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Date
19th, July, 2006

Mrs Ann Jones,
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Dear Mrs. Jones,

ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN WALES

I return herewith the response of the Community Council to the questionnaire attached to your letter of the 2, June, 2006.

~~Yours sincerely,~~



LR Huxtable
Clerk

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ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN WALES
RESPONSE TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

Q.1 – Yes

Q.2 – Do not know.

Q.3 – Yes

Q.4 – Do not know.

Q.5 – More minority candidates, greater attention to their needs and the issues that affect them. Direct contact with community leaders and, through them, the distribution of suitable publicity.

Q.6 – No, concerned about abuse of the postal system.

Q.7 – The Council would not support internet or text etc. as this could be abused, unless expensive security measures were introduced. However, electronic voting at polling stations would be supported, if there was adequate security.

Q.8 – Yes, both supermarkets and post offices would suffice, provided they are properly managed under electoral rules.

Q.9 – Indifference, lack of awareness as to the importance of engaging in the democratic process.

Q.10 – No

Q.11 – They should not be ‘taught’ party politics, but they should be informed in a balanced and unbiased way.

Q.12 – They should send information for use in Q.11 above. The exception could be attendance by candidates, who would be given equal opportunity to address pupils, possibly via a ‘question & answer’ session.

Q.13 – Yes – hustings, school elections, schools councils. Young people are engaged via such events and causes as ‘Live Aid’, ‘Sport Relief’ & the recent Oxfam appeal.

Q.14 – There have been improvements in this Community, unaware of the position elsewhere.

Q.15 – The present rules seem to be inadequate but could be better advertised.

Q.16 – Yes.

Q.17 – No.

Q.18 – We understand that they do in this area.

Q.19 – This could not be resourced in this area, but is obviously far more important in other areas.

Q.20 – See the response to Q.5 above.

Q.21 - Yes

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