

POLLING STATION REVIEW 2011 – MERTHYR

POLLING STATION	Electorate	No. Of Responses	Polling Station Comments	Review Comments	Alternative Venue	Proposed Action
AA1 St Aidans Church	115		No reserved parking for disabled voters. The church is not level throughout, it has a step.			No Change Property will be included in the rolling programme, which will be implemented to purchase ramps.
AA2 Ael-Y-Bryn Community Centre	1575		No reserved parking for disabled voters.			No Change
AB St Davids Rhymney	860		Good venue.			No Change
AC Lower Rhymney Community Centre	1279		A small car park with 2 disabled spaces. Overall a good venue.			No Change
AD Abertysswg Community Centre	1034		On street parking with no disabled parking spaces. It is located on an incline.			No Change
AE Pontlottyn Community Centre	1415	3	Large car park with no disabled spaces. There are steps and an incline	This premises has been condemned. Building closed due to asbestos Station Closing	Church Hall St Tyfaelogs Ely Church Hall or Boys/Girls Club	New Venue Church Hall St Tyfaelogs
BA Deri Library	927		No reserved parking for disabled voters. On a slight incline.			No Change
BB1 Fochriw Community Centre	857		Good venue.			No Change
BB2 Mount Pleasant Inn	45		Small on street parking with no disabled spaces. It is an inclined area. No external lighting.			No Change
CA1 Nomads Cycling Club	538		Limited on street parking with no disabled spaces. There's a small step at the front of the building.			New Venue White Rose Resource Centre
CA2 Bethania Pentecostal Church	291		On street parking with no disabled parking spaces. There is a step at the entrance.			No Change Property will be included in the rolling programme, which will be implemented to purchase ramps.
CB1 White Rose Information Resource Centre	435		Good venue.			No Change
CB2 St Dingats Church	585		Limited on street parking with no disabled spaces.			No Change
CC Phillipstown Primary School	650		Good venue. There was a problem with ceiling decorations causing an obstruction, but these were removed.			No Change
CD Tirphil Community Centre	397		No reserved parking for disabled voters.			No Change
CEBrithdir Constitutional Club	474	1	On street parking with no disabled parking spaces. There are 2 flights of stairs with a stair lift. This caused complaints from voters.	No disabled facilities, stair lift unsuitable, A large number of residents feel inappropriate premises for election.	St David's Church location downstairs or George Pub no stairs to climb easy access for all.	New Venue St David's Church

POLLING STATION REVIEW 2011 - CAERPHILLY

POLLING STATION	Electorate	No of Reponses	Polling Station Comments	Review Comments	Alternative Venue	Proposed Action
DB1 St Gwladys Court Sheltered Housing Scheme	1496	1	Good venue. A few complaints about the location of the station. Hills too steep for older people.	Suggest Mc Donnel Pub based on the flat		No Change
DB2 Bargoed Social Club	949	1	Good venue.	Suggest return to St Gwladys Church hall		No Change Club is easier to access.
DB3 Cartref O.A.P. Hall	1280		Parking is on the main road. Stepped entrance but ramp is available. Lighting on main entrance only. The room was excellent for disabled voters.			No Change
DC Gilfach Bargoed Community Centre	661		Steps at the front of the entrance. There were no other issues.			No Change
DD1 Gilfach O.A.P. Hall	574		No wheelchair access. Steps to the front of the building and a large flight of stairs. Poor access for old and infirm. High percentage of those who attended the station had walking sticks and poor mobility.		Gilfach Primary	New Venue Gilfach School
DD2 1st Gilfach Scout Hall	958		Slight incline to the main entrance. There is also a step with loose gravel. No outside lighting.			No Change
EA1 Gelligaer Community Centre	1082		No disabled parking. Excellent facilities and well set up.			No Change
EA2 Glyn Gaer Primary School (Junior Block)	1082	1	Inside the polling station was very small and there were not enough tables. Entrance to the room was very poor.	As it is open as a polling station during schooling - there must be a more user-friendly room to accommodate people.		No Change Review with school for more suitable room
EA3 Penybryn Village Hall	316		Excellent polling station with good facilities and well set up.			No Change
EB1 & EB2 Cascade Community Centre	1121/1550		Good venue.			No Change
EC1 Tiryberth Village Hall	716	1	Good venue.	Very good facility		No Change
EC2 Glan-Y-Nant Learning Centre (Side Entrance)	309	1	Good venue.	Poor signage unable to find way. Suggest more directional arrows and signage provided especially from the lane		No Change Additional signage will be provided.
ED1 & ED2 Hengoed Community Centre	807/687		Excellent facilities, both stations set up well.			No Change

