MATTERS ARISING UPDATE - July 2013

Circular Walk

Written to MCC and MoD – no reply.

Time Team Field

Requested clarification from MCC Legal re signature sheet on lease – no reply.

Cwrt Morgan Adoption

Councillor Evans to report.

Provision of Allotments

Written again to Bailey Homes - no reply as yet.

Written to Chief Executive of MCC re short term leases - no reply. Reminded.

Provision of Dog Friendly Stiles

Councillors Counsell/Lewis to report.

Caerwent Play Area Equipment

MCC carry out monthly inspections but only contact organisations if any works are required – always send an annual report. Site meeting with Tim O'Donovan arranged for Monday 8th July at 10.30 a.m.

Caerwent Village Hall/Playing Fields Rent Increase

Meeting arranged with CPFA for Tuesday 16th July 7.00 p.m. in Burton Homes Hall.

Caerwent Toilets

Any DDA compliancy grants available:

Lottery funding not available - "not an appropriate use of lottery funding".

Contacted Community Development Officer at GAVO but most grants are available to third sector organisations. She will discuss with her colleagues to check other sources.

Contacted Mike Moran re the Village Community Facilities Capital Investment Programme – not the right vehicle to provide funding, the basic premise of this programme is to provide funding for community facilities that will increase usage, thereby increasing income and in turn making the facilities (and the rural economy) more sustainable. Things like improved facilities at village halls and community centres that will increase the number of activities and users, etc.

Mike Moran did refer to our Time Team field project for use as a picnic site and as the toilets are located close there could be an argument for using some S106 funding to improve the toilets for use in connection with the picnic site.

Further advice from Mike -

The Disability Discrimination Act does place a duty on public bodies (including local authorities) to provide disabled access to public buildings, so there is a duty placed upon the Community Council to make the toilets accessible for people with disabilities. Realistically, if you have not done this you should have a plan in place to make them accessible at some point in the future.

Bradbury Farm Proposed Play Area

No progress.

Westgate Cottage area, Caerwent (Highways concerns)

Reply from Highways that they have inspected site and at present can see no reason to carry out any surfacing/repair work of the carriageway at this location. There is some crazing of the antiskid screed, but this is only superficial, and the carriageway is useable and fit for purpose, and no hazards are present. The carriageway is part of our routine inspection regime and any future defects will be highlighted and addressed periodically.

In regard to the section of verge which may or may not have been a footway previously, they can see no purpose that this section as a footway would serve. The footway coming from the village direction runs to the gate of West Gate Cottage, and does not carry on past the house so in effect having the verge area as footway will serve no benefit to anyone.

Green Lane House area, Caerwent (lack of Footpath)

Chairman to report.

Caerwent Community Centre

Councillor Swift to report on any lease document available.

Speed Limit, Crick

Councillor Swift to report.

Freedom of Information Requests

Costs December 2012 to current – £476.55.