STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1984 No. 1930

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES

CHANGES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

The Blaenau Gwent (Communities) Order 1984

Made - - - -	*3rd December* 1984
Coming into Operation—	
For the purposes described in article 2 - - - -	*1st January* 1985
For all other purposes - - - -	*1st April* 1985

Whereas the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales, under paragraph 6 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 1972(a), made proposals to the Secretary of State for Wales in relation to communities in the Borough of Blaenau Gwent:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State for Wales, in exercise of his powers under paragraph 7 of the said Schedule and section 67(4) and (5) of the said Act as applied by paragraph 9 of the said Schedule, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order giving effect to the said proposals with modifications:—

Title and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Blaenau Gwent (Communities) Order 1984.

2. 1st January 1985 is hereby specified as the day on which this order shall come into operation for any purposes set out in regulation 4(1) (Coming into operation of order) of the Regulations.

For all other purposes this order shall come into operation on the appointed day.

Interpretation

3. In this order—

"the appointed day" means 1st April 1985;

(a) 1972 c. 70.

"as altered" means as altered by the Rhymney Valley (Communities) Order 1984(a) and this order;

"the common community council" means the Community Council of Abertillery and Llanhilleth established by this order;

"new community" means a community constituted by this order;

"new community ward" means a community ward formed by this order;

"the Regulations" means the Local Government Area Changes Regulations 1976(b) as amended by the Local Government Area Changes (Amendment) Regulations 1978(c); and

"Schedule 1" and "Schedule 2" mean Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 to this order.

The boundary map

4.—(1) In this order, "the boundary map" means the map issued by the Welsh Office and marked "Boundary map of the Blaenau Gwent (Communities) Order 1984". The sheets of the boundary map are respectively marked with the numbers 1 to 13 and are in this order referred to by such numbers.

(2) Regulation 5(3)*(a)*(ii) of the Regulations (which requires the supply of prints of maps referred to in orders to the Secretary of State for Social Services) shall not apply.

Changes in counties and districts

5.—(1) That part of the County of Powys, of the Borough of Brecknock and of the Community of Llangenny which is shown coloured red on sheet 1 of the boundary map shall be transferred to the County of Gwent and to the Borough of Blaenau Gwent.

(2) The other boundaries of the Borough of Blaenau Gwent with the districts of Brecknock, Monmouth and Torfaen, and where such boundaries are also boundaries of the County of Gwent with the County of Powys those boundaries, shall be such boundaries as shown by the relevant continuous red lines on the boundary map, and any county or district boundary meeting a boundary displaced by this provision shall be continued to the new boundary hereby established in the shortest possible distance.

(3)*(a)* Sub-paragraphs *(b)* to *(e)* shall apply in the district of Brecknock, Monmouth or Torfaen.

(b) Any community or community ward boundary meeting a boundary displaced by paragraph (2) shall be continued to the new boundary thereby established in the shortest possible distance.

(c) Any area added to the district by paragraph (2) to which *(b)* does not apply shall form part of the community which it adjoins.

(d) Any area added to the district by paragraph (2) to which *(b)* does not

(a) S.I. 1984/1875.
(b) S.I. 1976/246.
(c) S.I. 1978/247.

apply in its application to community ward boundaries shall form part of the community ward, if any, which it adjoins.

(e) Any alteration of a community ward, or a community not divided into community wards, made by this paragraph shall extend to the electoral division of a county, ward of the district, petty sessional division and coroner's district in which the community ward or the community, as the case may be, is situated.

(4) Any provision of paragraph (3) shall not have effect in relation to communities, community wards and petty sessional divisions in the Borough of Torfaen if any order under the powers recited in this order is made relating to such borough and coming into operation (otherwise than for the purposes first described in article 2) on the appointed day.

Communities

6. In the Borough of Blaenau Gwent as altered—

(1) the four communities of Brynmawr, Llanelly, Nantyglo and Blaina, and Tredegar shall continue;

(2) the two existing communities of Abertillery and Ebbw Vale shall be abolished;

(3) five new communities to be known as Abertillery, Beaufort, Cwm, Ebbw Vale and Llanhilleth shall be constituted; and

(4) the communities named in paragraphs (1) and (3) shall consist of the areas shown by the relevant continuous red lines on the boundary map.

Grouping of communities

7. The new communities of Abertillery and Llanhilleth shall be grouped under a common community council. The group and the common community council shall be named "The Abertillery and Llanhilleth Group" and "The Community Council of Abertillery and Llanhilleth" respectively.

Electoral divisions and district wards

8. Where any boundary of the Borough of Blaenau Gwent altered by article 5 is also the boundary of an electoral division of the County of Gwent or of a ward of the said borough, the alteration shall extend to such electoral division or ward.

