### Caerwent Community Council

### Chair's Report December 2016

Happy New Year to you all! Its hard to believe that all of the Christmas festivities are over and for our family its back to school and work. I'm not sure about anyone else, but I'm now looking forward Spring and the end of this cold weather and frosty mornings

scraping the ice off the car!



At the start of this new year I would like to welcome Councillor Bernie Dawson to the Community Council. If you have ever thought of being part of the Community Council, we still have an open vacancy for a Councilor for the Llanvair Discoed Ward. The position is open to anyone over the age of 18 that resides within 3 miles of the Community Council or own/tenant any land/premises or have their only place of work in the area. The vacancy would be filled until May this year when all Councilors have to be re-elected. If you are interested or would like more information about the role of a Community Councillor, then please contact Me or the Clerk (emails below). We would love to speak to you.

Moving on to planning applications considered during our December meeting:

## M4495 PLANNING

# 2016/01301 5 Courthouse Road, Llanfair Discoed Proposed first floor dormer extension and changes to front facade This Council recommends Approval

# 2016/01291 Brookside, Highfield, Caerwent Single Storey Extension This Council recommends Approval

In the last few Chairs Newsletter I have mentioned residents in our villages that have made a difference. In this newsletter I would like to recognise Ray Bedford who has worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the Community Centre and has been heavily involved in the recent refurbishment. Having recently visited the Community Centre I can vouch for the improvements that have been made. The facility looks amazing and I know is extremely well used by a wide variety of groups. Ray's tremendous efforts were recently recognised when he received an award at the Monmouthshire 2016 Volunteer Achievement Award Presentation. From all us, thank you! All your hard work is much appreciated by us all.

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. Of course, you are welcome to stay for the entire meeting but we wont be offended if you leave earlier ©.

Kind Regards

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