

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Blackwood Town Council Election of Councillors for the Wards listed below

Ward	Number of Councillors to be elected
Blackwood North	4
Blackwood South	3
Blackwood Central	4
Cefn Fforest East	5

1. Nomination papers can be delivered to the Returning Officer at the Rhymney Room, Penallta House, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach CF82 7PG on any day after the date of this notice, on Monday to Friday 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. (excluding bank holidays) but no later than 4pm on Tuesday 5th April, 2022.

2. Alternatively Nomination papers can be submitted via email to nominations@caerphilly.gov.uk no later than 4pm on Tuesday 5th April, 2022. Files should be either pdf or jpeg format and include the area you are standing for in the subject heading. This address is for the formal submission of forms only, please contact electoral services to arrange for an informal check.

Please note:

It is the responsibility of candidates to ensure that the Returning Officer receives nomination forms in the correct way by the required deadlines.

An electronic read receipt from the Returning Officer is not confirmation that the nomination is valid. The Returning Officer will send a notice to inform candidates of their decision as to whether or not their nomination is valid.

3. Nomination papers may be obtained from the offices of the Returning Officer at Gilfach House, William Street, Gilfach, Bargoed CF81 8ND during the times stated above. Alternatively a set can be downloaded from www.caerphilly.gov.uk.

4. If any election is contested the poll will take place on **Thursday 5th May, 2022** between 7am and 10pm. As part of a pilot project electors will be able to vote early at Penallta House, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach CF82 7PG on Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May between 10am and 4pm.

5. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Gilfach House, William Street, Gilfach, Bargoed CF81 8ND by 5 p.m. on Tuesday 19th April, 2022.

6. Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Gilfach House, William Street, Gilfach, Bargoed CF81 8ND by 5 p.m. on Tuesday 26th April 2022.

7. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on the grounds of disability, for work/service reasons or the need to comply with an enactment or guidance from Welsh Ministers relating to coronavirus must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Gilfach House, William Street, Gilfach, Bargoed CF818ND by 5pm on Thursday 5 May 2022. The disability must have occurred after 5pm on Tuesday 26 April 2022. To apply on the grounds of work/service or coronavirus, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5pm on Tuesday 26 April 2022.

**Christina Harrhy
Returning Officer
Penallta House
Tredomen Park
Ystrad Mynach
Hengoed, CF82 7PG**

Dated: 28th March, 2022