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of the  
Sanitary Conditions  
of the Rural District of  
VAYNOR AND PENDERYN  
in the County of Brecknock  
for the year  
1956

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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural  
District Council.

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Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour once again to present the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions, and the Vital Statistics relating to the Rural District for 1956. The Report is submitted in accordance with the Circular issued by the Ministry of Health.

I wish to tender my thanks to the Members of the Council for their helpful consideration and co-operation in all matters affecting Public Health; and also the Officers of the Council for their help in all matters appertaining to the duties of the Health Department.

During the year two houses were closed and an undertaking to repair and improve another was accepted.

The Council continued with its post-war Building programme. The number of post-war houses erected in the area to the end of 1956 is 571; of these 53 were erected during the year. The number under construction at the end of 1956 being 40.

The factories and coal-mines of the adjoining County of Glamorgan absorb the majority of out work-people, but a number are employed in factories or work-places within the boundaries of this Rural District. The work-people in the more agricultural part of the District are mainly employed in farming, forestry or quarrying.

The health of the District during the year, has, on the whole, been good. No outbreaks of food poisoning have been notified and there has also been an absence of any serious outbreaks of infectious diseases. The majority of deaths during the year were again in the higher age groups.



The incidence of Pulmonary Tuberculosis has again been low and infectious cases have promptly been isolated by the Chest Physicians of the Welsh Regional Hospital Board, chiefly at the Mardy Isolation Hospital and at Cwmla Sanatorium.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. TATE,

Medical Officer of Health.





## BOUNDARIES.

PARISH OF VAYNOR - East Side. The Taf Fechan River from its junction with the Taf Fawr River as far as the junction with the Car Brook.

North Side. From the Car Brook to the junction of the Llysiog Brook with the Taf Fawr River.

West Side. The Taf Fawr River from its junction with the Taf Fechan River to the junction of the Llysiog Brook and the Taf Fawr River.

PARISH OF PENDERYN.- East Side. The Taf Fawr River from the Ffrwd Brook to Nantygourgan.

North Side. From Nantygourgan, where it joins the River Hepste, to the junction of the Rivers Hepste and Mellto, and from the River Mellto to Dinas Rock.

South Side. From Dinas Rock, following Cwmnant Brook to the Cynon River near Lletty Rhys, and the Cynon River as far as the junction of Nant Hir at Cwm Ynys Mwn Tan, and following Nant Hir Brook to Nant Ffrwd Brook to its junction with the Taf Fawr River.

PARISH OF YSTRADFELLTE - North Side. From Carn-yr-Onon to Nant-yr-Eira.

South Side. From Heol-las to Sowl Eira, and along the Afon Mellto to the Bridge at Pontneathvaughan.

East Side. From Nant-yr-Eira to Blaen Hopste and along the River Hopste to Heol-las.

West Side. Afon Nodd at Pontneathvaughan Bridge to Nant-yr-Bryn and Nant-yr-Bryn to Carn-yr-Onon.

## TOPOGRAPHY.

The Rural District comprises the three parishes of Vaynor, Penderyn and Ystradfellte, in the County of Brecon. The Parish of Ystradfellte, which had been administered by the Neath Rural District Council, was added to this Rural Authority by a Review Order of April 1st., 1934.

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The three Parishes comprised in this Rural District are of considerable extent. The total area being 39,271 acres, or over 61 square miles, with an average length of 8 miles and a width of about 12 miles. They are situated on the Southern Boundary of the County of Brecon, and adjoin the districts of Neath, Abertawe and Merthyr Tydfil in the County of Glamorgan. They form four valleys in the foothills of the South escarpment of the Brecknockshire Beacons with high table-lands between.