Abertillery Town Council and abolition of community wards

9.—(1) The Town Council of Abertillery shall be dissolved. For the purposes of any provision of the Regulations which refers to the residuary successor of a dissolved authority, the common community council is hereby specified as the residuary successor of such town council.

The public books, writings and papers of the Town of Abertillery (including any photographic copies thereof) and all documents directed by law to be kept therewith shall be deposited in the custody of the common community council.

(2) The community wards of the communities of Abertillery, Brynmawr, Llanelly, Nantyglo and Blaina and Tredegar shall be abolished.

New electoral representation

10.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the communities named in column (1) of Schedule 1 shall be divided into the new community wards specified in respect thereof in column (2), such wards consisting of the areas shown by the relevant continuous green lines on the boundary map.

(2) The number of councillors for each new community ward shall be that shown in respect thereof in column (3) of Schedule 1.

(3) Until the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987—

(a) the communities of Abertillery, Brynmawr, Llanelly and Nantyglo and Blaina shall not be divided into wards; and

(b) the number of councillors for each community in respect of which a number is specified in column (4) of Schedule 1 shall be that number.

(4) The annual meetings of—

the common community council; and

the Town Council of Tredegar

for 1985 shall be held in April 1985. Such meeting of the common community council shall be convened by the clerk of the Town Council of Abertillery.

Petty sessional division

11. The Bedwellty petty sessional division shall comprise the Borough of Blaenau Gwent as altered and the Borough of Islwyn.

Councillors

12.—(1) Regulation 8(1) (Councillors) of the Regulations shall not apply to any community or community ward in the Borough of Blaenau Gwent.

(2) Any person in office at the appointed day as councillor for any community ward named or described in column (1) of Schedule 2 shall represent the area specified in respect of such community ward in column (2) on the appropriate council until the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987. Any casual vacancy which exists at the coming into operation of this order or occurs before the appointed day in the office of councillor for any such community ward shall (except where notice of the election has at the coming into operation of this order already been given) be deemed to have arisen in the representation of the area specified in the said column (2). Where notice of the election has at the coming into operation of this order already been given the person elected shall represent the area specified in the said column (2) on the appropriate council until the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987.

(3) The election of two additional councillors for the Sirhowy ward of Tredegar shall be held on such day prior to the appointed day as the returning

officer shall appoint and the community council election rules for the time being in force shall apply to the election with any necessary modifications. The persons elected shall come into office on the appointed day and shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987.

(4) Community councillors for the new wards of the communities of Abertillery, Brynmawr, Llanelly and Nantyglo and Blaina shall be elected at the ordinary elections of councillors in 1987. The persons elected shall come into office on the fourth day after the day of election and shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1991.

Expenses of common community council

13. In the year beginning on the appointed day the Borough Council of Blaenau Gwent shall levy rates in the new communities of Abertillery and Llanhilleth and make payments to the common community council as if the common community council had issued a precept to the borough council requiring the payment of a sum equal to the product of a rate of 1.75p in the pound calculated on the total rateable value as set out in the valuation list on the appointed day.

Town and country planning

14.—(1) The provisions applicable to any area transferred by article 5 from one county to another of—

(i) the structure plan;

(ii) the old development plan (within the meaning of paragraph 2 of Schedule 7 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1971)(a);

(iii) any local plan which has been adopted by the council of the county from which the area is transferred; and

(iv) any local plan which has been adopted by the council of the district from which the area is transferred;

shall have effect as if they were—

(a) in the case of (i) or (ii), contained in similar plans made by the council of the county to which the area is transferred;

(b) in the case of (iii), a local plan adopted by the council of such county; and

(c) in the case of (iv), a local plan adopted by the council of the district to which the area is transferred.

(2) The provisions applicable to any area transferred by article 5 from one district in the County of Gwent to another such district of any local plan which has been adopted by the council of the district from which the area is transferred shall have effect as if they were a local plan adopted by the council of the district to which the area is transferred.

(a) 1971 c. 78.

Local Acts, orders and byelaws

15. The existing community named in any entry in column (1) of the following table is hereby specified in relation to regulation 41(4) (Local Acts, orders and byelaws) of the Regulations and the new communities named in respect of such community in column (2) are hereby specified in relation to such community.

