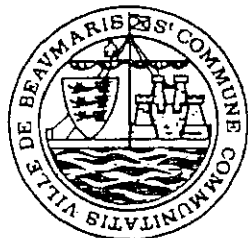


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Ms Ann Jones
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Dear Ms Jones

ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN WALES

I am writing on behalf of Beaumaris Town Council in response to the discussion document that was circulated in June.

In relation to the registration of voters, a majority of Councillors felt that a penalty should be imposed if people did not register. It was felt that this would result in more people registering. There was also support for some form of automatic registration as is used in other countries.

Councillors were unanimous in the view that the present system should be retained at polling stations with an option of postal voting where necessary. There was support for the use of Post Offices in addition to Town Halls as polling stations.

In relation to improving vote turnout, members were unanimous in the view that party politics should not be taught in schools.

It was generally agreed that the present system made provision for people with disabilities to vote. Members were unanimous in the view that mobile boxes should not be introduced; it was believed the present postal voting system worked well.

In relation to language issues, Councillors were unanimous in the view that the present arrangements were easily understood and straightforward.


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Thank you for inviting views of my Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Ashenden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Professor T W Ashenden
Town Clerk