

CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The issue of dog fouling has again raised its head especially in the area of the Roman wall and Roman remains in general. Cadw have asked us to assist them in requesting that dog owners are responsible and take measures to collect up any mess, thus preventing the problem from escalating. The view of this Council is that dog walkers should take this matter very seriously. Cadw can withdraw the facility to dogs if the problem persists.

On a similar vein the Committee of the Playing Fields has asked us to point out that no dogs are permitted on the Playing Fields.

As pointed out recently MCC have asked the Community Council to consider running the Public Conveniences in Caerwent. Budget restraints, as you will be aware, have caused the County Council to review every aspect of its services and concluded that it cannot continue to support the facility. They may however, from next April transfer the ownership to the Community Council. The effect of this, if we take it on, is to transfer the costs to the local community. Present costings would add around £10 per year to each Council Tax Bill because the precept paid to the Community Council would have to rise accordingly and this is divided amongst the Council Tax payers in the Community. We would like to get a response from residents on this matter. Do you consider the toilets to be an asset to the community especially the tourism aspect and as a facility to bus drivers? Or do you consider that they should close? Do you have any other views? Please write or email us with your views.

We were delighted to see residents of Crick at a meeting of a potential group set up under the "Tidy Towns" initiative. This group would aid Biodiversity, possibly set up allotments etc depending on support and suitable sites/funding being available. Please contact Kay Swift, Crick Community Councillor, if you would like to be involved.

Residents of Carrow Hill need to be aware of long term highway works between the village and Undy starting on 11th October until 5th December or as soon as the works are completed. This work is long overdue.

We are chasing up Welsh Water regarding the sewage pipe at Eastgate, Caerwent. There has been a delay in planning further works that have been identified. However, we still expect the work to be undertaken shortly.

Residents may wish to note that the Hearing on the Open Spaces application on Merton Green will take place in Caerwent Village Hall in mid November. Proposals regarding the possible closure of School Lane are being drawn up and will be consulted upon shortly.

There have been further problems of late regarding Lorries turning into Dinham Road heading for the Base. Urgent steps are being taken to remedy this. We will keep you advised on developments.

Do you wish to join us? A vacancy for a Dinham Ward Councillor is currently available. If you are interested please get in touch.

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