

## **CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

During the August break we were engaged in the selection process for a new Community Councillor for the Dinham area. We are pleased to welcome Andy Fox who lives within the Ward and look forward to working with him.

The main news over the August break was the filing by the Merton Green Action Group of their challenge to the Developer over the “open spaces” issue. This action will now put matters on hold whilst the Developer considers their position (they have 42 days to challenge). Depending on the response that could be a long legal process and, accordingly, at present there seems little chance of any development. Barratts have submitted an alteration to their scheme which reduces the density to 132 from 147 and includes more detached dwellings. However, there are planning issues which will need to be addressed before the application can be considered further. In the meantime we continue to press Welsh Water for the promised sewage work. There may however be a delay as the fundraising will now unlikely be provided by the Developer within the timescale originally envisaged. It is to be hoped that this can be overcome.

We still await news from the MoD on their intended disposal of the Old Gym in Lawrence Crescent which would come from the Developer of Merton Green to secure the facility. This money will now be considerably delayed or even possibly no longer available. It is to be hoped that we can still secure the property for the community.

The A48 30mph zone which has attracted much comment was also part of the above scheme. We do not know at present what the situation is there but will endeavour to get some clarity.

Several residents have requested allotments and you will be aware from previous newsletters that we have applied to MCC for some sites. We now understand that the new County Farms Manager is reviewing the availability of sites and hopes to come back to us shortly.

Llanfair Discoed has had footpath work completed together with road re-surfacing over the last month or so. Carrow Hill and Highmoor Hill areas have also had road surfacing work. Whilst a considerable amount has been done it may well be a wait until next year before further works can be carried out to finish the job. MCC Highways are concentrating on water drainage work and this will take priority in the current budget round.

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