STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1985 No. 129

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES

CHANGES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

The Torfaen (Communities) Order 1985

Made - - - - -	1*st February* 1985
Coming into Operation—	
For the purposes described in article 2 - - -	11*th February* 1985
For all other purposes -	1*st 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 Torfaen:

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 Torfaen (Communities) Order 1985.

2. 11th February 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;

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

"new community council" means a community council (whether separate or common) established 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

"the Schedule" means the Schedule to this order.

(**a**) 1972 c.70. (**b**) S.I. 1976/246. (**c**) S.I. 1978/247.

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 Torfaen (Communities) Order 1985". 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 districts

5.—(1) That part of the Borough of Torfaen and of the Community of Llanfrechfa Lower which is shown hatched red on sheet 13 of the boundary map shall be transferred to the District of Monmouth and to the Community of Llanhennock Fawr, and shall form part of the Pontypool Rural No. 1 electoral division of the County of Gwent, of the No. 27 ward of the District of Monmouth, of the Llangattock-nigh-Caerleon ward of the Community of Llanhennock Fawr and of the Usk petty sessional division.

(2) That part of the District of Monmouth and of the Community of Llanhennock Fawr which is shown coloured red on sheet 13 of the boundary map shall be transferred to the Borough of Torfaen.

(3) The other boundaries of the Borough of Torfaen with the District of Monmouth shall be such boundaries as shown by the relevant continuous red lines on the boundary map.

(4) *(a)* Sub-paragraphs *(b)* to *(e)* shall apply in the District of Monmouth.

(b) Any community or community ward boundary meeting a boundary displaced by paragraph (3) shall be continued to the new boundary thereby established in the shortest possible distance.

(c) Any area added to the district by paragraph (3) to which *(b)* does not apply shall form part of the community which it adjoins.

(d) Any area added to the district by paragraph (3) to which *(b)* does not 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 of a community not divided into community wards, made by this paragraph shall extend to the electoral division of a county, ward of the district and petty sessional division in which the community ward or the community, as the case may be, is situated.

Communities

6. In the Borough of Torfaen as altered by the Blaenau Gwent (Communities) Order 1984 (**a**) and this order—

(1) the two communities of Blaenavon and Henllys shall continue;

(2) the three communities of Cwmbran, Llanfrechfa Lower and Pontypool shall be abolished;

(3) fourteen new communities to be known as Abersychan, Croesyceiliog, Cwmbran Central, Fairwater, Llantarnam, Llanyrafon, New Inn, Panteg, Pen Tranch, Ponthir, Pontnewydd, Pontymoile, Trevethin and Upper Cwmbran shall be constituted; and

(**a**) S.I. 1984/1930.

(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 communities named in any entry in column (2) of the following table shall be grouped under a common community council. The group and the common community council shall be named "The . . . Group" and "The Community Council of . . ." respectively with the addition of the name specified in column (1).

Subject to the provision of paragraph (5) of article 9, the said communities other than the Community of Llantarnam shall be divided into the new community wards specified in respect thereof in column (3), such wards consisting of the areas shown by the relevant continuous green lines on the boundary map.

Subject as aforesaid, the number of community councillors for each new community ward, and for the Community of Llantarnam, shall be that shown in respect thereof in column (4).

TABLE

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon	Croesyceiliog	Croesyceiliog North	6
		Croesyceiliog South	3
	Llanyrafon	Llanyrafon North	4
		Llanyrafon South	2
Cwmbran	Cwmbran Central	Northville	1
		St. Dials	2
		Southville	1
		Two Locks	2
	Fairwater	Coed Eva	1
		Fairwater and Oaksford	2
		Greenmeadow	2
	Llantarnam	—	2
	Pontnewydd	Lowlands and Avondale	2
		Mount Pleasant	1
	Upper Cwmbran	Upper Cwmbran East	2
		Upper Cwmbran West	2
Pontypool	Abersychan	Abersychan and Cwmavon	2
		Garndiffaith and Varteg	2
	New Inn	New Inn Lower	2
		New Inn Upper	1
	Panteg	Griffithstown East	1
		Griffithstown West	1
		Sebastopol East	1
		Sebastopol West	1

TABLE *(continued)*

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Pontypool *(cont.)*	Pen Tranch	Pontnewynydd	1
		Snatchwood	1
		Wainfelin	1
	Pontymoile	Brynwern	1
		Cwmyniscoy	1
		Pontypool	1
	Trevethin	St. Cadocs and Penygarn	1
		Trevethin	2

Electoral divisions and district wards

8. Where any boundary of the Borough of Torfaen 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.

Community councils

9.—(1) The community councils of Cwmbran and Llanfrechfa Lower shall be dissolved.

