

## **CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

For a little while now we have been looking at a suggestion to re-instate the village water pumps in Caerwent. Historical data has informed us of their original positions and indeed part of one of them still exists. Our thanks go to the residents who have brought this to our attention.

Three new dog waste bins have now been installed in our area – the locations are Caerwent eastgate, Green Lane and Lawrence Crescent. We hope that these additional bins will help to alleviate our dog fouling problems.

Our heartfelt thanks to the ever increasing numbers who attend the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph. Whatever the weather the numbers seem to improve each year and with the fine day this year it was no exception.

Regretfully there have been complaints about the inadequate marshalling of traffic at the Bonfire event. We will endeavour to get this improved if the function is held again next year.

This month we received an update on the future of Citizens Advice Services in the area. This Council has for a long time supported the Bureaux in Caldicot and Chepstow to help ensure that the service continues. The Caldicot Bureaux handles some 4000 referrals per year and is therefore a vital resource. The four Monmouthshire Bureaux which are substantially funded by Monmouthshire County Council are to merge to enable them to be better placed to win contracts under new “Commissioning” arrangements but each of the existing facilities will be maintained. Having considered the matter, Members concluded that the support for the Service should continue.

MCC are intending to freeze Council Tax at its present level again next year and are going out to consultation on it. We have reviewed our precept for the coming year and have decided that the Caerwent Ward levy will also be frozen at last year’s level.

PHIL MURPHY  
Chairman

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

**2012/00852 Per Ardua, Carrow Hill**

Garage/Workshop

*This Council recommends **Approval***

**2012/00737 The Glen, St Brides**

New House to Replace Existing

*This Council recommends **Refusal***

The Glen is a particular example of a very local Monmouthshire vernacular and the epitome of “the country cottage”. Should be preserved as part of our local, and indeed, our national architectural history and heritage. The proposed design is a typically contemporary pastiche of ancient and modern more suited to the urban executive home rather than this landscape which is recognised as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. A large number of trees have been removed – some of which were mature specimen examples – some 70 years in age. The magnolia tree was an excellent specimen. Query approval sought for removal of trees. Existing access to the property is shown as being retained. However the existing access has already been altered without permission – query if stream has been piped under a new culvert. Not in keeping with surrounding area. Recommend a site visit.