

SNAP Demographic Template

SNAP Demographic Template

This report was generated on 16/10/18. Overall 7 respondents completed this questionnaire. The report has been filtered to show the responses for 'All Respondents'.

The following charts are restricted to the top 12 codes. Lists are restricted to the most recent 100 rows.

Please tell us where your polling station is located?

Llangennech

Gate Road Penygroes

St Mary's Catholic Hall

Llanfihangel-Ar-Arth

Carway Welfare Hall, Heol Trimsaran, Carway - Register BZ

Kidwelly

Firth Road

Approximately how close to your home is the polling station?

1 mile Less than a mile

2 mile Half a mile

10 mins walk 500 metres

3 miles

How do you travel to your polling station?

car

by car

walk

by car

Car - On the way to work in the morning of the election

I don't I have postal vote

Car

Is the polling station easy to locate?

Yes (7)  100%

No (-)

SNAP Demographic Template

Do you consider the building suitable for voting purposes?**Do you have a disability?**

Please give details of difficulties encountered (if any) when entering or leaving the building.
At the current site, none. Previous two sites were dreadful.

Do you think there is a more suitable building within the same polling district?

Please give details:

Church and chapels vestry and halls

Do you have any other suggestions that may improve voting facilities either at the polling station or throughout Carmarthenshire in general?

None

None

Encourage everyone to vote online or postal vote. Saving staffing resources at polling stations. Votes could be counted electronically? To provide accurate and time consuming manual counts.

Ensure they are accessible to all, not located in or next to religious buildings, and have sufficient disability accessible parking nearby (so watch out for those you can't get to due to a lack of drop-down curbs)

Please state if you are responding as:



SNAP Demographic Template

Your Postcode:

sa14	SA17 4GB
sa14 7ua	SA17
sa31 3qf	SA15 1RF
SA44 4RL	

Amanda Bebb

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 January 2019 17:19
To: Amanda Bebb
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Carmarthenshire Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Thanks

Nicola

[REDACTED]
Sent: 30 January 2019 17:16

[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Carmarthenshire Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Hello Nicola,

I am not aware of ANY resident who is in support of Y EGIN as it is located at the top of College Road, Carmarthen and if they haven't a car then it is difficult to get to as it is located on the periphery of the urban area.

However, giving that 2042 residents are registered to vote at St Marys Catholic Church, Community Hall, Union Street, Carmarthen, possibly it may be viewed as common sense to split the number of registered voters to travel to both Y Egin and St Marys Catholic Church and that should increase turnout by making it easier to get to the polling stations.

Many still walk to the Polling Station and many are elderly too. Therefore, possibly it would be viewed as both helpful and supportive of our elderly people by walking a shorter journey.

This may cost a fraction more with staffing increase although democracy should be the top priority.

May I ask please who referred to "Y Egin" please Nicola?

Kind Regards!

[REDACTED]
Sent: 30 January 2019 15:58

[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Carmarthenshire Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

I'm attaching them again for you – see if it works this time

Hope this is more successful.

thanks

Amanda Bebb

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 February 2019 12:22
To: Amanda Bebb
Subject: CARMARTHENSHIRE REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS & POLLING PLACES
Importance: High

Hi Mandy – I trust this email finds you well.

Further to your letter dated 28th January 2019, we do not have any comments to add to your Returning Officer's comments. We fully understand the difficulty in establishing, and keeping, good polling stations in what is a predominantly a rural area.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(*Electoral Services Manager / Rheolwr Gwasanaethau Etholladol*
01437 775713



Amanda Bebb

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 January 2019 22:59
To: Amanda Bebb
Subject: Llanboidy

Dear Amanda,

I expect there is sufficient capacity at Whitland Memorial Hall for Llanboidy residents since many would travel to Whitland for GP or shopping services. They would be welcome and it would streamline costs in view of an increase in postal votes . [REDACTED]

Get Outlook for iOS

[Redacted]

6th August 2019

Electoral Department
Carmarthenshire County Council
1 Spilman St
Carmarthen
SA31 1LE

Dear Sir,

Re Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

As the chairman of the Merthyr Community Hall Association and living very close to Merthyr Community Hall, it is with a level of incredulity that I read of your proposal to move all elections to the polling station at Newchurch.

Primarily it would appear to be the work of an inept mind trying to save a few pounds, with scant regard for the electors, but on second observations it is apparent that no regard has been paid to electors.

In recent times, concern has been expressed for the falling turnout at elections and yet here is a proposal that runs in the face of efforts to improve turnout percentage by increasing the distance required to be travelled by electors along narrow lanes and traversing the busy Carmarthen – Cynwyl Elfed road. This must be considered with the average age of the electorate increasing and with the lack of scheduled building development in the area, an influx of younger people is not anticipated at present. These factors coupled to the fact that in recent years considerable effort has been made to redevelop Merthyr Community Hall into a focal point for the Merthyr community with a level of success. Whether or not the County Council acknowledges it, an election is a community event and should take place in the community hall at Merthyr to further develop the sense of community within the area.

