

Report of Borough Agent and Sanitary Inspector on Home Conditions of Applicants for Council Houses.

We have inspected the home conditions of the 27 applicants on the revised list of applicants. In addition on the instructions of the Mayor we inspected No.7a Westgate Street, and No. 3, Broadway.

The result of our investigations and the points recommended in each case are set out on the attached schedule. The points are awarded as recommended in the Town Clerk's report on this subject, and are divided into two parts. "Basic" points are given for factors which can be described as directly affecting the housing need such as overcrowding, lack of a separate home etc., while "Balancing" Points are given for such factors as war service and only need consideration where two applicants have equal 'basic' points.

The scheme has been found fairly simple to operate although one matter has struck up in our investigations and that is the fact that no points are awarded where the applicant is in apartments consisting of say one living room which has to be used for all purposes. Applicants with similar accommodation, but able to share the living room and scullery, have 15 points. In such cases points can be awarded for unsuitable accommodation and if the Council feel that this is insufficient they have the opportunity of awarding discretionary points.

In general we have found that the personal cleanliness and cleanliness of the homes of the applicants has been quite satisfactory.

Most of the applicants are living under physical discomfort while others suffer the mental anxiety of living at variance with the principal tenant of the house

Some of the applicants are already tenants of Council houses where the accommodation is insufficient for their growing family. The Ministry of Health's recent booklet "The Selection of Tenants" advocates that the fullest possible use be made of transfers. One local authority, giving evidence before the Committee responsible for this publication, had satisfied no fewer than twenty two families by a series of transfers as the result of erecting eight bungalows.

To illustrate this point by quoting actual applicants Mr Davies of Broadway could be given one of the houses at the Limes, while, Mr Jones of Church Street could be given the house at Broadway. In turn Mr Jones' house could be given to an applicant with two children under 10 years. By adopting this procedure three families would be satisfied by building one house.

Similarly if Mr J. Cocks of the Butts was allocated a new house and an applicant with only one child given his house two further deserving cases would be satisfied.

These are merely examples of the possibilities of transfers and are not intended to influence the Council in any decision they may wish to make in this connection.

The report of the Ministry of Health recommends that the points scheme be used as a sieve for sorting applicants, rather than as a means of determining finally the order in which applicants should be offered tenancies.

In considering the schedule attached the Committee may wish to amend any of the points provisionally allocated and if they consider there are cases of exceptional hardship they may make use of the discretionary points.

The points awarded for unsuitable accommodation have been awarded sparingly as recommended in the Town Clerk's report.

No points have been awarded for "Nature of Employment" or "Place of Employment" as we felt this did not materially affect any of the applicants.

Three cases of Statutory overcrowding are included in the schedule, while in 17 cases there was shortage of bedroom accommodation.

Signed).... Charles Davies.....
Borough Agent.

Signed).... Hubert Thomas.....

BOROUGH OF COWBRIDGE

SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED TO APPLICANTS FOR COUNCIL HOUSES

AUGUST 1949.