(2) The community wards of the communities of Blaenavon, Cwmbran and Llanfrechfa Lower shall be abolished.

(3) There shall be a community council for the new community of Ponthir. The number of councillors shall be 9.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5)—

(a) the Town of Blaenavon shall be divided into two new community wards named East and West, such wards consisting of the areas shown by the relevant continuous green line on sheet 4 of the boundary map;

(b) there shall be 8 councillors for each such ward.

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

(a) the communities of Blaenavon, Croesyceiliog, Cwmbran Central, Fairwater, Llanyrafon, Pontnewydd and Upper Cwmbran shall not be divided into wards;

(b) the numbers of councillors for such communities shall be 18, 7, 6, 3, 5, 3 and 3 respectively;

(c) the number of councillors for the Community of Llantarnam shall be 3.

(6) The annual meeting of each new community council for 1985 shall be held in April 1985 and shall be convened by the officer appointed by the Borough Council of Torfaen for the purpose.

(7) The number of councillors for the Community of Henllys shall remain 7.

Petty sessional divisions

10.—(1) The Cwmbran petty sessional division shall comprise the communities of Croesyceiliog, Cwmbran Central, Fairwater, Henllys, Llantarnam, Llanyrafon, Ponthir, Pontnewydd and Upper Cwmbran as existing on and after the appointed day.

(2) The Pontypool petty sessional division shall comprise the communities of Abersychan, Blaenavon, New Inn, Panteg, Pen Tranch, Pontymoile and Trevethin as so existing.

Councillors

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

(2) Any person in office at the appointed day as councillor for the Community of Henllys or any community ward named or described in column (1) of Part I of the Schedule shall represent the area specified in respect of such community or 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 such community or 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) 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 the Ponthir ward of Llanfrechfa Lower shall (except where notice of the election has at the coming into operation of this order already been given) not be filled. Any person in office at the appointed day in any such office shall retire from office on that day.

(4) Elections of councillors for the Community of Ponthir and the community wards described in Part II of the Schedule 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 elections 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.

(5) Community councillors for the new wards of the communities of Blaenavon, Croesyceiliog, Cwmbran Central, Fairwater, Llanyrafon, Pontnewydd and Upper Cwmbran 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.

Residuary successors

12. In relation to any authority named in column (1) of the following table, for the purposes of any provision of the Regulations which refers to the residuary successor of a dissolved authority, the new community council specified in respect of the first-mentioned authority in column (2) is hereby specified as the residuary successor of such authority.

TABLE

(1)	(2)
Town Council of Cwmbran	The Community Council of Cwmbran
Community Council of Llanfrechfa Lower	The Community Council of Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon

Community books, etc.

13.—(1) The specified papers of the Town of Cwmbran shall be deposited in the custody of the Community Council of Cwmbran.

(2) The specified papers of the Community of Llanfrechfa Lower shall be deposited in such custody as may, with the approval of the Borough Council of Torfaen, be agreed between the new community councils of Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon and Ponthir, or failing such approval and agreement, as may be directed by the said borough council.

(3) In this article, "specified papers", in relation to any community, means the public books, writings and papers of the community (including any photographic copies thereof) and all documents directed by law to be kept therewith.

Expenses of new community councils

14. In the year beginning on the appointed day the Borough Council of Torfaen shall levy rates in each new community named in column (1) of the following table and make payments to the new community council named in column (2) as if the new community council had issued a precept to the borough council requiring the payment of a sum equal to the product of a rate of the amount in the pound, calculated on the total rateable value as set out in the valuation list on the appointed day, specified in respect of the community in column (3).

TABLE

(1)	(2)	(3)
Abersychan, New Inn, Panteg, Pen Tranch, Pontymoile or Trevethin	The Community Council of Pontypool	1.5p
Croesyceiliog or Llanyrafon	The Community Council of Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon	2.2p
Cwmbran Central, Fairwater, Llantarnam, Pontnewydd or Upper Cwmbran	The Community Council of Cwmbran	1.5p
Ponthir	The Community Council of Ponthir	2.5p

Town and country planning

15. The provisions applicable to any area transferred by article 5 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.

