

As I have previously mentioned I have recently taking up running in an effort to get fit and whilst it's a real effort to get out and run in the cold (and sometimes rain), it is really on these runs that I get to take in what a beautiful village we live in and the fantastic countryside around us. I feel very lucky to live in such a beautiful village.

Several years ago, the Caerwent Community Council set up an annual educational award for Rogiet and Shirenewton schools. Each year the children are asked to submit their entries from a topic chosen by the Council and the winning entries are awarded book vouchers. Last year we chose 'The Olympics' and on Friday 27th January I get the opportunity to visit both schools to judge the entries. I am really looking forward to seeing the entries and I am aware that in previous year's the standard has been outstanding.

The following planning applications considered during our January meeting:

**M4514 PLANNING**

**2016/00909 Change of Use of Infant School to Single Family Dwelling, Caerwent**

This Council recommends refusal but would be minded to approve if the following were included:

An alternative to the dormer windows on the front elevation west.  
Prefer obscure glass in the extended window on the rear elevation east.

The Bat Survey is out of date.

**2016/01277 - Land at Five Lanes, Proposed Agricultural Building**

This Council recommends approval.

Only to be used for forestry storage/application and any timber felling carried out under licence.

**To consider any planning applications received after despatch of agenda:**

**2016/01471 8 Bishop Close, Caerwent  
Second Storey Extension Over Garage**

This Council recommends Approval.

In the last few Chairs Newsletter's I have mentioned residents in our villages that have made a difference. In this newsletter I would like to recognise Lynne Lovell. Lynne has given up her own time to keep our village looking clean and can regularly be seen litter picking around the village. From all of us, a big Thank You to Lynne!

Our Community Council meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month (no meeting in August) and anyone is welcome to attend. At the beginning of each meeting there is 15 minutes of public participation which is your opportunity to tell us about any concerns you may have. Please feel free to just turn up on the evening of the meeting.

Kind Regards

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