

## **CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

May we take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and hope that you had a good Christmas.

At our last meeting we welcomed Glyn Cousins as a new member of the Council. Glyn represents Dinham ward and we very much look forward to working with him.

At Glyn's suggestion we will now be putting the minutes of our meetings (which have always been available to those who want them), on our website so that they are more widely available. We will also be looking at using social networking sites at a subsequent meeting. This is a medium well used, and to great effect, by MCC.

We are concerned at the large increase in burglaries in the area. We have warned residents of this in previous newsletters but again request that everyone is security aware especially when valuable items are left in sheds or outbuildings.

We have been notified that the re-surfacing of the A48 is scheduled for 11 January 2011. Please bear this in mind as there is bound to be disruption for a short period.

The various schemes that relate to the community funding contribution from the Merton Green development are currently on hold pending the result of the "Open Spaces Enquiry". However, we feel that we should continue to pursue the potential of such schemes (the purchase and upgrading of the Old Gym for example) in case such monies do become available. We will shortly be meeting with the relevant Officer from MCC to pursue this and will let you know the outcome of these discussions in due course.

Concern has been raised over the condition of the Play Area in Lawrence Crescent in Caerwent. This has been passed on to the relevant officer in MCC for a report and any appropriate action.

The MoD have now re-routed vehicles at night to prevent noise from the cattle grid on the perimeter access road near the Ash Tree Road flats. Let us hope that this works and that there is not a tendency to start using that route again. Please let us know if that happens.

We are still hoping to get allotments established in the area and still hope to make progress on this soon. More as we get it. It looks as if we may well be getting dog waste bins on or near the Roman Wall. Please can dog walkers ensure that these are used when installed.

We have now received the promised community contribution from the film crew that used the MoD base recently. We will be considering the best use for it at our next meeting.

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