Local Acts, orders and byelaws

16. 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)
Cwmbran	Cwmbran Central, Fairwater, Llantarnam, Pontnewydd and Upper Cwmbran
Llanfrechfa Lower	Croesyceiliog, Llanyrafon and Ponthir
Pontypool	Abersychan, New Inn, Panteg, Pen Tranch, Pontymoile and Trevethin

SCHEDULE

Article 11

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

PART I

Councillors continued in office

(1) Existing community or community ward	(2) Community represented on and after appointed day
Henllys	Henllys
All the wards of Blaenavon	Blaenavon
Central and Old Cwmbran wards of Cwmbran	Cwmbran Central
Fairwater ward of Cwmbran	Fairwater
Llantarnam ward of Cwmbran	Llantarnam
Pontnewydd ward of Cwmbran	Pontnewydd
Upper Cwmbran ward of Cwmbran	Upper Cwmbran
Croesyceiliog ward of Llanfrechfa Lower	Croesyceiliog
Llanyravon ward of Llanfrechfa Lower	Llanyrafon

PART II

New community wards where elections are to be held before the appointed day

All the wards of Abersychan, New Inn, Panteg, Pen Tranch, Pontymoile and Trevethin.

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State.
1st February 1985.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order continues two communities and constitutes fourteen new communities in the Borough of Torfaen, also making some alterations in the boundary of the borough with the District of Monmouth.

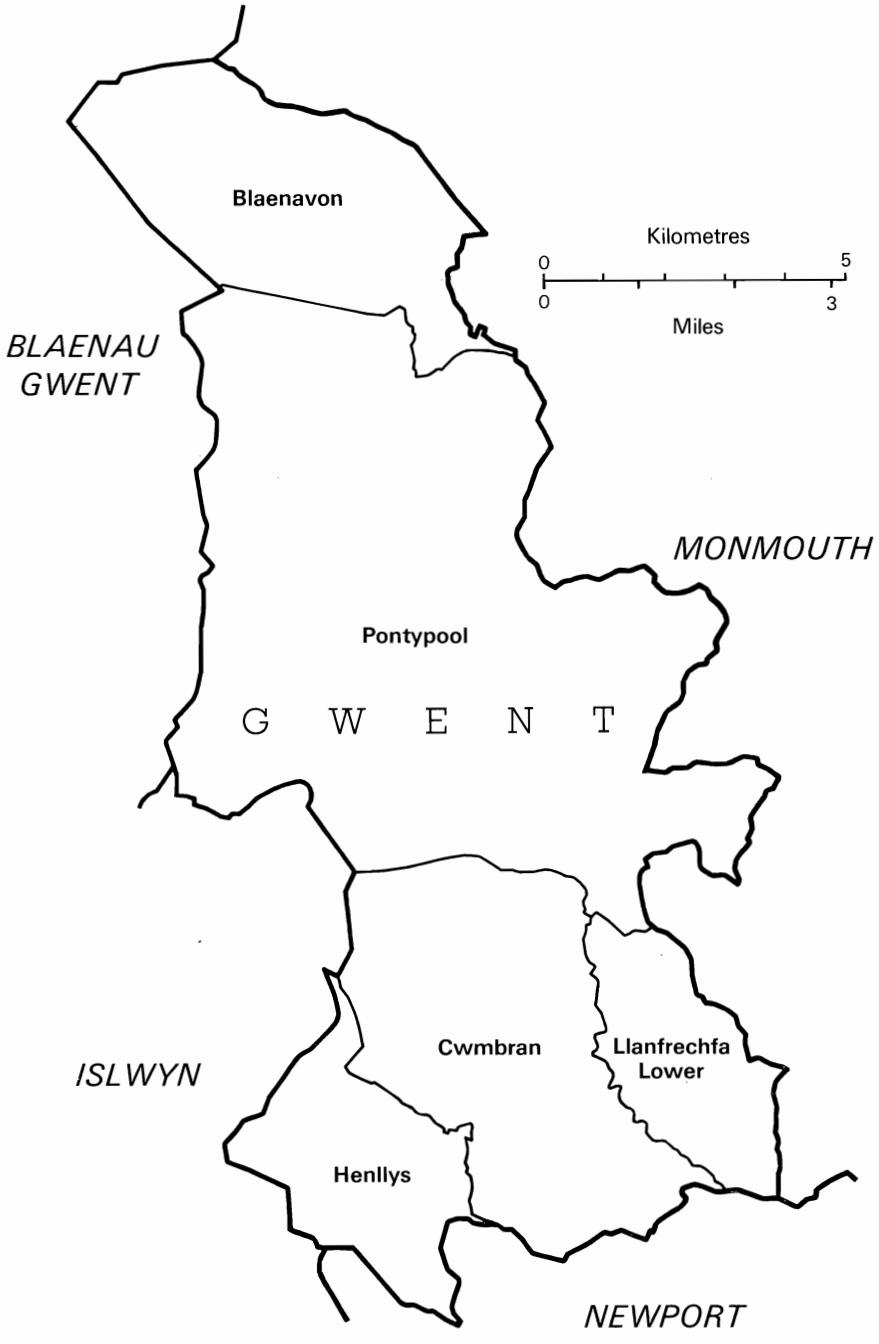
Three common community councils, and one separate community council, are constituted for the new communities. The continued communities both have separate community councils.

