	230		
107 QF	CWMCARN PRIMARY SCHOOL	1230		Additional signage needed
108 RA	ARGOED VILLAGE HALL	665		
109 RB	HOLLYBUSH COMMUNITY CENTRE	248	A much more comfortable polling station than the previous one used in this village.	
110 RC	MANMOEL VILLAGE HALL	77		
111 RD	MARKHAM SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE	1091		
112 SA	MOOSE HALL	1349	We have received several complaints due to the fact there is no parking outside – access down/up the slope has been difficult for quite a few elderly voters.	
113 SB	LIBANUS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE	1242		
114 SC	BLACKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL	2104		
115 SD	BLACKWOOD COMP	1641	Some complaints from voters regarding lack of car parking spaces. Largely due to school staff parking with peaks at school home time and collection of children from Nursery Middy.	No parking spaces between 9am – 3pm. Possible tripping hazard as you approach station
116 TA	CEFN FFOREST COMMUNITY CENTRE	1064		No designated disabled parking
117 TB	ST THOMAS CHURCH HALL	1839		No designated disabled parking
118 UA	GYMNASIUM FLEUR DE LIS PRIMARY	613		No onsite parking, long walk for elderly/disabled.
119 UB	PENGAM PRIMARY SCHOOL	975		Demountable building is a long way around the back of school and hard to signpost. The school is not shut and public have to walk through play area. A voter voiced concern over this.
120 UC	PORTA CABIN BRITANNIA COMMUNITY SITE	415		No access for disabled
121 UD	FRESH HAIR	761		No designated disabled parking
122 VA	OAKDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE	2309		No designated disabled parking
123 VB	OAKDALE SPORTS PAVILION	1109	Straightforward poll with lowish turnout. Some older voters struggled with the steps and complained about the mud outside. It would be useful if a temporary step could be provided next time as an aid to access.	No disabled/wheelchair access
124 VC	WOODFIELDSDIE O.A.P. HALL	749		No designated disabled parking
125 WA1 & 126 WA2	ST MARYS CHURCH HALL	677 780		No designated disabled parking

127 WB	BRYN PRIMARY SCHOOL	1420		
128 WC1 & 129 WC2	ST JOHNS AMBULANCE HALL	831		No designated disabled parking
130 WD	ST AUGUSTINES CHURCH HALL	1779		
131 XA	PORTA CABIN CRAIG-Y-TRWYN	445		No designated disabled parking. Poor entrance
132 XB	CWMFLEIN FACH COMMUNITY CENTRE	1051		No designated disabled parking
133 XC	WATTSVILLE SPORTS PAVILION	331		No designated disabled parking
134 XD	FORMER WYLLIE POST OFFICE	294		No designated disabled parking. Entrance poor
135 XE	YNYSDDU COMMUNITY HALL	754		No designated disabled parking
136 YA	CROSSKEYS METHODIST CHURCH HALL	422		
137 YB	CASTLE COURT AGED PERSONS RESIDENCE	802		
138 YC	ST CATHERINE CHURCH	1251		
139 ZA	ST JOHNS AMBULANCE HALL	458		No dropped kerbs for wheelchair access.
140 ZB	PORTA CABIN FERNLEA COURT	267		
141 ZC	RISCA ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL	1146		
142 ZD	RISCA YOUTH CENTRE	672	Disabled access – front door opens outwards and electronic disabled door button out of order.	Station requires 2 or 3 PVC Polling Station signs due to number of off road entrances. Disabled access door button or automatic door opening not working.
143 ZE	PONTYMISTER PAVILION	1516		Preferable if main gates were open to allow vehicle access for voters with mobility issues.
144 ZF1/2	TY-SIGN CLINIC	1888		
145 ZG	RISCA COMMUNITY COMP	1611		
146 ZH	HAFOD-Y-BRYN AGED RESIDENCE	1312	Problems with getting Care line to stop the alarm at the premises. On entry the alarm would keep going off each time the front door was opened.	Limited on road parking look at using community centre to left of Hafod-y-Bryn.

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006

Section 17 of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a duty on local authorities to 'carry out and complete' reviews of polling districts and polling places before 31 January 2015, and then in the period of 16 months beginning with 1 October of every fifth year after that.

