

CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

This is the start of a new five year term for all Councillors and at this point we welcome Simon George as a new member of the Council representing the St Brides Ward. Our thanks also go to Richard Trayler-Smith for his many years of service. We will miss his insight. Our thanks go to Karen Haddow, the outgoing Chair for all her hard work.

Members of the public joined us at our May meeting concerned by the speed of vehicles on Sandy Lane and the size of some of them. MCC are due to put in roadside monitors soon so we will be interested in the resultant report.

Concern was also expressed regarding a proposal to deposit a large quantity of soil in Caerwent Quarry on a commercial basis with the long term aim of creating grazing for horses. A site visit had established that more information was required before this Council and indeed MCC Planning could make an objective recommendation regarding it and therefore, as MCC would be re-consulting upon receipt of the further information, this Council deferred its recommendation pending that information.

We received a request that some action be taken to prevent vehicles used by thieves being parked near Caerwent Brook where they could get away quickly. This is being investigated.

There are concerns regarding road subsidence in the St Brides area. Highways engineers are checking this out.

Residents driving on the eastern end of the Merton Green development are concerned about the size of the trees along the A48. This has been investigated and some dead wood will soon be taken out and some further work is planned. More as we get it.

The Council was pleased to agree once again, to provide a Grant to Llanfair Discoed to assist with the “Best Kept Village” competition. The village has won in 2012, 2013 and 2016 so the best of luck for 2017.

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