

CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The matter of residents parking for the flats in Ash Tree Road featured in the Public Participation section of the October meeting of the Council. Subsequent to residents raising their particular concerns, a meeting has been held with the Developer and improvements agreed which, hopefully, will improve the situation.

Highway matters again took up time at the meeting as we were visited by a Highways Officer to explain the results of a traffic survey carried out in the Summer in School Lane, Caerwent. Following on from this meeting the possible closure of School Lane will go out to Statutory Consultation during which any representation can be made. To clarify the position, the proposal is to close the road at the A48 thus making it a dead end with access and egress at the cenotaph. This will be in effect the same as was carried out many years ago in the road past the Burton Homes. The discussion also covered the possible affect on Caerwent and Caerwent Brook on the developments in the north of Caldicot and the possible solutions. It was agreed that as soon as practical a survey will be carried out near St Tathan's to have a benchmark to measure against.

Regretfully, dog fouling is still an issue and the latest complaints come from the Canon Lane area. Please be aware that PCSO's and the Police in general will soon be able to issue £75 fixed penalty notices (this in addition to MCC Officers). The situation is easily avoided if dog walkers remove any fouling as it occurs. We are asked to remind residents that no dogs are allowed on the Playing Fields.

On the matter of Crick and the Village Enhancement Scheme, a list of possible sites for wildlife, flora and allotments has been drawn up and Landowners are to be approached. More as we get it.

We only had one comment relating to the possibility of the Community Council taking over the public toilet in Caerwent. Since the original proposal was put to us MCC have re-appraised the scheme and they are now able to offer a subsidy to those Community Councils who take them on. This will have the affect of reducing the financial burden taken on by them and also reduce the financial affect on Council Tax payers.

Residents of Dinham Road have had more problems with heavy lorries turning into the road off the A48. The problem is "Sat Navs". However, we have had confirmation that signage has been ordered which hopefully will stop this happening.

The road works on the A48 are nearing completion and all installations should be complete by mid November - let's all hope so.

The broken sewage pipeline should also be replaced before Christmas. Not before time, we hear you say!

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