

Caerwent Community Council

Chair's Report October 2016

In last month's letter I mentioned that we had been working with CPFA on the asset transfer of the Village Hall back to the community. MCC Committee reviewed the business plan on October 5th and the proposal was approved. This is now with the legal teams to finalise and we are hopeful that this will be completed in the next few months. The transfer of the Village Hall back to the community opens up opportunities for applying for grants for the Hall.

On the subject of the defibrillator, the first CPR training date has been agreed for 17th November at 6.30pm at the Village Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact Me or the Clerk (email below). A further session will be scheduled early December. I recently attended a St John's Ambulance First Aid course where part of the training focused on CPR. Whilst the prospect of having to put the skills into practice is daunting, I feel more confident having had the training. I would encourage you to take up this opportunity of the training in our village. With regards to the installation of the Defibrillator at the Coach and Horses, I am waiting on the delivery of the bracket and would expect this to be installed in the next few weeks.

During our October meeting, we were provided an overview of the Living Levels Landscape Partnership project that is being undertaken by RSPB in partnership with a number of other organisations. The Living Levels Partnership has many aims including capturing and telling the history of the Gwent Levels. The project have arranged a 'pop up' event at the Caerwent Village Hall on December 8th 2pm-6pm where they would love to hear your stories about the Gwent Levels and get your views on this incredible landscape. Please feel free to turn up and find out more.

It has been brought to our attention that notices have been placed in a number of phone boxes around the villages advising that they are being removed and a contact number to register any concerns. CCC were not aware that these notices were being placed and I would encourage anyone with any concerns to view these notices and register their concerns as per the notice.

I would also like to draw your attention to the reduction in the speed limit on Crick Road and Shirenewton Road in Crick. Two notices have been placed on the lamp posts advising that the speed limit will be reduced to 30mph. We are seeking clarification from MCC as to when these speed limits will come into effect and would expect that the appropriate signage is visible at that time.

Moving on to planning applications considered during our October meeting:

M4474 PLANNING

2016/01114 Coach & Horses Public House, Caerwent

Minor Amendment to approved single storey extension to retain existing cellar wall and a small increase in the size of the cellar and kitchen

This Council recommends Approval

To consider any planning applications received after despatch of agenda

A query had been received regarding the current situation re The Old School in Caerwent. The Clerk advised that an amended application had been received by MCC.

To consider proposal regarding installation of radio mast in the Llanvair Road area

A letter had been received from Clarke Telecom on behalf of Vodafone and Telefonica Ltd requesting comments on the proposed installation of a radio mast on MoD land in the Llanvair Road area. Agreed that this is a necessity to obtain coverage, but this is the wrong location. Much more discrete appropriate sites are available further back on MoD land which are not near houses or along a major trunk road.

If anyone has ever thought about being a part of the Community Council, we have a vacancy for a Councillor. The position is open to anyone over the age of 18 that resides within 3 miles of the Community Council or own/tenant any land/premises or have their only place of work in the area. The vacancy would be filled until May next year when all Councilors have to be re-elected. If you are interested then please contact the Clerk (email below).

In our Community, there are lots of people that give up their time to make a difference and I thought it would be nice to recognize the contribution that these people or groups make. This month, CCC would like to say a big Congratulations to Llanfair Discoed for winning Best Kept Village and Thank You to all those that made winning possible. Also, a big Thank You to Linda Tawton who regularly carries out litter picking up and down the verge from Crick to Bennet's Farm in Caerwent. If there is anyone that you would like recognize and thank, please contact me (email below).

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