The PARISH OF VAYNOR comprises two valleys running northwards towards two spurs of the Brecknock Beacons, and the PARISH OF PENDERYNN consists of high table-land adjoining and emerging towards the same mountainous area. These Rural Parishes are only separated by the narrow streams already mentioned from the County of Glamorgan, and the important populous Urban Districts of Merthyr Tydfil and Abertawe on the South. The PARISH OF YSTRADFELLTE presents similar physical features extending from the rugged Van Mountains to the north, covering a rough hilly table-land intersected by two very narrow valleys converging towards an apex at Pontneathvaughan.

#### ELEVATION.

The district, as a whole, is at a great elevation above sea level, varying from 263 feet to no less than 2,250 feet; it will be realised that the nearly 40,000 acres contained in the area includes a considerable amount of sparsely inhabited mountain land. In the Parish of Vaynor, the levels extend from 645 feet near Cefn Bridge to 1,612 feet at Twyn-y-Croes on the mountain above Cwm Glais. Penderynn Parish presents levels varying from 588 feet at Cynon Bridge, Hirwaun, to 1,376 feet at the top of Twyn, Cadfan, while the Parish of Ystradfellte contains such extreme variations of level as 263 feet at the Bridge at Pontneathvaughan, and 2,250 feet near the top of Fan Fawr, which is partly in the Parish.

#### CLIMATE.

The proximity of the well-known range of mountains known as the Brecknock Beacons, accounts for the rather heavy rainfall that prevails. Some of the largest reservoirs in Wales are partly in the Rural District





# ACREAGE.

Vaynor	...	...	6,549.706	acres
Ponderyn	...	...	13,366.337	"
Ystradfellto	...	...	19,355	"

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39,271.      acres.

RATEABLE VALUE as at 30th September, 1956.

			£
Parish of Vaynor	..	..	56,388. 0. 0.
Parish of Ponderyn	..	..	22,855. 0. 0.
Parish of Ystradfellto	..	..	8,720. 0. 0.

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£ 67,963. 0. 0.

## PRODUCT OF A PENNY RATE.

			£.	s.	d.
Parish of Vaynor	..	..	92.	7.	2.
Parish of Ponderyn	..	..	59.	1.	3.
Parish of Ystradfellto	..	..	27.	4.	3.

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£ 178.12. 8.

## POPULATION - CENSUS RETURNS.

Census, 1951.

			Males.		Females.		Total.
Vaynor	...	...	1,489	...	1,652	...	3,141.
Ponderyn	...	...	963	...	932	...	1,895.
Ystradfellto	...	...	331	...	285	...	616.

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Total ... 5,652.

Census Returns.

	1901.		1911.		1921.		1931.		1951.
Vaynor & Ponderyn.	4,766	..	5,526	..	5,674	..	5,021	..	5,036.
Ystradfellto	-		629	..	613	..	650	..	616.

Estimated population (Registrar General's figures) for mid-1956 was 5,980.

# ACCOUNT

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# LIVE BIRTHS.

			Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate ..	..	..	54.	51.	105.
Illegitimate ..	..	..	1.	-	1.
			<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTALS ..	..	..	<u>55.</u>	<u>51.</u>	<u>106.</u>

# STILL BIRTHS.

			Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate ..	..	..	-	1.	1.
Illegitimate ..	..	..	-	-	-
			<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTALS ..	..	..	<u>-</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>1.</u>

# DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR.

			Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate ..	..	..	2.	-	2.
Illegitimate ..	..	..	-	-	-
			<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTALS ..	..	..	<u>2.</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2.</u>

# DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE.

			Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate ..	..	..	2.	-	2.
Illegitimate ..	..	..	-	-	-
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TOTALS ..	..	..	<u>2.</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2.</u>





## VITAL STATISTICS

**BIRTHS.** The Births registered in the District in 1956 numbered 106 (male 55 and female 51). The Annual Birth Rate for 1956 was 17.73 per thousand of the population, compared with 19.08 in 1955 and 13.78 in 1954. The Annual Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1956 was 15.7 compared with 15.0 for 1955 and 15.2 for 1954.

