

CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

This month saw the introduction to the Council of Dagmar Vosloo who has taken over from Steve Parrish as one of the representatives of Llanfair Discoed. Steve represented the Ward for a number of years and we take this opportunity to thank him for his efforts on behalf of the Community. We look forward to working with Dagmar and thank her for coming forward. It is not always appreciated how much work is put in by Community Councillors who are consulted on such issues as planning, highways, licensing, asset management and a variety of other issues. This input is valued highly by MCC who rely on Community Councils for local feedback to ensure that residents' views are taken into account when decisions are made thus trying to take measured views as much as possible.

Such views recently collected concerned the blocking off at the A48 end of School Lane in Caerwent. The views passed on to the Highways Department will be combined with the evidence of traffic surveys which will now take place in the area to try to predict the traffic flows if such a decision is taken.

Residents of Merton Green/Ash Tree Road now have the opportunity of having regular meetings with the Supervisor on site. This is a much welcomed move and it is hoped that meetings will already have taken place by the time this Newsletter is published. It was originally intended that these meetings be set up at the start of the development but regretfully they were delayed. It is to be hoped that site related problems can be ironed out easily as a result of these meetings.

This Council, having now been funded by MCC out of the monies due to be paid by Barratts, has now commenced the process of buying the Old Gym in Lawrence Crescent for the community. This will not only save the facility for the community but will also prevent the MoD from trying to get permission to sell it for housing or some other purpose.

MCC are in the process of consulting with Town and Community Councils over the running of Public Conveniences. Such a consultation has taken place with this Council. With the cuts in funding from the Welsh Assembly Government in response to the economic downturn, County Councils are having to try to retain facilities for communities by methods other than funding them directly. If the decision is to close public toilets, Councils such as Caerwent Community Council will be invited to either accept the closure or take over the running of them. This Council recognizes the importance of the one we have to tourists and residents alike and we therefore await MCC's decision when it is made, so that we can react appropriately to the situation.

Residents will have noted that, at last, the promised sewage works are now being carried out. We mentioned in previous months that engineers assured us that the works now being carried out will solve the problems that have persisted in the area for far too long. Let's hope so. If it fails in any way we would be grateful for immediate notification.

We appear to be getting closer to the provision of allotments in the area. When we know details for certain we will let you know. Councillor Swift is heading up the

Village Enhancement Scheme for Crick. Would anyone interested in forming a small group to explore any possibilities under this scheme please let us know.

The renovation of Shirefield Lane is progressing but has fallen behind schedule due to the large amount of repair work required. This contract has been extended to ensure completion.

Phil Murphy
CHAIRMAN

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

2010/00461 Demolition of Existing Outbuilding, Erection of Double Garage, Driveway & 1.2m Boundary Wall, New House, Green Lane, Caerwent
This Council recommends Approval

2010/00426 Two Storey Extension, 8 Vernon Grove, Caerwent
This Council recommends Approval

2010/00460 Demolish Existing Conservatory and Construct New Sun Room, 16 St Tathan's Place, Caerwent
This Council recommends Approval

2010/00484 Change of Use of Existing Offices into Residential Dwelling, Cribau Mill, The Cwm
This Council recommends Approval

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