ED3 Hengoed Primary School	619	1	Parking was poor; there was a very long walk for the elderly. Poor access. There was a slope on the pathway, no lighting. Entrance had obstructions at the door. Problems with the kids as they were unsupervised. Inside the building it was very cluttered with school equipment. Very small space within the room due to desks etc.	Not a suitable location	Please consider exploring the possibility of using the Flying Start Centre Church?	Church not suitable New Venue Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre
EE Cefn Hengoed Community Centre	1616		No disabled spaces and no outside lighting. Steep path to entrance and a step into the building. The room itself is fine but access is a problem.			No Change Property will be included in the rolling programme, which will be implemented to purchase ramps.
EF1 Lewis Street Methodist Church	1360		Good venue.		Penallta new school Cwm Calon Road for top end.	Split polling district. School used as additional venue for Penallta.
EF2 Ystrad Mynach College (General Education Department)	911		Entrance has a standard sized door only. Although there are adequate parking spaces with disabled bays they are a fair distance from the polling station itself. There are double yellow lines around the building.			No Change
EF3 Fferm-Y-Bryn Sheltered Accommodation (Communal Hall) Fferm-Y-Bryn	768		No disabled parking.			No Change
FA1 Calfaria Baptist Church	869		No disabled parking spaces. Standard door.			No Change
FA2 Llanfabon Church Hall	101		No disabled spaces. Steps to premises. Standard door only. Poor central heating in room.			No Change Provide heater
FB1 & FB2 Nelson Community Centre	1220/1316		No disabled parking			No Change
GA Cwm Glas Infants School	1474	1	No disabled parking bays. It's a long walk for old/disabled voters. Very little lighting and a number of people complained that there was no lighting to the polling station from both entrances of the school. No seating available.	Review the situation with regard the tellers using the lobby.		No Change
GB1 Ebenezer Church Hall	592		No parking available, roads are marked with yellow lines. No bays for disabled voters. Difficult for wheelchair access over doorstep in front, but there is a separate disabled access at the side with a ramp.			No Change
GB2 Llanbradach Community Centre	877		Good venue.			No Change
GC Pwllypant Village Hall	254		No disabled parking. Little light available outside.			No Change
HA1/2/3 Abertridwr Community Centre	507/972/1 153	1	No disabled parking. Door width not adequate for powered chairs.	Best available in community		No Change

HB1 Windsor Hotel	553	1	Need a new ramp. It is not level throughout.	Best available in community		No Change
HB2 & HB3 Senghenydd Community Centre	679/712	1	Difficult access for disabled voters, there is a step into the building.	Best available in community		No Change
IA, IB1/2/3 Penyrheol Community Centre	1739/863/ 1306 /748		Station numbers needed to direct voters to the correct station. Very good venue.			No Change
IC1 Groeswen Congregational Chapel	67		There is not an adequate door for powered wheelchairs.			No Change
IC2 & IC3 Trecenydd Community Centre	1326/898		It's an open and well-prepared station with excellent signage.			No Change
IC4 Hendredenny Park Primary School	1304		Chairs used are not suitable.			No Change Contact school to ensure appropriate table and chairs provided.
IC5 & JD2 Cwrt Rawlin Primary School	692/2023		Excellent venue with helpful staff.			No Change
JA & JB3 Tonyfelin Welsh Baptist Chapel	1031/182		Very poor parking.			No Change
JB1 Plas-Y-Felin Primary School	763		Good venue.			No Change
JB2 Caerphilly Welsh Primary School,	2157		Very limited on street parking.			No Change
JC St Helens Roman Catholic	854	1	Very good parking. Excellent venue.	No complaints but would prefer to vote at Scouts Hall Nantgarw Road		No Change
JD1 St Martins Comprehensive School	1314	1	Very limited parking. Very small room meaning the layout is not ideal but votes can be made in secrecy. Although complaints were made to the presiding officer that there was a lack of privacy when voting.	Room provided unsuitable	Vacant shop Cardiff Road	No Change Vacant shop not a viable option. School agreed to provide Alternative room.
JE1 Masonic Hall	561		Plenty of parking but no disabled parking. There are potholes in the car park and two steps into the building.			No Change Property will be included in the rolling programme, which will be implemented to purchase ramps.
JE2 Van Road Church	996		Limited on road parking with no disabled parking.			No Change
JF1 & JF3 2nd Caerphilly Scout Hall	465/560		Very limited lane parking.			No Change
JF2 Neuadd Y Parc	462		Very limited on street parking with no disabled parking.			No Change
LA1 & LA2 Bedwas O.A.P. Hall	1404/1757	1	On road parking with no disabled parking. Good layout.	No problem with building apart from parking. Alternative –	Community Hall behind Bedwas Swimming pool. Ample parking and more convenient for residents.	No Change Reviewed site and polling station is centrally located to cover the two stations.

