

P-06-1162 Break up the County of Rhondda Cynon Taff and join the Cynon Valley to Merthyr County

This petition was submitted by Sian Davies, having collected a total of 138 signatures.

Text of Petition:

During these local lockdowns it has become very obvious that Cynon Valley (mostly Aberdare) is totally disconnected to the rest of Rhondda Cynon Taff. All of the local amenities in our area has been moved to Merthyr – our court, hospital, registry for births/deaths, our shopping centre, etc. This became very obvious when the residents of Aberdare have been told we cannot travel to Merthyr but has to travel all the way to Llantrisant, have you ever tried going there on public transport either?

Additional Information:

There is a general concensus in Aberdare that we are the poor relation to the spending being used in Pontypridd/Talbot Green etc because they are based closer to the Capital, Rhondda gets a lot of funding as classed as a deprived area, and the residents of Cynon Valley have to fund raise to get any ammenites for example the splash pad in the park, yet Ponty got the Lido and splash park. They had all the relief road around Church Village years ago and we are still waiting for the road to be duelled between us and Merthyr, even though it is classed as one of the most dangerous roads in South Wales. With the population of RCT being the 3rd largest in Wales just behind the two cities of Swansea and Cardiff, and covering one of the largest areas behind Powys, it is clear this County is not fit for purpose. With forward thinking Merthyr County, we believe we would flourish and be a better run county especially with local lockdowns looking at becoming the thing of the future.

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- Cynon Valley
- South Wales Central