TABLE

(1)	(2)
Abertillery	Abertillery and Llanhilleth
Ebbw Vale	Beaufort, Cwm and Ebbw Vale

SCHEDULE 1 Article 10

NEW COMMUNITY WARDS

(1) Community	(2) Ward	(3) Number of community councillors	(4) Number of community councillors until fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987
The Abertillery and Llanhilleth Group			
*Abertillery	Abertillery	5	14
	Cwmtillery	5	
	Six Bells	3	
Llanhilleth	Aberbeeg	3	—
	Llanhilleth	3	—
Other communities			
*Brynmawr	North	8	17
	South	8	
*Llanelly	Clydach	2	15
	Darrenfelen	2	
	Gilwern	10	
*Nantyglo and Blaina	Blaina	8	15
	Nantyglo	8	
Tredegar	Central and West	8	—
	Georgetown	4	—
	Sirhowy	6	—

*New wards as from the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987.

SCHEDULE 2

Article 12

COUNCILLORS CONTINUED IN OFFICE

(1) Existing community ward	(2) Community or new community ward represented on and after appointed day
The Abertillery, Cwmtillery and Six Bells wards of Abertillery	Abertillery
All the wards of Brynmawr	Brynmawr
All the wards of Llanelly	Llanelly
All the wards of Nantyglo and Blaina	Nantyglo and Blaina
Abertillery	*Llanhilleth*
Aberbeeg	Aberbeeg
Llanhilleth	Llanhilleth
Tredegar	*Tredegar*
Georgetown	Georgetown
Central, West	Central and West
Sirhowy	Sirhowy

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State.
3rd December 1984.

A. J. Beale,
An Under Secretary in
the Welsh Office.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order continues four communities and constitutes five new communities in the Borough of Blaenau Gwent, making minor alterations in the boundary of the borough (and where that boundary is also the boundary of the County of Gwent of that boundary).

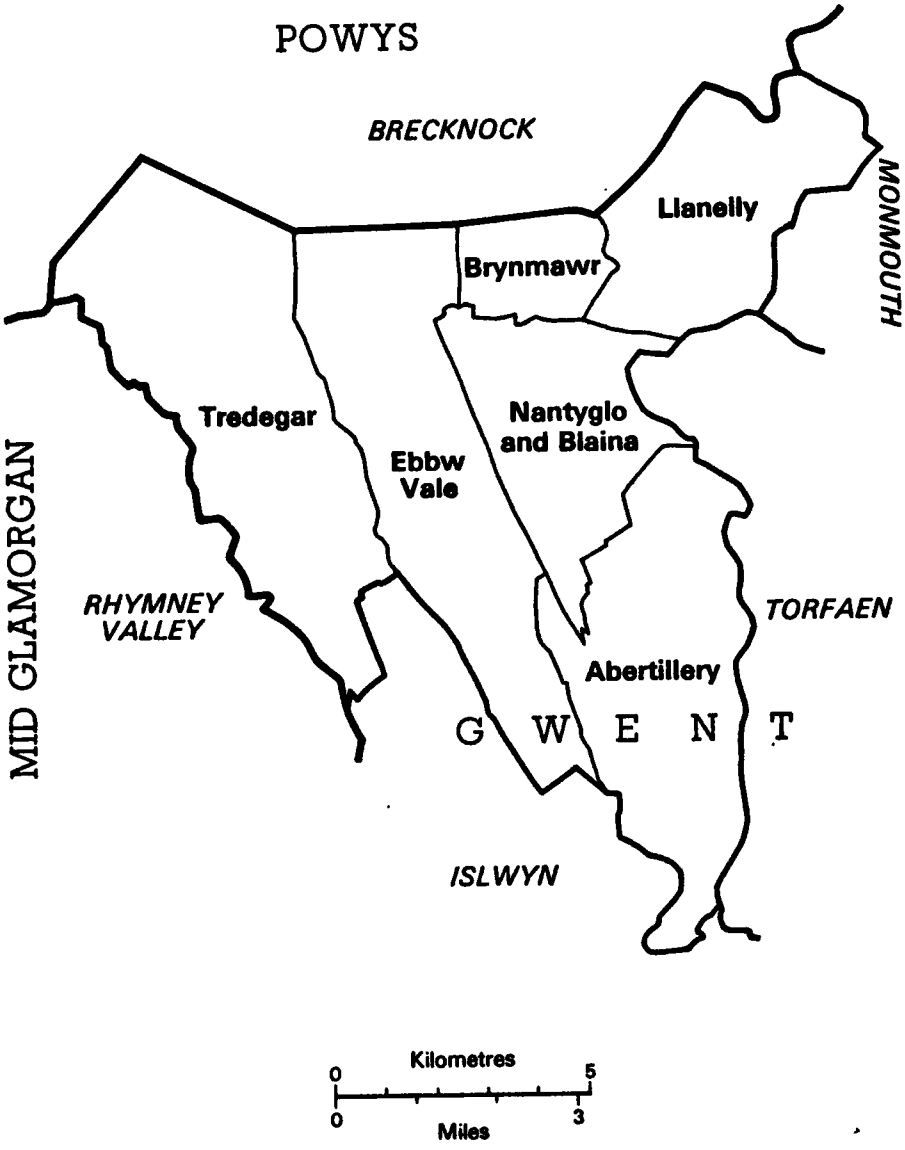
The four continued communities have community councils. The order establishes a common community council for two of the new communities.