**STILL BIRTHS.** One female still birth was registered in the area during the year. The rate per thousand of the population being 0.167 compared with 0.511 for 1955 and 0.17 for 1954. The rate for England and Wales per thousand total live and still births for 1956 was 23.0, compared with a rate of 9.345 per thousand live and still births for this area during the year.

**DEATHS.** There were 72 deaths assigned to this area during 1956; of these 42 were male and 30 were female. This figure takes into account 20 inward transferable and one outward transferable deaths. The death rate for 1956 was 12.04 per thousand of the population, compared with 11.41 for 1955 and 11.56 for 1954. The death rate for England and Wales for 1956 was 11.7 per thousand of the population, compared with 11.7 for 1955 and 11.3 for 1954.

**DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.** Two male infants under the age of one year died in this district during 1956. The causes of death were as follows :-

- |                 |      |                                      |
|-----------------|------|--------------------------------------|
| Under one week. | (i)  | 1(a) Respiratory failure.            |
|                 |      | (b) Bilateral atelectasis            |
|                 |      | (c) Prematurity.                     |
|                 | 2.   | Haemorrhage into duodenum and ileum. |
|                 | (ii) | 1(a) Prematurity                     |
|                 |      | (b) 28 weeks gestation.              |

The number of deaths recorded under this heading is 3 less than last year, and the infant mortality rate has decreased from 24.69 in 1954 and 44.64 in 1955 to 18.86 per 1,000 live births this year. The rate for England and Wales during 1956 was 23.8, compared with 24.9 per thousand live births during 1955.

TABLE 1. The birth rate in the District of Columbia for 1955 was 17.73 per thousand of the population, compared with 19.08 in 1954 and 18.73 in 1953. The annual birth rate for England and Wales for 1955 was 15.7 compared with 15.9 for 1954 and 15.8 for 1953.

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DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR FROM  
DIARRHOEA. No deaths were recorded under this heading  
during the year.

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL SEPSIS, ETC.  
There were no deaths notified from a puerperal cause during  
the year.

DEATHS FROM CANCER. The number  
of deaths from all forms of cancer increased from 13 last year  
to 14 in 1956. Of these 8 were male and 6 were female. The  
percentage of total deaths being 19.4 compared with 19.4 for  
1955 and 14.71 for 1954.

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS. There  
were no recorded deaths from this disease during the year.

DEATHS FROM HEART AND ARTERIAL  
DISEASES. There were 39 deaths under this heading notified  
during the year. Of these 19 were male and 20 female. These  
deaths accounted for 54.16 per cent of the total deaths during  
1956, compared with 41.79 for 1955 and 58.82 per cent for 1954.

DEATHS FROM BRONCHITIS. Four  
male deaths were recorded during the year under this heading.  
The percentage of total deaths being 5.55 compared with 5.97  
for 1955 and 4.41 for 1954.



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## HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

**AMBULANCE FACILITIES.** The Brecon County Council administer the ambulance services of the area under the National Health Act, 1946. The Health Department of the County Council have made arrangements with neighbouring authorities to provide ambulance facilities for our area as follows :-

Parish of Vaynor - The Merthyr Hospital Board.  
Hirwaun, Ponderyn - The Glamorgan Hospital Board.  
and Ystradfellte  
Pontneathvaughan - The Neath Hospital Board.

Infectious Disease cases in our area utilise the services of the Mardy Isolation Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil and the Cirila Hospital, Neath.

**NURSING AT HOME.** This work, which was undertaken by Voluntary Nursing Associations until 5th July, 1948, is now carried out by the County Council.

**CLINICS.** Clinics are still administered by the County Council, and clinics for expectant mothers and Infant Welfare are held at Cefn Cood and Hirwaun.

**HOSPITALS.** There are no hospitals in the Council's area, but we are fortunate in having hospital facilities in the adjoining urban areas of Merthyr Tydfil, Aberdare and Neath.