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 areas referred to in article 5(1) and (2) 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 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.

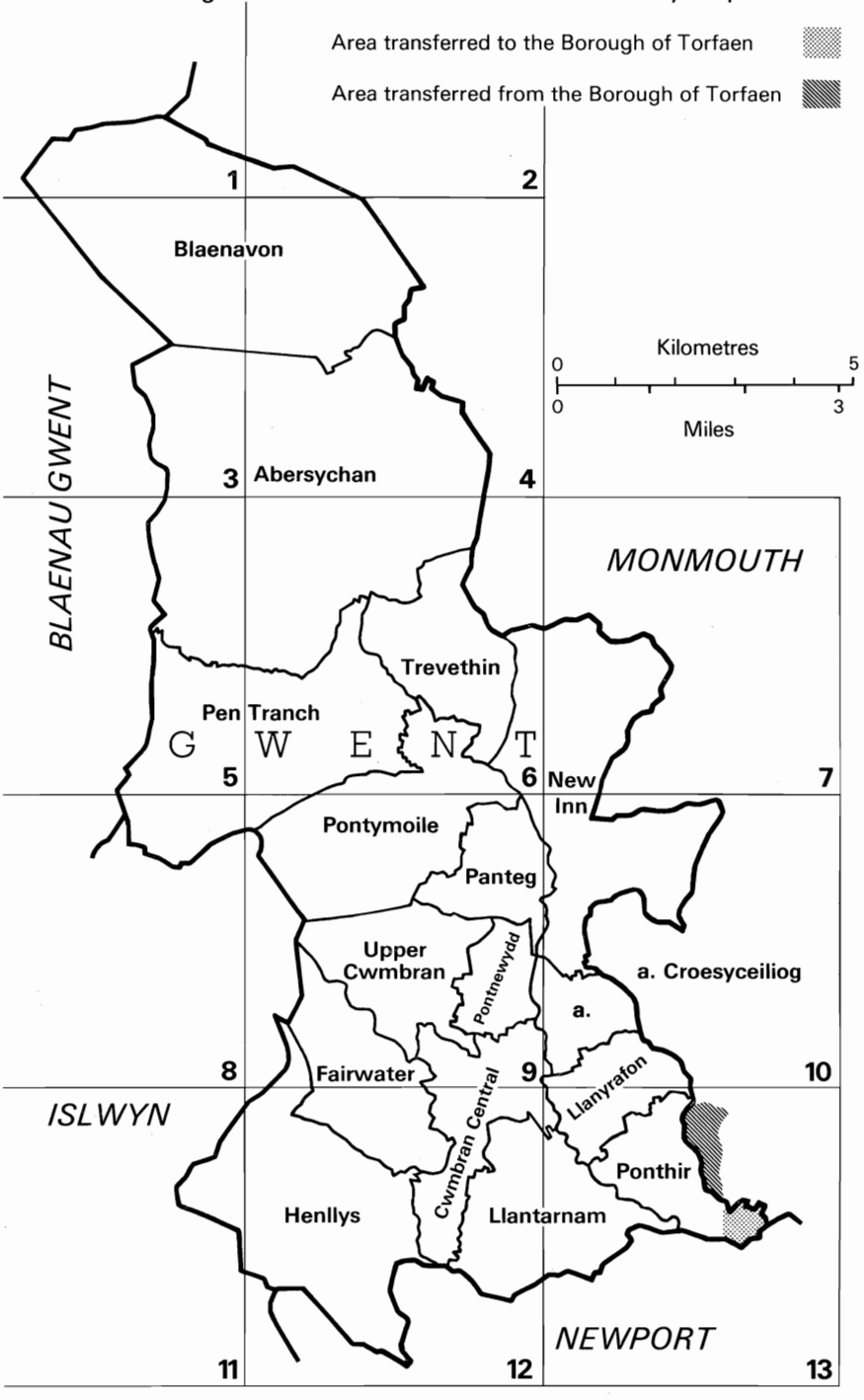
Existing Communities



Cartographic Services, Welsh Office. Based on the Ordnance Survey map. W/LG/AA/OM/5/28

Communities as from 1st April 1985

The grid identifies the sheets of the boundary map



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