

CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair's Report - June 2016

The summer sun has disappeared yet the pollen count is still high wreaking hayfever havoc in our house! That said, I am still willing the sun to re-appear so we can enjoy the great British summer. I hope that by the time this letter has been published, we will be basking in the glorious sunshine again.

The changeable weather hasn't impacted the building works at the Village Hall which are progressing at pace. It's great to see such progress. Once finished, it's certainly going to be a Hall to be proud of. Work on the Community Centre is due to start in July, so it really is a busy time in our Village. Whilst both projects have received 106 funding, the Village Hall and the Community Centre Committees have invested a huge amount of time and effort in raising additional funds to support their projects and should be commended on their efforts.

I recently popped by the playing fields for the Football Association presentation evening. CCC recently donated money to the football club to help with providing a team kit to the children. It was lovely to see the number of children that are involved in the Caerwent football club and it's certainly a club that is going from strength to strength.

Our application for a defibrillator has been submitted and we are waiting to hear if our application has been successful. Thank you to the Chepstow Lions for the support they are providing us. Once the first one is installed, then we will be considering the provision of additional defibrillators in the neighbouring villages. We would still like to pursue having a number "Community First Responders" who would be trained to give medical assistance until the emergency services arrived. If you would be interested in being trained as a First Responder, please email the Clerk on the email address below.

For those that walk the Roman Wall, you may have noticed some additional dog fouling signs have been erected on the fences in response to the complaints we received. You may also have noticed two additional signs on the entrance to the Caerwent Playing Fields. Unfortunately, two other dog fouling signs have been removed so these will be replaced soon.

The following planning applications were considered at this month's CCC meeting:

(Councillor Lewis had declared an interest in application 2016/00446 and left the room during the discussion and decisioning of this application.)

2016/00446 Cobbler's Pitch, Highmoor Hill

Change of use from holiday let cottage to ancillary use

*This Council recommends **Approval***

2016/00357 The Old Forge, Llanfair Discoed

Extension with external and internal alternations

*This Council recommends **Approval***

2016/00627 Ty Melys, Five Lanes South

Change of use from domestic garage to ancillary living accommodation

A vote was taken with the result being 5 for Approval/1 against/1 abstention

*This Council recommends **Approval***

As always, you are welcome to come along to our monthly meetings. Public participation is at the start of the meeting and its your opportunity to have your say. You are then welcome to stay for the meeting and listen to the agenda items or we wont be offended if you leave after public participation has finished. The meetings are held at Burton Homes on the second Thursday of every month (except August). We would love to see you!

Regards

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