The maps forming part of this note (pages 10 and 11) show *(a)* the existing communities, and *(b)* the continued and new communities and the transferred area referred to in article 5(1) of the order. The map on page 11 also incorporates a grid identifying the sheets of the boundary map referred to in article 4 of the order.

Prints of the boundary map referred to in article 4 of the order may be inspected at the offices of the district councils of Blaenau Gwent, Brecknock, Monmouth and Torfaen. Prints may be purchased from the Welsh Office's Map Library.

Incidental, consequential, transitional and supplementary provision in consequence of orders of the nature of the present one is contained in the Regulations referred to in article 3 of the order.

Existing Communities

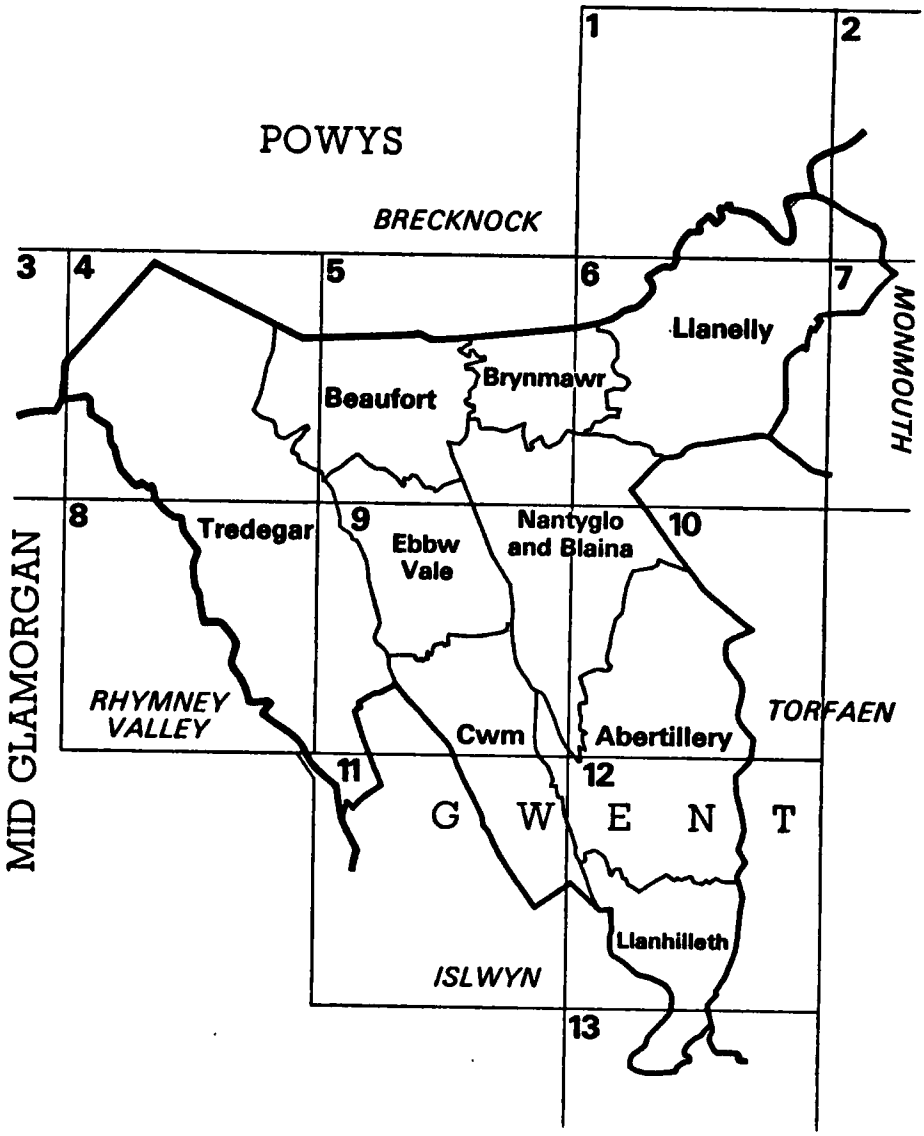


Cartographic Services, Welsh Office

Based on the Ordnance Survey map

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Communities as from 1st April 1985



The grid identifies the sheets of the boundary map

Area transferred to the Borough of Blaenau Gwent

Kilometres 0 5

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