**LABORATORY SERVICES.** An arrangement has been made for the services of the Public Health Laboratories of the Institute of Preventative Medicine, The Parade, Cardiff, to be utilised for all chemical and bacteriological analyses and examinations required by this Authority.

**WATER SUPPLY.** The district, which has several supplies of piped water, has, on the whole, been satisfactorily supplied with water. Cefn Cood, in the Vaynor Parish, is supplied from the mains of the Taf Fechan Water Supply Board, as is the greater part of the Vaynor Parish.

## HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

### LABORATORY SERVICES

The County Council has authorized the health services of the area under the National Health Act, 1946. The health services of the County Council have been organized with a view to providing a comprehensive service for the area as follows:-

- Pathology - The County Council
- Physiotherapy - The County Council
- Pharmacy - The County Council
- Public Health - The County Council

Information is given in the annual report of the County Council, and in the County Council's annual report, and in the County Council's annual report.

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In the Parish of Penderyn, Hirwaun is supplied by the mains of the Aberdare Urban District Council. At Penderyn, the water is pumped from the Cadlan and Ogof Fawr regions. This supply is chlorinated at the Cadlan pump-house by means of a semi-automatic apparatus installed in 1944.

During the year 1951, an alternative supply from the Llygad Cynon Borehole was connected up to the existing mains at Penderyn, thus ensuring a clean and wholesome supply of water during periods of drought.

Pontneathvaughan, in the Parish of Ystradfellte, is supplied by the mains of the Neath Rural District Council. Unfortunately, however, the upper portion of the Parish, which includes the small hamlet of Ystradfellte, a school, and some 45 scattered farms, has no main piped water supply. A scheme has now been prepared to provide subsidiary mains connected to the existing Neath Rural District Council's mains, which will provide a suitable and satisfactory supply to the farms and houses in the Ystradfellte area. An extension of the Neath main will also provide a supply to the Colbren district of our area.

It is essential that a piped supply be brought into these areas to ensure that a wholesome supply of water be available to milk producing farms, as well as to the farm houses and cottages.

During the year samples of water were taken for bacteriological and chemical examination from Council mains and also from farms.

**DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.**  
**WORKS.** The Council has provided efficient drainage and sewage disposal works for the whole of the area with the exception of the small hamlet of Ystradfellte. The disposal of sewage from the Hirwaun district is undertaken by the Aberdare U.D.C. under a joint scheme, and five other separate systems of sewage disposal are operated by this Council.



In the first of January, 1951, the water supply system is supplied by the water of the American River. At the time, the water is pumped from the American River. This supply is distributed to the other parts of the system by means of a high-pressure system installed in 1951.

During the year 1951, the water supply from the American River was increased up to the existing level at the time, providing a steady and adequate supply of water during the year.

Furthermore, in the month of November, 1951, the water supply system is supplied by the water of the American River. At the time, the water is pumped from the American River. This supply is distributed to the other parts of the system by means of a high-pressure system installed in 1951. A steady and adequate supply of water is provided during the year.

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**REFUSE COLLECTION.** Refuse is collected in the Cefn Cood, Hirwaun, Trofechan, Penderyn and Pontneathvaughan districts three times a week; twice a week at Pontsticill; and once a week at Ystradfellto.

**REFUSE DISPOSAL.** The refuse collected in the area is tipped at Cilsanws, Cefn Cood; the Upper Pandy, Hirwaun, and at Dinas Bank, Pontneathvaughan. At the present time refuse is being tipped in the old quarry at Cilsanws, Cefn Cood, and the tip is being built up to conform with the slope of the mountain. Care is being taken to ensure that the refuse deposited does not become a breeding place for vermin. The surface of the tip is dressed regularly.

The tipping of refuse at the Upper Pandy, Hirwaun, fills in the gaps and holes in the tips of the Old Pandy Iron Works. It will be necessary, in the near future, to obtain a new tipping site for the Hirwaun area.

**SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.** There are no slaughter-houses in the Council's area. All meat for human consumption in this area is supplied from the slaughter houses situated in adjoining areas.

**FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.** A close inspection is made of meat and other foods sold in retail establishments in the area. Two hundred and sixty two visits were made to butcher shops, food retailers, fried fish shops, ice-cream premises, cafes and public houses during the year.

Bye-laws, under Section 15 of this Act, have been adopted and brought into operation by this Council.

Condemnation certificates are issued in respect of foodstuffs condemned in our area, in accordance with the various Food Regulations issued by the Ministries concerned. The following articles of food were condemned during the year, as being unfit for human consumption. :-

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Corned Beef (tinned)	12.lb.	Mango Slices (tinned)	65 $\frac{1}{2}$ .lb.
Luncheon Meat "	10.lb.	Peaches .. .. "	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ .lb.
Braised Rabbit "	20.lb.	Tomatoes .. .. "	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .lb.
Beef Broth .. "	8.lb.	Gooseberry Jam (bottled)	5.lb.
Egg Preservative ..		9 jars.	

LICENSED PREMISES. Visits have been paid to all the licensed premises in our area, and it is pleasing to note that improvements continue being made to raise the standard of those premises in every possible manner.

Every house is endeavouring to utilise the provision of proper facilities for cleansing glasses and utensils, and serving refreshments in an hygienic manner.

The sanitary accommodation of these premises has been improved, and it is hoped that in the not too distant future all will have suitable and sufficient sanitary accommodation and a constant supply of hot and cold water.

FARMS, DAIRIES & COWSHEDS. Since the 1st October, 1949, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has been responsible for farms, dairies and cowsheds, under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949. The Local Authority therefore, have no control over the inspection of those premises other than under the Infectious Diseases Regulations and the Tuberculosis Acts. The Local Authority is, however, responsible for dealing with the water supply to farms and, in this connection, the County Agricultural Executive Committee has co-operated in endeavouring to supply a piped water supply to the farms.

MILK SAMPLING. The milk produced in the area is mainly collected and transported to milk factories where it is pasteurised. This milk is tested and examined on arrival at the factories by the laboratories attached.

During the year five samples were taken from retailers and producers for bacteriological examination and keeping qualities. All the samples taken proved to be satisfactory.





#### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS

ACT, 1949. Under this Act, the Local Authority is responsible for the survey of the whole area in relation to infestation by rats and mice. These duties include the inspection and survey of farmlands and agricultural undertakings. It is to be noted that in relation to the actual work on agricultural holdings, that the dis-infestation is carried out by the Pest Control Department of the County Agricultural Executive Committee. It is an obligation on the part of occupiers of Lands to notify the Local Authority of the presence of vermin. This is an unwieldy procedure and, to my mind, could be simplified by giving the Local Authority the power to deal with agricultural land in the same manner as they deal with other public and private properties within the area.

The work of surveying and inspecting the district has been carried out, under the supervision and direction of the Public Health Inspector. A full-time Rodent Operator is employed in the Public Health Department and he is, at certain times of the year, assisted by temporary employees.

The sewer systems in the Local Authority's area have, in accordance with the provisions made by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and Food, been treated twice during the year. These maintenance treatments have been carried out in conjunction with surface properties.

This area, being of a rural character, has necessitated a close watch being kept on the infestation of river banks and culverts near villages. The refuse tips in the area have been dealt with at regular intervals and are inspected weekly to prevent any infestation occurring or remaining on these lands. This work, on refuse tips, is also maintained in the region of the Sewage Disposal Works, where no major infestations have been found during the past year.

During the year, special attention has been paid to premises where food is stored or prepared for human consumption. These premises are visited regularly, and it is pleasing to note that few complaints are received, or evidence found, of infestation in such premises. The occupiers of these premises are aware of the damage likely to be caused by rodent infestation and have taken great care to keep their premises in a satisfactory manner.



