
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2021 No. 1217 (W. 306)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WALES

The County Borough of Caerphilly
(Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021

Made - - - - 1 November 2021
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and
(3)

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales⁽¹⁾ has, in accordance with section 36(5) of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013⁽²⁾ (“the 2013 Act”), submitted to the Welsh Ministers a report dated November 2020 containing its recommendations for change and the details of its review of the electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Caerphilly.

The Welsh Ministers have, after consideration of the matters referred to and set out in section 37(2) (a) and (c) of the 2013 Act, decided to give effect to those recommendations with modifications.

In accordance with section 37(3) of the 2013 Act, more than 6 weeks have elapsed since those recommendations were submitted to the Welsh Ministers.

The Welsh Ministers make the following Order in exercise of their powers conferred by section 37(1) of the 2013 Act.

Title and commencement

1.—(1) The title of this Order is the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.

(2) For any purpose set out in regulation 4(1) of the Regulations, this Order comes into force on the second day after the day on which it is made.

(3) For all other purposes, this Order comes into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2022⁽³⁾.

(1) The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales was established by section 53 of, and Schedule 8 to, the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70) (“the 1972 Act”). Section 53 and Schedule 8 were repealed by section 73(2) of, and Schedule 2 to, the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 4) (“the 2013 Act”). The 2013 Act re-names the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales as the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (see section 2).

(2) 2013 anaw 4.

(3) The Local Authorities (Change to the Years of Ordinary Elections) (Wales) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/1269 (W. 220)) amends section 26(1) of the 1972 Act to provide that the year in which the ordinary elections of councillors of local authorities shall take place is 2022 instead of 2021.

Status: Point in time view as at 04/05/2022.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

- I1** Art. 1 in force at 3.11.2021 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(2\)](#)
I2 [Art. 1](#) in force at 4.5.2022 in so far as not already in force, see [art. 1\(3\)](#)

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“electoral ward” (“*ward etholiadol*”) means any area for which members are elected to Caerphilly County Borough Council;

“map” (“*map*”) means the map marked “Map of the County Borough of Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021” deposited in accordance with regulation 5 of the Regulations;

“the Regulations” (“*y Rheoliadau*”) means the Local Government Area Changes Regulations 1976(4);

where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it is to be treated as running along the centre line of the feature;

words and expressions used in this Order have the same meaning as they have in Part 3 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013, except so far as a contrary intention appears.

Commencement Information

- I3** Art. 2 in force at 3.11.2021 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(2\)](#)
I4 [Art. 2](#) in force at 4.5.2022 in so far as not already in force, see [art. 1\(3\)](#)

Electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Caerphilly

3.—(1) The electoral wards of the County Borough of Caerphilly, as they exist immediately before the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2022, are abolished.

(2) The County Borough of Caerphilly is divided into 31 electoral wards each bearing the English language name listed in column 1 and the Welsh language name listed in column 2 of the Table in the Schedule to this Order.

(3) Each electoral ward comprises the areas specified in relation to that electoral ward in column 3 of the Table in the Schedule to this Order.

(4) The number of members of the council to be elected for each electoral ward is the number specified in column 4 of the Table in the Schedule to this Order.

(5) The provisions in this Order take precedence over any conflicting provision in any previous statutory instrument made under section 58(2) of the Local Government Act 1972(5).

Commencement Information

- I5** Art. 3 in force at 3.11.2021 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(2\)](#)

(4) [S.I. 1976/246](#). Section 74(3) of the 2013 Act provides that the Regulations continue to have effect in relation to orders made under Part 3 of the 2013 Act, as if those orders were made under Part 4 of the 1972 Act.

(5) [1972 c. 70](#); section 58 of the 1972 Act was repealed by section 73(2) of, and Schedule 2 to, the 2013 Act, subject to savings provisions specified in section 74 of the 2013 Act.

I6 Art. 3 in force at 4.5.2022 in so far as not already in force, see [art. 1\(3\)](#)

The community of Rhymney: changes to community wards

- 4.** In the community of Rhymney—
- (a) the part of the Pontlottyn ward shown hatched on the map is transferred to the Twyn Carno ward;
 - (b) the part of the [^{F1}St David's] ward shown cross-hatched on the map is transferred to the Twyn Carno ward.

F1 Words in [art. 4\(b\)](#) substituted (18.3.2022 for specified purposes and on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2022 in so far as not already in force) by [The County Borough of Caerphilly \(Electoral Arrangements\) \(Amendment\) Order 2022 \(S.I. 2022/314\)](#), arts. 1(2)(3), **2(2)**

Commencement Information

- I7** Art. 4 in force at 3.11.2021 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(2\)](#)
I8 [Art. 4](#) in force at 4.5.2022 in so far as not already in force, see [art. 1\(3\)](#)

The community of Rhymney: consequential changes to electoral arrangements

- 5.** In the community of Rhymney—
- (a) the number of members to be elected for the St David's ward is 1;
 - (b) the number of members to be elected for the Twyn Carno ward is 5.