LB1 & LB2 Trethomas Christian Fellowship	822/933		Excellent station.			No Change
LC1 Machen Village Hall & Social Centre	1767	1	Excellent facility.	Satisfactory		No Change
LC2 Graig-Y- Rhacca Community Centre	1013	1	Good venue.	Prefers this station to that of the resource centre used on a previous occasion.		No Change
MA1 Van Community Centre	1254		This venue is fit for purpose.			No Change
MA2 Porta Cabin Fishermans Rest Car Park	383		Pathways are gravel. There is no seating available for elderly voters.			No Change
MB Lansbury Park Housing Office	897		No parking. Lighting is not adequate. Very poor location. It is not level throughout and inadequate for disabled voters. The layout does not assist the flow for voting. There is no seating available for disabled voters. The office is still open to the public. It is not fit for purpose.		Community Centre or Surgery	No Change Reviewed site no alternative available.
MC The Twyn School	817	1	Fit for purpose. There is an entrance for disabled voters at the rear of the building.	There is a foot high entrance step; the disabled are notified of disabled access at the rear. The surface is laid with a rubber like compound which presents an unstable surface for the disabled, not walking stick resistant etc. Last election, disabled access was locked and had to knock to gain attention. When entering, the route contained objects suspended from the ceiling, which was a danger to anyone over 5ft 9" tall. Suggestion – a platform outside the entrance door with associated ramps would help children. This would thus enable a purpose handrail to be fixed to wall to assist the disabled who need support when voting.		No Change No alternative room suitable. School will ensure area cleared of all obstructions and Presiding Officer to ensure disabled access open.
NA Rudry Parish Hall	529		Excellent room.			No Change
NB & NC Caravan Lower Car Park Hollybush Inn	115/208		No seating for elderly. Mobile home adequate but not capable of dealing with the disabled voters inside. The layout does not assist the flow for voting and it does not maintain the secrecy of the ballot.			No Change

POLLING STATION REVIEW 2011 - ISLWYN

POLLING STATION	Electorate	No of Reponses	Polling Station Comments	Review Comments	Alternative Venue	Proposed Action
DA1 Aberbargoed Primary School	728		Adequate parking but no disabled bays. No lights over entrance to the hall. The entrance is stepped, but there is a steel ramp in situ outside.			No Change
DA2 Aberbargoed Sports Pavilion	881		Adequate parking but no disabled bays. No lighting outside all entrances. It is inaccessible. Lighting within the station was inadequate.			No Change
DA3 St Peters Church	931		Only one entrance, ramp to entrance and there are also steps. Slight lip on entrance doorway, which makes it difficult for wheelchair users.			No Change
KA Maesycwmmwr O.A.P. Hall	1726		Limited amount of dedicated parking and no disabled parking bays. The pathway and external area may be dangerous.			No Change
OA Porta Cabin (Entrance) Former Aberbeeg Hospital	198		Step into a porta cabin. There is no adequate corridor nor is there adequate door width. Lack of space and insufficient heating.			No Change
OB Croespenmaen Welfare Hall	1008		Good venue.			No Change
OC Crumlin High Level Primary School	581		Good venue.			No Change
OD & OE Crumlin O.A.P. Hall	264/216		Good venue.			No Change
OF Hafodyrynys Community Centre	237		Good venue.			No Change
OG Treowen Community Centre	809		Good venue.			No Change
OH Trinant Community Centre	1050		Good venue.			No Change
PA Tynewydd Primary School	853	1	Few steps if parking in lower car park.	Considers school too far from the town centre.	Beulah Chapel or Tabernacle Chapel	No Change Visited Church room upstairs not suitable.

