

CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

We hope you had a good Summer and feel rested ready for Winter.

Those in Caerwent who have had to endure the lorries travelling to the Redrow site in Caldicot will be far from rested. The position with such vehicles is that without a weight limit on the road, any taxed and insured vehicle can use it. MCC Highways staff have tried to influence the site management, with some success to encourage drivers to use the preferred route via Church Road Caldicot although that route has had its problems.

As regards traffic problems in Caerwent, Highways Officers have carried out a survey in the area and are formulating a plan to deal with issues in general. We hope to keep residents informed of progress on this soon.

We have been asked to submit street name suggestions for the Merton Green site. Suggestions based on locally associated names (farms, villages etc) were Ash Tree Road, Kilpale Road, Caradoc Court and Merton Green.

Progress is being made regarding the purchase by the Community Council of the Old Gym in Lawrence Crescent. As soon as this is achieved we will let residents know. This is a very valuable asset to the community and its retention is very important.

Regretfully our hopes of getting allotments in the area have been dashed by the MoD. Accordingly we have now asked the Rural Development team at GAVO (Gwent Association of Voluntary Organizations) who have expertise in this area to assist. Hopefully other sites can be identified.

We have mentioned in previous issues that we had asked MCC's street lighting engineer to report on the possibility of extra lighting as a "lever" to try to get the speed limit lowered in Crick. This is now on hold due to budgetary restraints.

MCC has decided to cease to support the Public Toilets in Caerwent – more cuts due to reductions in support from the Welsh Assembly Government. This Council is looking into the possibility of taking them over in recognition of their value to the community and tourists alike. We will let you know how we get on.

Residents of Llanfair Discoed were invited to a Public Meeting relating to the provision of affordable housing in the village. There was general acceptance that there was a need for such provision in the area and 28 such properties are being made available in Caerwent at Merton Green. Welsh Assembly officials had determined that the area needs 35 such dwellings and therefore MCC Officers are attempting to locate further small sites. Any dwellings would be subject to MCC's policy in that in developments of under 15 affordable properties, the allocation has to be to local people or key workers in the community. However, it was felt at the meeting that none of the potential sites were suitable because, amongst other reasons, the lack of mains sewerage pipes put the sites at such a disadvantage that they should be rejected. Officers will now consider representations made and re-consult in the Autumn.

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