Caerwent Community Council

Notes from the June meeting

Planning applications considered

2014/00350 Cedar Lodge, Crick

Building Plot for 1 House

This Council recommends Refusal

Inappropriate infill

Increased traffic on a lane where there is no pavement

No indication on plans as to where the proposed septic tanks are to be sited Destruction of an ancient wall

Loss of mature trees

2013/01065 Brook House Cottage, Crick (re-submission)

Proposed New Stone Boundary Walls & Timber Personnel Gates Providing Improved Security Adjacent to Public Highway.

This council recommends Approval

2014/00505 7 Kilpale Close, Caerwent

Rear Single Storey Kitchen Extension

This Council recommends Approval

Other points of interest:

Public Participation

Mr Edwards was concerned that in the latest newsletter he was quoted as mentioning asbestos within the Caerwent Community Centre when he had only referred to the roof. The Chairman informed him that we took the complaint as referring to the whole site.

The Chairman informed Mr Edwards that we had contacted the Health & Safety Executive to enquire if they could carry out a survey for us. They had advised us that they are not permitted to offer a health & safety consultancy service. They advised that MCC is our enforcement authority, not the H & S Executive. MCC had previously recommended us a company called Santia (H & S Executive approved) for advice and annual inspections and they had in fact been contracted by the Committee to carry out said inspections. Santia advice is that we should have annual inspections, good practice would be to apply warning labels and a management plan and policy should be in place. The Chairman confirmed that all of these guidelines are being adhered to. Santia advised that most buildings from 1940-90 have asbestos but most of it is low risk.

Mr Edwards was still concerned about the 1938 asbestos which he felt should be sealed as it was liable to break down. The Chairman advised him that as this Council and the Caerwent Community Centre Committee are adhering to all required guidelines, he contact the consultants Santia direct. The Clerk will provide contact details.

Correction to last month's article: County Councillor Murphy informed the meeting that he had made it very clear on numerous occasions that he does sit on the Section 106 Working Group but has not attended any meetings where the allocation of funding from the Merton Green development has been discussed.

Monthly Police Report - Pcso Norville reported on numerous shed break-ins in the Five Lanes area – patrols have been increased in this area when possible, and all victims have been visited and crime prevention advice has been given along with the issue of shed alarms.

The Clerk reported the theft of one of the Council's benches on the A48 – this has been reported to the police and to our insurance company.

Councillor Murphy reported that a NATO summit will be held on 4/5 September in the Celtic Manor and at Cardiff Bay. There will be 150 protected persons from 30 countries, 5/10,000 support staff, 20,000 protestors, 1500 news and press and 9,000 police. Nearer the date there will be further information on road diversions, traffic delays, etc.

Brian Counsell Chair

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