TESTIMONY OF JAMES H. HARRIS

Q. Now, this Act, the Local Authority is responsible for the survey of the whole area in relation to the water supply and sewerage. These duties include the inspection and survey of the water and sewerage systems. It is to be noted that in relation to the water supply on a district basis, the Local Authority is required to be the Local Council, and the County Agricultural Executive Committee. It is an obligation on the part of the Council to make the Local Authority of the provision of water. This is an essential part of the water supply, and it is stipulated by the Local Authority to make the water supply to the public. It is the duty of the Local Authority to make the water supply to the public, and it is stipulated by the Local Authority to make the water supply to the public.

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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN 1956.

	Total cases notified.	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Dysentery.	1.	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1.	1.	-
Scarlet Fever.	16.	1.	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality During 1956.

Ages.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
YEARS.								
0 - 5.	-	-	1.	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 - 25.	-	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 - 35.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36 - 45.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46 - 65.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS.	2.	1.	1.	-	-	-	-	-

The total number of tuberculosis cases remaining on the Register at the 31st December, 1956, was 54, compared with 60 at the end of 1955. This figure is made up as follows :-

Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
M.	F.	M.	F.
19.	25.	4.	6.





FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN  
RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1956, FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT  
OF VAYNOR AND PENIDERYN IN THE COUNTY OF BRECKNOCK.

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories  
Act, 1937.

Part I of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises.	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions.	Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(1)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(i) Factories in which Secs.1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	8.	29.	-	-
(ii) Factories not incl- uded in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	3.	12.	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Sec.7 is en- forced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	4.	11.	-	-
TOTAL.	15.	52.	-	-





## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "Cases").

Particulars.	No. of cases in which defects were found.				No. of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	1.	1.	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7).					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	2.	2.	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outworkers).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL. ..	3.	3.	-	-	-

## PART VIII OF THE ACT.

### OUTWORK.

(Sections 110 and 111).

There are no Outworkers in the area.



VAYNOR AND PENDERYN RURAL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

PART I

I N C O M E.

BALANCE brought forward from 31st March, 1955 .. .. 16,331. 2. 6½.

RATE INCOME.

General Expenses chargeable on Whole District,  
including Additional Items of General Rate. .. .. 68,946.10. 3.  
Water Rates & Charges (Pondoryn) .. .. 284.14. 6.  
- do - (Ystradfellte) .. .. 6. 0.

MINISTRY OF HOUSING & LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Local Government Act, 1948 - Grant. .. .. 753. 0. 0.  
Tithe Act Grant. .. .. 216. 8. 0.  
Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants .. .. 111.14. 6.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR.

Pondoryn Waterworks - Grant. .. .. 97.12. 8.

BRECON COUNTY COUNCIL.

Salaries of Medical Officer of Health  
and Sanitary Inspector - Grant .. .. 546. 6. 5.  
Local Government Act, 1948 - Capitation Grant .. .. 3,180. 0. 0.  
Notifications of Infectious Diseases .. .. 8. 0. 0.

WATER WORKS. - Pondoryn. .. .. 5.18. 1.

COLLECTION OF REFUSE. .. .. 21. 1. 0.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES. .. .. 3. 0.10.

COMPENSATION WATER. .. .. 120. 0. 0.

OTHER INCOME.

Cofn Sewerage Works - Rentals of Garden & Land.. .. 8. 6.

Childrens Playing Field, Cofn Coed - Income .. .. 12. 0.

Public Lighting - Vaynor .. .. 15. 6. 5.

Yards, Sheds, Garages & Stores .. .. 11. 0. 0.

Establishment Charges. .. .. 133.12.10.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.. .. 4. 3. 3.

Searches - Local Land Charges Registry .. .. 42. 2. 0.

Petrol &c Licences.. .. 6.15. 0.

Bus Shelter, Maescynon, Hirwaun .. .. 2.10. 2.

