

## **CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

To fill current vacancies Brian Counsell was elected as Chair and Kevin Evans as Vice Chair until the Annual Meeting in May 2014.

### **Planning applications considered:**

22013/01154 Underwood Cottage, Llanfair Discoed

Extending Curtilage of Site Boundaries to Encompass the Area of Land Outside of Southern Boundary which contains Existing Septic Tank Drainage System. This Council recommends Approval

2014/00052 Listed Building Consent, Brook Cottage, Crick

Proposed New Stone Boundary Walls and Timber Personnel Gates Providing Improved Security Adjacent to Public Highway. This Council recommends Approval

2014/00196 Advertisement Consent, The Post Office, Caerwent

To replace existing hanging sign with an up-to-date Post Office regulated sign. This Council recommends Approval

Welsh Government Proposals to Reform the Planning System in Wales - noted.

### **Other points of interest –**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Leaworthy, Landscape & Grounds, Mon CC to the meeting who had been invited to advise us on wildflower and red poppy planting in the community. Mr Leaworthy explained that MCC is producing a Pollinator Policy and there will be a number of changes in the way it maintains its open spaces, highway verges and horticultural displays.

Annual bedding displays of daffodils/begonias will be replaced with wildflower mixes.

He advised that Yellow Rattle, an indigenous species, has been seeded in areas identified by a yellow top post. These areas will be cut once at the end of the year and then raked. Approximately 13,000 sq metres have been seeded on highway verges. They grow to approximately 12/14" high and sites have been agreed in conjunction with the Highways Department.

Red poppies combined with an annual mix will be seeded by MCC in cemeteries and at war memorials to mark the centenary of WW1.

Councillor Evans informed Mr Leaworthy that this Council also wishes to plant red poppies and sought his advice in doing so. Mr Leaworthy advised on best practice regarding planting.

### **Caerwent Village Green**

The Community Council has over recent months been researching the origins and ownership of an area of land close to the cenotaph that has historically been known as the 'Village Green.' Our research has shown that whilst evidence exists that this area was at one time deemed to be the 'Village Green' no formal registration of the land was ever made.

Consequently the land currently remains unregistered and part of the highway maintainable at public expense; having sought legal advice the council does not intend to pursue registration of this land.

Therefore the Council would like to make it known that it no longer holds any interest in this land and will not be undertaking any further action into the ownership.

### **Highways**

Council considered the lack of street lighting on Castroggy Road to Llanfair Discoed. County Councillor Murphy reported that he had met with the Highways Engineer who had agreed reflective posts and improved white lining. He will also investigate any power in the area in order to provide post mounted lights.

### **Lawrence Crescent Noticeboard**

This is to be re-sited at the entrance to Dinham Road on the highways verge.

Brian Counsell – Chair

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