

# **CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Notes from the May meeting.**

The new Councillor for the Caerwent ward, Kingsley Stock, was welcomed onto the Council.

**Election of Chair for 2014/15:** Councillor B Counsell was nominated by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Lewis. There being no other nominations Councillor Counsell was duly elected Chair.

**Election of Vice Chair for 2014/15:** Councillor K Evans was nominated by Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Murphy. There being no other nominations Councillor Evans was duly elected Vice Chair.

## **Planning applications considered**

### **2014/00348 Crick Nursing Home**

Proposed Alteration to Existing Car Park Layout, Widening of Existing Vehicular Access

***This Council recommends Approval***

### **2013/00624 Cobbler's Pitch, Highmoor Hill**

***Council noted Appeal lodged with Planning Inspectorate***

## **Other points of interest:**

### **Public Participation**

Mr Edwards raised again the issue of asbestos in the Caerwent Community Centre building. The Chairman advised that a survey is carried out annually, arranged by the Committee and the Council was happy that it is managed effectively. It was agreed however to contact the Health & Safety Executive to seek their confirmation that requirements are being adhered to.

County Councillor Murphy had been alerted by a member of the public to comments on a social media network site questioning his role regarding the Section 106 funding decision. He informed the meeting that he had made it very clear on numerous occasions that he does not and will not sit on the Section 106 Working Group. He has always declared an interest as a Committee Member of the Caerwent Community Centre. If there have been any queries relating to any buildings in our area he will address these as he considers that this is his remit and feels that he would not be doing his job efficiently if he did not. He confirmed that he will not be part of the decision making process regarding the allocation of S106 funding.

### **Time Team Field**

Members of the Community Council met with Sergeant Walshe, MoD, regarding Operation Nightingale, which assists with the rehabilitation and recovery of military personnel injured in Afghanistan. The Council has recently taken over the lease of the Time Team field in Caerwent village and

welcomed proposals for archaeological works by Operation Nightingale. Sgt Walshe confirmed that they would be interested in this, especially as Caerwent is considered to be the best preserved Roman town in Britain.

Sgt Walshe believed that there is a high class Roman villa in the field. The Council outlined the vision of a Jardin de Ville and Sgt Walshe felt that this would work very well alongside any archaeological digs. He suggested flowers/herbs from the Roman period. He further suggested that a research proposal be put to Cadw and that schools/the Caerleon site and Cardiff University also be involved. He advised that there must be an academic element and suggested that a Heritage Lottery Grant may be appropriate.

County Councillor Murphy later informed the Council that a meeting with MCC and Operation Nightingale will be arranged at Beachley in approximately a month's time.

Council considered the final preparations for the seeding of the poppies in the Time Team Field. Councillors Swift/Haddow/Murphy and Trayler-Smith agreed to prepare the site.

Brian Counsell  
Chair

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