Assisted Car Purchase Scheme .. .. 4. 2. 0.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953  
- Renewal and Repairs Fund .. .. 14.15. 8.

FORWARD .. .. £ 90,866. 3. 0½.



DISTRICT COUNCIL.FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1956.PART I.EXPENDITURE.DUE UNDER PRECEPTS.

Brocon County Council.	..	..	..	..	38,584.16. 0.
<u>Parish Councils -</u>	-	Vaynor	..	70. 0. 0.	
	-	Ponderyn	..	50. 0. 0.	
	-	Ystradfellte	..	53. 9. 4.	173. 9. 4.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

Oofn Cood	-	Working Expenses	..	..	1,175.13. 8.
Oofn Cood Sewers Ext.	-	Loan & Interest	..	..	92.11.10.
Pontsticill	-	Working Expenses	525.10.10.		
- do -	-	Loan & Interest	89.13. 8..		615. 4. 6.
Hirwaun.	-	Working Expenses	9.18.11.		
- do - (Hsg).	-	Loan & Interest	56.19. 4..		66.18. 3.
Ponderyn.	-	Working Expenses	676. 7. 5.		
- do -	-	Loan & Interest	157.17.10..		834. 5. 3.
Pentmoathvaughan	-	Working Expenses	544. 1. 2.		
- do -	-	Loan & Interest	142. 7. 9..		686. 8.11.

WATER WORKS.

Ponderyn	-	Working Expenses	1036.16. 4.		
- do -	-	Loan & Interest	325. 6. 4..		1,362. 2. 8.
Ystradfellte	-	Working Expenses	..	..	1.10. 0.
Hirwaun Water Supply	-	Guarantee.	..	..	18. 0. 0.

COLLECTION OF REFUSE.

Throughout District	..	..	..	..	5,046.11. 1½.
<u>PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.</u>	..	..	..	..	76. 2. 3.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

	-	Vaynor..	..	715. 8. 4.	
	-	Ponderyn	..	362.17. 9.	
	-	Ystradfellte	..	89. 9. 9..	1,167.15.10.
<u>YARDS, SHEDS, GARAGE &amp; STORES.</u>	..	..	..	..	21. 6. 3.

PLAYING FIELD, CEM COED.

Working Expenses..	..	..	..	6.16. 8.	
Loan & Interest...	..	..	..	61. 5. 4.	68. 2. 0.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES.

Salaries of Officers &c..	..	..	..	5,598. 2. 1.	
Returns of Births & Deaths	..	..	..	1.14. 6.	
Disinfectants	..	..	..	15. 6. 0.	
Compensation Water	..	..	..	211.19. 6.	5,827. 2. 1.

FORWARD .. .. £ 55,817.19.11½.

## I N C O M E (CONTINUED)



CONTINUED.

EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED).

	FORWARD	..	..	£ 55,317.19.11½.
<u>RODENT CONTROL.</u>	..	..	..	245.12.10.
<u>HOUSING.</u>				
Annual Contribution - Hsg...	..	3,654.12.	9.	
Revenue A/c.				
Additional Contribution -do-	..	5,022.17.	3.	3,677.10. 0.
<u>HOUSING ACT, 1949 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.</u>	..	..	..	68.11. 8.
<u>FINANCIAL ADJUSTMENT.</u>				
Ystradfellte Parish - Loan & Interest.	..	..	..	438.19. 8.
<u>COST OF COLLECTION OF RATES - General Rate</u>			..	1,750.13. 5.
<u>ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES.</u>	..	..	..	2,451.11. 9.
<u>OTHER EXPENSES.</u>				
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts...	..	..	..	3,17. 4.
Election Expenses	..	..	..	134. 2. 1.
National Assistance Act, 1948.	..	..	..	21. 0. 0.
Legal Expenses	..	..	..	41. 0. 0.
Bus Shelter, Maescynon, Hirwaun.	..	..	..	91. 0. 5.
Roadside Seats.	..	..	..	26.10. 2.
Travelling, Subsistence & Financial Loss Allowances	..			334. 6. 2.
Chairman's Allowance	..	..	..	100. 0. 0.
Brecon County Council - Superannuation Fund	..	..	..	919. 1. 7.
Assisted Car Purchase Scheme	..	..	..	4. 7. 6.
National Insurances..	..	..	..	279. 1. 0.
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953				
- Renewal and Repairs Fund	..	..	..	564.10. 2.
<u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>				195. 4.10.
<u>BALANCE</u> carried forward.	..	..	..	..18,701. 2. 6.
				£ 90,866. 3. 0½.

