

Caerwent Community Council

By the time this Newsletter comes out it is possible that the Public showing of the plans for traffic management for the area, particularly in the Caerwent boundary, will have taken place and we hope that the Notices and Press Announcement will have reached all interested residents.

The proposals are far reaching including the closure, for safety reasons of School Lane at its junction with the A48, reducing the speed limit to 20mph and creating a “shared space” with improved signage, road surface etc. The proposals are available to anyone who missed the opportunity to view them.

Concern has been expressed regarding the number of street lights in the area, especially in the more rural areas. The comment made is that they be increased. However, MCC has a policy of only providing lighting where it is essential and even that lighting will be dimmed/reduced for ecological and financial reasons. Enquiries of the Street Lighting Department will be made but we feel that it is unlikely that further lighting will be provided in the area unless there is a safety issue that can be helped by such events.

There have also been suggestions that the facilities at the Old Gym in Lawrence Crescent be withdrawn and replicated on the Village Hall site at Highfield. This scheme would not, in our opinion, be possible due to the cost of such a project.

Please note that shed burglaries are on the increase again and the high value of scrap metal puts gates etc at risk. The Police are anxious that residents phone 101 if any suspicions are aroused.

We hope to install at least two new dog waste bins shortly within Caerwent village. Please use them as we are still getting complaints of fouling. The Police are going to get tougher on this and may well stop dog walkers to ask if they have bags etc with them to enable them to deal with any incident. So be warned.

On the subject of Broadband, the Caerwent and Crick area now has BT Infinity available. However, there has not been enough interest by residents in outlying villages to make any initiatives viable. Other schemes are being developed all the time via mobile phone and satellite networks which may assist, although at present the ongoing problem is that several different exchanges serve the area.

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