

In last month's newsletter I advised that there had been several requests to include the Welsh national anthem in the remembrance service. We have since received several emails from residents expressing their views but deferred the decision at this month's council meeting as several councillors (including me) were not present. This is on the agenda for the May meeting. If you do any thoughts on whether the national anthem should be included, please let us know.

The following planning applications considered during the April meeting:

PLANNING

2017/00284 Five Oaks, Five Lanes, Caerwent

Extensions to Existing Domestic Garage

This Council recommends **Approval**

2016/01292 Land adjacent to Castle View Barn, Llanfair Discoed but owned by MCC

To install external oil external oil boiler where the current flue outlet is situated

This Council recommends **Approval**

2017/00324 Residential quarters of previous Thai/Indian Restaurant, Five Lanes, Caerwent

Development of 4 Detached Dwellings on Existing Vacant Site

This Council recommends Refusal

Design not appropriate for area. Requires a more fitting match with our landscape, e.g. a more imaginative design that would give the feel of a cluster of vernacular converted farm buildings.

No plans shown for waste water/rain water arrangements.

On the plans a driveway is shown (adjacent to Five Lanes House land) where a fibre glass tank is currently situated – are the developers aware of this tank.

Our Community Council meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month (no meeting in August) and anyone is welcome to attend. At the beginning of each meeting there is 15 minutes of public participation which is your opportunity to tell us about any concerns you may have. Please feel free to just turn up on the evening of the meeting.

In May I step down as Chair of the Community Council so this will be my last article for the newsletter. As this was my first appointment as Chair of the Community Council it is fair to say that I have learnt a lot over the last year and I have thoroughly enjoyed the role. I would like to thank everyone for all the support over the last year.

Kind Regards

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