P A R T

LOAN, CAPITAL AND

I N C O M E.

BALANCES brought forward :-

Sewerage & Sewage Disposal .. ..	105. 0. 0.	
Local Govt. (Miscellaneous Provs) Act, 1953.	<u>348. 0. 8.</u>	453. 0. 8.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION.

Repayment of Advances. ... ..		17. 6. 8.
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HOUSING ACT, 1949 - Improvement Grants.

Loans raised etc. .. ..		472. 0. 0.
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PLAYING FIELDS, CEFN COED.

Loan raised etc. .. ..		809. 0. 0.
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1953.

Renewal and Repairs Fund... ..		214.15. 8.
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HOUSING ACTS, 1936 - 1955.

Loan raised etc .. ..	85,381.10.11.	
Revenue & Special Accounts. .. ..	<u>5,485. 8. 7½.</u>	90,866.19. 6½.

ASSISTED CAR PURCHASE SCHEME.

Loan raised .. ..	250. 0. 0.	
Re payment of Advance. .. ..	<u>31. 5. 0.</u>	281. 5. 0.

BALANCES carried forward :-

Sewerage & Sewage Disposal. .. ..	283. 7. 6.	
Small Dwellings Acquisition. .. ..	4. 6. 8.	
Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants..	806. 5. 0.	
Housing Acts 1936 - 1955... ..	<u>3,983.17. 5½.</u>	5,082.16. 7½.

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£ 98,197. 4. 2.

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AUDITED AND FOUND CORRECT

(SIGNED) E. DRURY.

Assistant District Auditor.

4th December, 1956.



I ISPECIAL ACCOUNTS.EXPENDITURE.BALANCES brought forward :-

Sewerage & Sewage Disposal. .. ..	200. 7. 6.	
Small Dwellings Acquisition. .. ..	4. 6. 8.	
Playing Field, Ccfn Cood. .. ..	159. 7. 3.	
Housing Act, 1949 -- Improvement Grants. .. ..	176. 0. 0.	
Housing Acts 1936 - 1952. .. ..	<u>24,320.19. 6.</u>	24,949. 0.11.

<u>SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION.</u> .. ..		17. 6. 8.
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<u>HOUSING ACT, 1949 -- Improvement Grants.</u> .. ..		1,102. 5. 0.
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PLAYING FIELD, CCFN COOD.

Expenditure on Works etc. .. ..		459. 3. 0.
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<u>LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1953.</u>		1. 2. 0.
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HOUSING ACTS 1936 - 1955.

Expenditure on Works etc. .. ..	66,147. 4. 4.	
Revenue & Special Accounts. .. ..	<u>4,382.13. 2.</u>	70,529.17. 6.

<u>ASSISTED CAR PURCHASE SCHEME...</u> .. ..		279. 7. 8.
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BALANCES carried forward:-

Sewerage & Sewage Disposal. .. ..	105. 0. 0.	
Playing Field, Ccfn Cood. .. ..	190. 9. 9.	
Assisted Car Purchase Scheme... ..	1.17. 4.	
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953. .. ..	<u>561.14. 4.</u>	859. 1. 5.

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(Signed) RONALD H. ROSE,

Chief Financial Officer.

4th April, 1956.