Ref No.	Name and Address.	Basic Points.										Balancing Points.					Occupation.	Applic Withdr Under Notic
		Overcrowding.	Lack of separate home.	Unsuitable Accommodation.	Ill Health or Physical disability.	Discretionary Points.	Total Basic Points.	Order of Basic Priority.	War Service.	Residence in Cowbridge.	Place of employment.	Nature of employment.	Suitability of tenant.	Loss of home through enemy action.	Total Balancing Points.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
1.	H. Trott, Jnr., 5, Westgate St	24		8			32			16			7		23		Plumber	
2.	D. Clinton, Broadway Hse.		12				12		11	16			7		33		Postman	
3.	R. Sanders Jnr., 20 High St									16							Postman	
4.	M. Newman, Adpar House.	22	12	8			42		12	16			7		35		Postman	
5.	L. Eilves, Flat 57, High St.		12				12			19			7		16		+ Agricultural Worker.	
6.	W. Speed, 1a Cardiff Road			8						9			7		16		Senior Waterman.	
7.	Mr Bevan, Adpar House.	12	12	8			32		14	16			7		37		Fireman.	
8.	E. Davies, 67, Eastgate St	24	12				36		8	7			7		22		+ Traveller & Demonstrator of Agricultural Implements.	
9.	T. Jenkins, 38, Westgate St	20	12				32		11	16			7		34		Storeman.	
10.	W. H. Lewis, 8, Broadway.	10	17				27		12	16			7		23		* Foreman (B. S. Bird) —	
11.	L. Trott, Glenfield Cott.		17				17		14	16			7		35		Lorry Driver.	
12.	L. Carter, 7, Broadway.	10	17	8			27		14	16			7		37		Roadman.	
13.	A. Davies, 5, Westgate St.	10		8			8		8	16			7		31		Fitter (A.M.)	
14.	A. Blicke, 71a Eastgate St	10	12				8		10	16			7		33		Plumber.	
15.	R. Sullivan, 6, Aubrey Terrace	10	12				22		14	16			7		52		Clerk.	
16.	W. Cruise, 44, High Street	10	7				17		14	16			7	6	37		Underground Mechanical Engineer	
17.	I. Jones, 1, Church Street	10					10		14	16			7		25		* Agricultural Worker.	
18.	J. Cocks, 2, The Butts.	10	12				10		8	16			7		31		* Agricultural Lorry driver.	
19.	A. Thomas, 38 Eastgate St.	10	12				22		8	16			7		31		Builder.	
20.	M. Williams, The Manse.	10	12				32		8	15			7		28		Agricultural fitter.	
21.	W. Blicke, 17, High Street.	10	12	10			10		8	16			7		31		Postman.	
22.	F. Sloper, Verity's Court	10	12	8			10		8	16			7		31		Charge hand.	
23.	W. Bishop, Hilldrop.	10	12				30		8	16			7		29		Plasterer.	
24.	F. Williams, 65 Eastgate St	10	17				20		6	16			7		27		Builder's labourer.	
25.	Mrs Powell, Verity's Court	10	17	6			27		14	16			7		37		Lorry Driver.	
26.	R. Bond, 28 Westgate St.	12	12				18		11	16			7		23		* Agricultural Worker	
27.	Mrs Holden, 26, Eastgate St	12	12				12			16			7		23		Ministry of Labour Employee.	

COWBRIDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

LIST B.

DEFERRED LIST OF APPLICATIONS.

No.	Date of Application.	Name of Applicant.	Address.	Points Awarded. Pri
1.	1. 3. 45.	Mrs. E. Williams. (Miss Cogbill.)	13 Broadway.	
2.	26.5.45.	W.E. Reeves.	42 Eastgate St.	
3.	16.6.45.	W. Burnage.	25 Eastgate St.	
4.	13.8.45.	D. Morgan.	Sunnyside.	
5.	22.8.45.	Mr. Carter.	18 High Street.	
6.	6.9.45.	E. Wheaton.	47 High St.	
7.	12.9.45.	W.T. Maddy.	3 The Butts.	
8.	13.9.45.	G. Tucker.	Westgate St.	
9.	28.10.45.	I. Jones.	3 Cardiff Rd.	
10.		D. David.	Old Druids.	
11.	3.12.45.	Mrs. Morgan.	Bush House.	
12.	7.12.45.	Reuben Owen.	26 High St.	
13.	30.10.46.	A. Morgan.	8 Westgate St.	
14.	30.10.46.	B. Millman.	High Street.	
15.	31.10.46.	L. Webb.	30 High St.	
16.	9.11.46.	Lewis Davies.	22 Westgate St.	
17.	7. 1.47.	David Davies.	39 High St.	
18.	9.1.47.	D.F. Wythe.	Mount Vernon.	
19.	18.7.47.	W. Stone.	Old Hall.	
20.	12.11.47.	G. Oakley.	High Street.	
21.	20.11.47.	R.H. Spencer.		

LIST B - contd.

No.	Date of Application.	Name of Applicant.	Address.	Points Awarded.	Priori
22.		G.I. Phillips.	48 Westgate St.		
23.		D. Punter.	6, Broadway.		
24.	19.4.48.	H.L. Williams.	2, The Limes.		
25.	10.4.48.	H.J. Goulden.	Hillbrow, Eastgate St.		
26.	7.9.48.	T.A. Salathiel.	58 Eastgate St.		
27.	10.4.48.	Mrs. R. Pugsley.	Adpar House.		
28.		W.H. Hawkins.	Old Hall.		