PB1 & PB2 St Peters Close Aged persons Residence	653/571		Good venue. Limited parking.			No Change
PC1 & PC2 Newbridge Memorial Hall	736/954		Good venue.			No Change
PD Pentwynmawr Community Centre	952		Good venue.			No Change
QA Porta Cabin Chapel Of Ease	434	1	No disabled access. There is not seating for disabled voters.		Primary School or Chapel of Ease Baptist Chapel	No Change Visited site no alternative options.
QB Gwyddon Court O.A.P Residence	687		Good venue.			No Change
QC Llanfach Village Hall	513		Good venue. Limited parking.			No Change
QD Caer Gorlan Baptist Chapel	828		Very poor parking facilities. Dark and cold.		Workingmen's Club	No Change Visited Nant Pennar Club no drop curb only on street parking but on main bus route. After consideration remain at Cae'r Gorlan Chapel
QE Cwmcarn High School	227		Parking is not adequate. Good venue.			No Change
QF Cwmcarn Primary School	1258		Good venue.			No Change
RA Argoed Village Hall	628		No disabled parking. In need of repair. Staff were cold. The parking and entrance were not suitable.		Argoed Chapel	No Change Visited church unsuitable no drop curb, step into property.
RB Hollybush Rugby Club	241		Good venue.		Hollybush Community Centre	New Venue Hollybush Community Centre
RC Manmoel Village Hall	69		Good venue.			No Change
RD Markham Sports & Community Centre	997		Lighting was inadequate. Unsuitable access.			No Change
SA Caerphilly Fast Forward	1348	1	Entrance to car park in need of repair. Felt intimidated entering the building. The presiding officer felt that the building was not suitable for polling as there were too many youths causing problems and intimidating the older voters.	This building is now for sale on the open market	The Moose Hall.	New Venue Moose Hall
SB Libanus Christian Community Centre	1302	1	Street parking. Steep road and entrance. Had to use a small room and this was not appropriate as a polling station in terms of people's privacy. Voters also complained about the difficulty in parking.	Members agreed parking is a major problem and suggest that consideration be given to suspending car parking charges in the car park adjacent to Llewellyns Garage and possible the old court buildings on any election day.		No Change Consideration given to use of court building but unsuitable.

SC Blackwood Primary School	1966		No disabled parking. Good access.			No Change
SD Blackwood Comp. School (Comm.College)	1623		Good venue.			No Change
TA Cefn Fforest Comm. Centre	948		Good venue.			No Change
TB St Thomas Church Hall	1805		Good venue. Laminate flooring can make it very slippery when wet.			No Change
UA (Demountable Building) Fleur-De-Lis Primary	619		No parking facilities. Entrance is not level. The lighting is not acceptable at the entrance, the inspector blocked off the area with yellow and black tape for all voters to use the disabled entrance. Area was substantially cluttered. Floor was tacky due to a recent leak and floor tiles were removed.			No Change Contact school to ensure area to be cleared of all clutter
UB (Demountable Building) Pengam Primary School	936		Very good polling station.			No Change
UC Porta Cabin Community Centre Site	409		Needs lighting outside. Side door entrance has no width space for wheelchair access. Needs a disabled ramp.			No Change
UD Porta Cabin (Lay By) New Bryn Gwyn Street	733		Small step at the entrance. Elderly lady tripped over the front step. Porta loo was far away from the cabin.			No Change
VA Oakdale Comm. Centre	2151	1	Good venue.	Meet all the requirements		No Change
VB Oakdale Sports Pavilion	1115	2	High step at the entrance. No wheelchair access. Facilities were dirty and had to be cleared. Disabled access was non-existent and would benefit from a portable ramp.	Suggests a small investment in providing a temporary ramp and a lick of paint and basic improvements to brighten up the venue could be sufficient to bring it up to a reasonable standard. Poor facilities suggestion – consider combining both Oakdale and Penmaen registers and splitting them numerically into two Polling Divisions of roughly equal numbers. Both Polling districts could then use the Community Centre.		No Change Property will be included in the rolling programme, which will be implemented to purchase ramps. Contact parks with state of premises.
VC Woodfieldside O.A.P Hall	722	1	Good venue.	Meet all the requirements		No Change
WA1 & WA2 St Marys Church Hall	609/699	1	Street parking only.	Happy with premises provided.		No Change