Commencement Information

- I9** Art. 5 in force at 3.11.2021 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(2\)](#)
I10 [Art. 5](#) in force at 4.5.2022 in so far as not already in force, see [art. 1\(3\)](#)

Rebecca Evans
Minister for Finance and Local Government, one
of the Welsh Ministers

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SCHEDULE

Article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF ELECTORAL WARDS
AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Commencement Information

I11 Sch. in force at 3.11.2021 for specified purposes, see [art. 1\(2\)](#)

I12 Sch. in force at 4.5.2022 in so far as not already in force, see [art. 1\(3\)](#)

Table

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| <i>English language name of electoral ward</i> | <i>Welsh language name of electoral ward</i> | <i>Area of electoral ward</i> | <i>Number of members of the council</i> |
| Aber Valley | Cwm Aber | The community of Aber Valley | 3 |
| Aberbargoed and Bargoed | Aberbargod a Bargod | The Aberbargoed, Bargoed and Park wards of the community of Bargoed | 3 |
| Abercarn | Aber-carn | The community of Abercarn | 2 |
| Argoed | Argoed | The community of Argoed | 1 |
| Bedwas and Trethomas | Bedwas a Threthomas | The Bedwas and Trethomas wards of the community of Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen | 3 |
| Blackwood | Coed-duon | The community of Blackwood | 3 |
| Cefn Fforest and Pengam | Cefn Fforest a Phengam | The communities of Cefn Fforest and Pengam | 3 |
| Crosskeys | Crosskeys | The community of Crosskeys | 1 |
| Crumlin | Crymlyn | The community of Crumlin | 2 |
| Darran Valley | Cwm Darran | The community of Darran Valley | 1 |
| Gilfach | Gilfach | The Gilfach ward of the community of Bargoed | 1 |

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| Hengoed | Hengoed | The Cefn Hengoed and Hengoed wards of the community of Gelligaer | 2 |
| Llanbradach | Llanbradach | The community of Llanbradach and Pwllpant | 2 |
| Machen and Rudry | Machen a Rhydri | The Machen ward of the community of Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen and the community of Rudry | 2 |
| Maescywmmwr | Maescywmmwr | The community of Maescywmmwr | 1 |
| Morgan Jones | Morgan Jones | The Brynccenydd, Parcyfelin and Tonyfelin wards of the community of Caerphilly | 3 |
| Moriah and Pontlottyn | Moriah a Phontlotyn | The Abertysswg, Moriah, St David's and Pontlottyn wards of the community of Rhymney | 2 |
| Nelson | Nelson | The community of Nelson | 2 |
| New Tredegar | Tredegar Newydd | The community of New Tredegar | 2 |
| Newbridge | Trecelyn | The community of Newbridge | 3 |
| Penmaen | Penmaen | The community of Penmaen | 2 |
| Penyrheol | Penyrheol | The community of Penyrheol, Trecenydd and Energlyn | 4 |
| Pontllanfraith | Pontllan-fraith | The community of Pontllanfraith | 3 |
| Risca East | Dwyrain Rhisga | The community of Risca East | 3 |
| Risca West | Gorllewin Rhisga | The community of Risca West | 2 |
| St Cattwg | Sant Catwg | The Cascade, Greenhill and Tir-y-berth wards | 3 |

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| | | of the community of Gelligaer | |
| St Martins | Sant Martin | The Castle, Twyn, Watford and Cwrt Rawlins wards of the community of Caerphilly | 3 |
| Twyn Carno | Twyncarno | The Twyn Carno ward of the community of Rhymney | 1 |
| Van | Y Fan | The community of Van | 2 |
| Ynysddu | Ynys-ddu | The community of Ynysddu | 2 |
| Ystrad Mynach | Ystrad Mynach | The Ystrad Mynach ward of the community of Gelligaer | 2 |

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order implements the recommendations of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (“the Commission”), which reported in November 2020 on its review of the electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Caerphilly. The Commission’s Report proposed a reduction in the number of electoral wards, from 33 to 30, and a reduction in the number of councillors from 73 to 69.

This Order implements the Commission’s recommendations, with modifications.

Article 3 of this Order abolishes the existing electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Caerphilly and introduces the Schedule, which sets out the new electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Caerphilly.

This Order also implements recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for some communities within the County Borough of Caerphilly.

Article 4 makes changes to the boundaries between the community wards of Pontlottyn, Moriah and Twyn Carno within the community of Rhymney.

Article 5 sets out the number of members to be elected for the St David’s and Twyn Carno wards of the community of Rhymney.

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to this Order. As a result, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with this Order.

Prints of the map to which article 4 of this Order relates are deposited in the office of the Welsh Government at Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ (Local Government Democracy Division), and with Caerphilly County Borough Council. Prints deposited with Caerphilly County Borough Council are open to inspection by anyone affected by the provisions of this Order.

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