Having spoken to several electors who would have the largest distances to travel, I formally object to these proposals on the aforementioned grounds.

Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

Chairman
Merthyr Community Hall Association

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
1st August 2019

To whom it may concern

re Polling station at Merthyr Community Hall

It is with disappointment that I heard of proposals to discontinue providing polling facilities at the above.

Having lived and worked in the parish for most of my life I appreciate the importance of a local facility for the residents. Though of low population density the area covered would mean long journeys from the western end of the parish to the proposed polling centre at Newchurch.

I am aware of several residents who walk or cycle to vote which, with the lack of public transport, would make the task of casting their vote difficult for many. Private hire cars would be a cost for these families where a vehicle is not available which would be totally unfair.

Whilst appreciating postal voting is available but everyone has a democratic right to vote in person at a polling station with most, in my experience preferring to do so allowing them to make decisions up to the last minute.

Discussions with other local residents confirm my opinions as expressed above being totally opposed to any change to the present system.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1
2
3
4
5

2

Amanda Bebb

To:
Subject:

[REDACTED]
RE: Bwth pleidleisio

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 July 2019 20:14
To: Amanda Bebb <ABebb@carmarthenshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Bwth pleidleisio

Annwyl Amanda,

Ysgrifennaf i ddatgan anfodlonrwydd Aelodau Cyngor Bro Llanycrwys gyda'r bwriad i gau bwth pleidleisio Ffestri Ffaldybrenin a'i symud i Neuadd Ffarmers ym Mhlwyf Caio. Maent yn gwrthwynebu hynny yn fawr iawn ac yn gofyn yn garedig i chi ail ystyried y mater.

Rwyf finnau yn cytuno a'r cynghorwyr ac yn deisyfu arnoch i beidio a symud y bwth o bentref Ffaldybrenin oherwydd fy mod yn credu os gwneir hynny bydd nifer llai o etholwyr yr ardal wledig yma yn pleidleisio o gofio pa mor gyndyn yw pobl erbyn hyn i droi allan i fwrw pleidlais.

Diolchaf ymlaen llaw i chi am edrych eto ar y sefyllfa gan obeithio yn fawr iawn y bydd modd cadw'r bwth pwysig hwn yn Ffaldybrenin er mwyn hwylustod y bobl lleol.

Yn gywir,

[REDACTED]
Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

I am writing to express the dissatisfaction of Llanycrwys Community Council Members with the intention to close the Ffaldybrenin Vestry polling booth and move it to Ffarmers Hall in Caio Parish. They object to that very much and kindly ask you to reconsider the matter. I agree with the councilors and urge you not to move the booth from the village of Ffaldybrenin because I believe that if that is done a smaller number of electors in this rural area will vote given how reluctant people are now to turn out to cast a vote. I thank you in advance for looking again at the situation and very much hope that it will be possible to keep this important booth in Ffaldybrenin for the convenience of the local people.

Amanda Bebb

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 July 2019 23:41
To: Amanda Bebb
Subject: Alma Community Council

Dear Amanda,

It has been brought to my attention that the Council is considering not using Alma Community Centre as a polling station for future elections.

Can I please ask you to look at this again for the following reasons:

1. Alma Community Centre was closed off to the public during the last European Election as builders were on site.
2. I consider Alma to be one of the safest and probably the best user friendly polling stations in the county as the tarmacked flat car park has ample car parking spaces and voters have no busy roads to cross. There are no steps inside the building.
3. Alma Community Centre has recently received £128,000.00 RCDF grant and have raised, via various methods, £32,000.00, - a total investment of £160,000.00. This money is being used to extend the school to house a kitchen and toilets. The old school is also being re-plastered and new windows and doors will be installed. We want to make maximum usage of the centre and use every opportunity to promote it. One way of doing this is by using it as a polling station.
4. I think that the majority of voters that use Alma CC would not go anywhere else to vote.

I sincerely hope that you will use Alma Community Centre as a polling station for future elections.

Cofon cynnes \ Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Amanda Bebb

From: Amanda Bebb
Sent: 05 July 2019 08:09
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Polling Station closure at Abergorlech and Gwernogle

Bore Da,

I must say I dispute that no-one had the letter. We received phone calls from residents on receiving the letter requesting a postal vote. A person did ring to state their disappointment that we were proposing the move but did not ask us to record it as an official complaint.

As stated, based on the electorate and hence the costs we cannot justify the opening of these two polling station venues.

Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 July 2019 17:24
To: Amanda Bebb <ABebb@carmarthenshire.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Polling Station closure at Abergorlech and Gwernogle

Sorry I thought I'd sent it to you, but managed to send my response back to myself!!!
Regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 June 2019 15:36
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Polling Station closure at Abergorlech and Gwernogle

Dear Amanda

I spoke to residents in Abergorlech and Gwernogle and no-one seems to have had the separate letter you speak of. The Poll card was received by all. [REDACTED] from the Gwernogle area telephoned to complain that the Gwernogle polling station was being removed, your records obviously did not include his phone call. The community council are disappointed that our parish of Llanfihangel Rhos y Corn does not now have a polling station. It has gone from having 2 to 0 instantly.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Clerk to Llanfihangel Rhos y Corn Community Council

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 June 2019 16:40
To: [Amanda Bebb](#)
Subject: RE: Polling Station closure at Abergorlech and Gwernogle

Dear Amanda

Thank you for your detailed reply, I will forward this information to the councillors on Thursday night in the monthly meeting.

~~_____~~
~~_____~~

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Amanda Bebb](#)

Sent: 03 June 2019 16:07

~~_____~~
Subject: Polling Station closure at Abergorlech and Gwernogle

Prynhawn Da,

Further to your email regarding the closure of polling stations at Abergorlech and Gwernogle, I write to you to clarify why these stations have been closed.

We are currently carrying out a review of polling stations across Carmarthenshire. It is no longer viable to keep open certain polling stations when we have calculated the cost per elector of opening up these stations for very few electors.

The Electorate assigned to Abergorlech is currently 69 of which 22 vote by post leaving 47 walk in electors. The Electorate assigned to Gwernogle is currently 134 of which 47 vote by post leaving 87 walk in electors.



To open these polling stations for the day is working out at approx. £4.75 per elector where as a polling station with an electorate of 500-1,000 is working out at approx. 95p-£1.50 per elector

We consulted throughout the review and in addition to all electors receiving a poll card, we wrote a separate letter to every house hold informing them that we were directing them over to Brechfa. We did not receive one official complaint regarding this move.

I am afraid to say that it is very unlikely that these polling stations will re-open based on the current electorate figures.

Amanda Bebb
Rheolwr y Gwasanaethau Etholiadol a Chofrestru Sifil/
Electoral Services and Civil Registration Manager

Mae croeso i chi gysylltu gyda'r cyngor trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg/You are welcome to contact the council through the medium of Welsh or English.

	
---	---

Amanda Bebb

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 July 2019 15:50
To: Amanda Bebb
Subject: Polling Stations

Hi Amanda

RE: POLLING STATION AT LLANLLWNI (Llanfihangel ar Arth Ward)

Thank you for the letter regarding the proposal to move the current Polling Station from Nonni Chapel Vestry to Llanllwni Church Community Hall.

I am totally against this proposal as the Church Hall is at least 2.5 miles from Llanllwni Village Centre and down a one track road. I agree that it has good facilities but its location is totally unsuitable. The current Polling Station – Nonni Chapel Vestry is in the centre of the Village - there is adequate parking space, toilet, kitchen and access ramp. Its also visible for all that travel on the main Carmarthen to Lampeter road.

I see no reason at all to moving the station.

It's important for us to encourage as many people as possible to vote by locating the station in a building that is close to the majority of residence – moving to the Church Hall would certainly discourage people.

As suggested in PEB and I ask again that you visit both Stations, it will become clear to all then that the Church Hall is not suitable.

Thank You once again for your correspondence

Regards

[REDACTED]

Amanda Bebb

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 July 2019 16:22
To: Amanda Bebb
Subject: Review of Poling Districts and Polling Places

Dear Amanda Bebe,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the proposed change of polling station from Cwmgwili Hall to Capel Hendre Chapel Vestry.

I have no objections to the proposed change.

[REDACTED]
Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

Amanda Bebb

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 July 2019 09:09
To: Amanda Bebb
Subject: Review of Polling Stations

Dear Amanda

I support the move in Betws from Capel Newydd to the ground floor at the Rugby Club, as it is difficult to park outside the Chapel on the square.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

As a result of the responses received which supported the status quo on a number of proposals, it has been decided to withdraw the following proposals and to retain current polling arrangements:

- Cynwyl Elfed Electoral Division-suggestion to move electors from current polling arrangements at Merthyr Community Hall to Newchurch Schoolroom.
- Trelech Electoral Division-suggestion to move electors from current polling arrangements at Alma Community Centre to Trelech Community Centre
- Llanfihangel-Ar-Arth Electoral Division-suggestion to move electors from current polling arrangements at Nonni Chapel Vestry to Llanllwni Church Community Hall
- Cynwyl Gaeo Electoral Division-suggestion to move electors from current polling arrangements at Ffaldybrenin Chapel Vestry to Ffarmers Village Hall

Although disappointment was expressed in the communication received by the Clerk to Llanfihangel Rhos Y Corn Community Council regarding the proposal to withdraw voting facilities at Gwernogle and Abergorlech polling districts (Llanegwad Electoral Division), it is felt that due to the very small electorate for both polling districts, it is not viable to retain the current arrangements, hence it is proposed that the suggestion to direct the electors of both polling districts to Brechfa Church Hall remains.