To comply with this duty the review in the Caerphilly County Borough will be conducted between 1 July 2014 and 12th December, 2014.

We would like to invite initial comments from electors regarding the convenience of voting at polling stations currently used for elections and would welcome suggestions for alternative sites.

The review will seek to establish how suitably placed the polling stations are within each electoral area making specific reference to both disability and accessibility issues. We would welcome representations or comments on the authority's proposals from any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability.

As part of the review the Returning Officers for the three constituencies located within the County borough will make comments on the proposed polling stations.

Further information, including any comments by the Returning Officers, about the review will be published on www.caerphilly.gov.uk. An information pack giving information about each station is also available.

Submissions can be made by in writing to - Polling Review, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Dyffryn House, Dyffryn Business Park, 5A Alder Avenue, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed or by email to – electoralservices@caerphilly.gov.uk

All responses to Stage 1 of the review must be submitted by Friday 15th August 2014.

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Elections – Polling Arrangements

Review of polling districts and polling places/stations 2014

Background information

The Reason for the Review

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Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Electoral Administration Act 2006 and the Review of Polling District & Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006, Caerphilly County Borough Council has a duty to divide the district into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each polling district.

What Is A Polling District?

A polling district is a geographical area and the legislation requires that each community must be a separate polling district. If the community is large, in order to provide easy access, it can be divided into smaller polling districts.

What Is A Polling Place?

A "polling place" is the geographical area, in which a polling station is located. There is no legal definition of what a polling place is. The geographical area could be defined as tightly as a particular building or as widely as the entire polling district. The Council has defined each polling district as the polling place rather than a particular building for practical purposes but this policy will be reviewed in this review process. Polling places should be within the polling district unless it is not possible to find a suitable place with the area.

What Is A Polling Station?

A polling station is the actual area where the process of voting takes place, e.g. a room in a community centre or school.

How the Review Is Conducted

The review will take place between 1 July 2014 and 12th December, 2014..

The Returning Officer will be consulted on the current arrangements and will make representations on the existing polling stations used. His comments will be published as part of the review process.

County Councillors, Community Councils, local political parties, residents and views from such persons who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises are invited to submit their representations.

What Is Not Covered by the Review

Neither the boundaries of parliamentary constituencies nor the boundaries and names of local authorities and electoral areas within Caerphilly will be part of the review.

The Role of the Electoral Commission

The Commission does not have a role in the review process itself. However, it can consider comments if people do not think the review has met the reasonable requirements of electors or taken sufficient account of the needs of disabled electors.

The following people can refer concerns to the Commission:

- a Community Council
- 30 or more registered electors
- any person who has made comments during the review
- any non-elector who has expertise in access to premises or facilities for disabled persons

As a result the Commission may direct the local authority to alter polling places arising from the review and can make these alterations itself if the Council does not do so within two months.

Timetable for the Review

Start of review	1 st July, 2014
Initial Representations to be received by Electoral Services and Returning Officers' comments published	15 th August, 2014 September 12 th , 2014
Revised arrangements come into force	12 th December, 2014

Making Comments

Comments do not have to be restricted to alternative proposals; support for the current arrangements is also welcome. When making representations it would be helpful to the Council for you to provide as much relevant information as you can about your current polling place/station, including how convenient (or not) its location is in relation to where you live, whether there is adequate parking, what access is available for disabled and/or wheelchair users and how suitable overall it is for voting. Please also indicate whether there are any other suitable premises that could be used.

Comments should be made in writing to: Polling Review, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Dyffryn House, Dyffryn Business Park, 5A Alder Avenue, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed or by email to – electoralservices@caerphilly.gov.uk . A feedback form is also available for submission as part of this consultation pack or from the above address.

**Caerphilly County Borough Council
Polling Station Feedback Form**



Name of Station(s): _____

Do you have any comments about the station(s), with regard to the building(s) used?

Are there any issues with regard to the location of the station(s), parking facilities and the overall accessibility of the station(s)?

Are you aware of any other buildings, close to the existing station, that may be more suitable for polling?

Contact Details (optional)

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

