

## **CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

It will not have escaped your notice that elections were held on 3rd May and in addition to the County Council, members of the Community Councils were also up for re-election. Seats on this Council were returned unopposed except for one which fell vacant. We are looking for someone to fill this vacancy and notices to that effect have been published locally. This term of office shall be for a five year period instead of the usual four.

In the Public Forum this month we had a request from a member of the public for dog waste bins to be placed around the village of Caerwent in addition to the CADW ones. We have agreed to enquire of MCC to see if they will install them as part of the desire to encourage tourists to visit the Roman remains. However, whether we or MCC install them they still need to be used, so we also repeat our plea to dog owners to clean up after their pets.

We were also alerted to a planning application in relation to Great House Farm which we had no notification of. Enquiries have revealed that this application was invalid and, if and when it is deemed valid we will be consulted. We await the documents.

Recent police speed monitoring in the area have recorded that most drivers are staying within the speed limits. Well done for that but be aware that this is an ongoing process and the danger of a fine and 3 points is always there.

The traffic impact survey is still ongoing in relation to School Lane in Caerwent but also extends to the whole area including the potential for 30 mph in Crick. As soon as we hear more we will report it to you.

On the subject of Crick, the lease in respect of the Wildlife Reserve has now been prepared so that project is progressing well.

Allotments are proving more difficult, however there still seems to be a possibility of using a site controlled by the MoD opposite the eastgate junction on the A48 and this is being pursued.

Care rallies in the Base have been under the spotlight of late with their activities possibly ceasing due to damage, theft and litter problems, This has led to the Base Management considering all outside use of the

facilities there. It would be a pity in many ways if these activities do cease as there is a benefit to the local economy.

Residents of Llanfair Discoed have decided to mark the Queen's Jubilee with the planting of an oak tree in the village. Perhaps other communities could consider the same.

Philip Murphy  
CHAIRMAN

**The following planning applications have been considered by the Community Council:**

**2012/00268 20 Trewen Road – Two Storey Extension, Porch and Internal Alterations**

*This Council recommends **Refusal***

Windows should be installed at the front of the building in keeping with neighbouring properties.

**2012/00260 Ashfield, Five Lanes – Erection of Attached Garage/Implement Store and Canopy, Retention of Conservatory as a Design Variation to previous approval**

*This Council recommends **Approval***

Query whether it fits the criteria of H7 as it has already had a substantial extension.

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