

CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

We have some excellent news this month, following our recommendation, Jackie Williams of Caerwent has been awarded the BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL for services to the community in our area. We, on the Council, are delighted to hear that she has received this well deserved honour. Congratulations Jackie.

Highways are looking into the flooding on the A48 at Crick and have used cameras to investigate the problem – they are now hopefully dealing with the matter.

Welsh Water are visiting our area soon to track down small kiosk style structures, known as private pumping stations, which form part of the sewage network to link the drainage system of a house or housing development to the wastewater network. Changes to the law mean that privately owned pumping stations will be taken into the ownership of water companies by October 2016, so if you think you have one of these structures on your property please contact them direct. There should be a poster in this regard elsewhere in this publication.

We are still trying to find some land for allotments. Most of the land around the villages is owned by MCC or the MoD and we have almost exhausted enquiries with them so are now writing to the Chief Executive of MCC to enquire about any short term leases that may be available. We are still trying!

We have noted correspondence re speed of traffic on Dewstow Road and have reported this to the Police to ask them to keep a closer watch on this. Be warned!

Just a quick reminder that from 1st July there will be new style refuse collections in this area. No more black bags will be collected, all your non recyclable rubbish goes into the new grey coloured bags that should have been delivered to each household and you can leave out two per fortnight only. Garden waste now goes into a brown bag and you can get one of these by contacting MCC online, calling them on 01633 644705 or a local One Stop Shop, but there is a charge for this. If you haven't received your supply of bags and the leaflet explaining everything, please contact MCC.

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

2012/00918 Bradbury Farm, Crick

Repairs & Alterations to 2 Barns and their Surrounding Site to Convert Into a Dwelling Including a Drive and On-Site Parking

*This Council recommends **Refusal***

No indication of where the septic tanks and soakaways are to be sited. Clarification of the siting of the septic tank is required and its relationship to the sensitive watercourse. The issue of land saturation and flooding is already a concern in Crick. All 60+ properties have septic tanks and soakaways. The barns are within 20 metres of Crick Brook (although 'No' is ticked on planning form) and this flows directly into the Nedern Wetlands. The Barns did flood 14 years ago. Concern about surface water and durability of material suggested for driveway.

There are trees on the proposed site (planning form is ticked 'No'). Reassurance required that the existing trees and hedges remain in line with the Ecological Survey to preserve the visual amenity and also absorb noise. Active swallow nests have been found in Barn 2.

Will increase vehicle numbers by 50% accessing the single track lane. Concern over access to the site by lorries during the process and having to use adjacent property driveways for turning purposes.

Barn 2 has a roof of corrugated asbestos sheeting. This needs to be removed and disposed of appropriately. Timber cladding not in keeping with other properties – should be stone front and back. Land ownership/boundaries have been raised by owners of Bradbury Farm.

2012/00515 Penhein Cottage, Llanfair Discoed

To provide a 'Glamping' Site Consisting of 10 Alachighs & 1 Communal Alachigh together with a Shower Block and Wood Store

*This Council recommends **Approval***

Traffic should be directed via the Gas Troggy Road rather than Five Lanes and this should be stated in any brochures or advertising.

2013/00382 9 Eastgate Crescent, Caerwent

Demolition of Single Storey Annexe and Construction of Two Storey Rear Extension and Single Storey Side Extension to Provide Granny Annexe, Single Storey Lounge, Kitchen, Utility Room and Shower/WC. Conversion of Roof Space into Bedroom Accommodation

*This Council recommends **Approval***