WB Portacabin Bryn Playing Fields	1426	3	Steps on entering. Complaint by resident regarding disabled access. But in the May election this was changed and the wheelchair user was delighted. However because it was a small cabin and a big register queues occurred and voters were left outside in the rain.	There was no need to provide ramp, as one should be available for use all year round. The port cabin was an improvement in that there were no steps but did not provide enough space, voters having to wait outside, polling booth close to heater and floor quite wet with rain being carried in. The cabin was woefully inadequate, as by the time we had 2 tables in there we could not fully expand the polling booth Could not accommodate more than 3 or 4 in the cabin which meant voters had to wait outside. Once the wheelchair came in, the ballot boxes had to be moved out of the way and prevented anyone entering the cabin.	Bryn Primary School Bryn Primary School	New Venue Bryn Primary (Subject to access works being completed by May otherwise Porta Cabin used for this election only)
WC1 & WC2 St Johns Ambulance Hall	786/948		Good venue.			No Change
WD St Augustines Church Hall	1755		Good venue.			No Change
XA Porta Cabin (Car Park) Craig-Y-Trwyn Nursing Home	415		Limited parking. There is a slope to the entrance, which is not well lit. The porta cabin has a large step and narrow door. The furniture is barely adequate. No external lighting.			No Change
XB Cwmfelinfach Comm. Centre	1015		Slight slope to station. No external lighting.			No Change
XC Wattsville Sports Pavilion	336		No external lighting and the path was very dark. There is a slope to the entrance.			No Change
XD Former Wyllye Post Office	284		No dedicated parking, all on street parking with no disabled parking bays. No ramp and there's a step up with no alternative entrance. Standard doorway. The size of the station is ok but it may not be suitable if a large number of voters arrive at the same time.			No Change
XE Ynysddu Community Hall	777		Limited on street parking. Good venue.			No Change
YA Crosskeys Methodist	425		On street parking with no disabled bays. Good venue. Slight slope to the door.			No Change
YB Castle Court Aged Persons' Residence, Silver Street	798		Small car park/on street parking with no disabled bays. Good venue.			No Change
YC Waunfawr Primary School	1253	1	Limited on street parking and no disabled bays. There is a narrow door at the entrance. The station is very cramped.	Son attends this school and would prefer an alternative premises used instead of closing the school.		No Change No alternative available

ZA St Johns Ambulance Hall	451		Entrance has a very high doorsill and needs a short ramp each side. There are high fitted handles on inner doors, which are not wheelchair friendly.			No Change Property will be included in the rolling programme, which will be implemented to purchase ramps.
ZB Porta Cabin (Lay By) Fernlea	255		The porta cabin has a narrow door with a medium step at the entrance. No low booth available.			No Change
ZC Risca St. Marys Church Hall	1191		Some potholes on the pathways and external areas. There are two steps at the entrance. There is an alternative ramped entrance on the side of the building.			No Change
ZD Risca Youth Cetnre	612		Due to recent work on the youth centre we used a Porta cabin. The layout was very restricted. The centre will be used for all further Elections.			No Change
ZE The Pavilion Pontymister	1488		Good venue.			No Change
ZF1 & ZF2 Ty-Sign Clinic	1025/789		Good venue. Very small car park with no on street parking.			No Change
ZG Risca Community Comprehensive School	1571		Slight incline to station. Good venue.			No Change
ZH Hafod-Y-Bryn Aged	1309		Limited on street parking on a steep hill. Slight doorsill at the entrance.			No Change