

Caerwent Community Council

Thank you to those of you that commented on the A48 30mph zone. We had a lot of responses all of which have been forwarded to MCC Highways and will be taken into account in the discussions between Highways and the Police over the best solution. Whatever the outcome, if the development at Merton Green goes ahead, then the complete scheme will be put into place. The proposals that were envisaged in the scheme were very much along the lines suggested in many of the responses. The majority at present are broadly in favour of the retention of the 30mph zone.

If you have a concern over a highways or planning matter that you require an explanation of, please let us know. We will always follow up queries and speak to the relevant Officer from MCC or whichever body is responsible. Increasingly we are receiving reports of what appear to be breaches of planning conditions. Enforcement Officers will quickly respond to reports forwarded to them and rely on members of the public and Town and Community Councils for their information.

MCC also have a Conservation Team which advises on the appropriate steps to be taken in ensuring that relevant and sympathetic materials and designs are brought together in planning applications. They too welcome approaches, so if you have a concern about inappropriate alterations to buildings or the condition of a building then please let us know. The team is currently actively working on two high profile problems in the area.

There have been some queries regarding waste bins. Residents of Ash Tree Road and Five Lanes have asked why they have not been issued with blue food waste bins. The reason that Ash Tree Road does not have these bins is because they are flats. It is felt that bins would all be put together with the risk of the wrong bin being returned to residents. There is also the issue of ownership, and if there were to be a problem with the contents of a bin there would be difficulty in identification. Five Lanes do not have blue bins at present as rural areas are not in the pilot scheme - built up areas are more cost efficient. However, both areas will be looked at again over the next few months and ultimately all residents will have blue bins irrespective of area.

Hopefully you will be reading this in time to remind you that we hold a Remembrance Service each year at the Memorial in Caerwent. This year's service is on **Sunday 8th November**, meet at 10.45 a.m. We have found that in recent years more and more people are attending. It would be good to see an even larger attendance this year.

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