

## CHAIR'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2016

Well September officially marks the end of Summer and the start of Autumn, but you wouldn't know it with this September being the hottest on record for 100 years! It's been a glorious few weeks and in our house, we are desperately trying to hold on to the last of the sunshine as we re-adjust to the challenges of the school run and after school activities after the Summer break.

Over the last few months we have been working with MCC and the CPFA writing a business plan to support the transfer of the Caerwent Village Hall back to the community. This process is now in the final stages of agreement and is due to be reviewed in October at the MCC Cabinet Meeting. If agreed, then the ownership of the Village Hall will be transferred to the Community Council. The Hall will continue to be managed by the CPFA but as owners of the Hall, it opens up more avenues for the provision of grants which are needed both to complete the ongoing works and for future enhancements.

On the subject of the defibrillator, the dates for the CPR training are being finalized and will be published shortly. We are also in the process of submitting a grant request for 3 additional defibrillators. These grant requests will be submitted in the coming weeks, although it may take several months before we are told if our application has been successful.

Prior to joining the Community Council, I will admit that I had no idea what the Council did and was oblivious to the fact that they donate money to various causes within the Community. I thought that it may be interesting to highlight a few of the donations agreed in the September meeting:

Caerwent Village Hall & Caerwent Community Centre	£2,000 each	Caerwent Parish Church	£430
Community Newsletter	£500	Caerwent Baptist Chapel, Llanfair Church, St Brides Church	£240 each
Crick Wildlife & Environment Project	£200	Monmouthshire Citizens Advice Bureau	£2500

In addition to the above we donate £125 each to Rogiet and Shirenewton schools as an annual prize. The Council chooses a topic each year and the children are asked to produce something relating to the topic, whether it be a story, poem or drawing. The topic for this year is 'The Olympics.' Like most households, our house certainly embraced the spirit of the Olympics this summer so I look forward to having the opportunity to judge this year's entries.

Moving on to planning applications considered during our September meeting:

### **2016/00852 1 Burton Villas, Caerwent**

**Demolish Existing Metal Garage/Workshop. Erect Two Storey Side Extension to give new Lounge/Study/Master Bedroom.**

This Council recommends **Approval**

Preferably the window reveals should match existing.

### **2015/00916 9 Cadoc Close, Caerwent**

**Extension of garden curtilage to rear and side of property and erection of new side fence, leaving 1 metre border outside fence to keep edge**

This Council recommends **Approval**.

**2016/00833 Casa Mia, Wentwood**

**Demolition of Existing Dwelling, Garage & Stables, Construction of New Replacement Dwelling & Car Parking Area**

This Council recommends **Approval** with conditions:

The concerns are that the design seems out of sympathy with the site. However the principal of taking the old buildings down is completely supported. Single Storey looks to be added on - would prefer 1/3rd stone, 2/3rd wooden cladding so that it appears more integrated. Would prefer the roof in slate. Would be helpful if a CAD drawing is supplied. Recommend that this go to Delegated Committee.

**2016/00963 Athel House, Llanvair Discoed**

Landscaping and development of the rear terrace and garden allowing more access.

This Council recommends **Approval**.

The Community Council meets monthly on the second Thursday of each month (except August). We would love to see you there. Public participation is at the start of the meeting and is your opportunity to have your say. Please feel free to come along.

Regards

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