

## **MATTERS ARISING UPDATE – April 2013**

### **Merton Green**

Chairman to report on parking issue.

### **Caerwent Village Enhancement Scheme**

Concerns from Mr Harris, Myrtle Cottage – Highways Manager had visited the site. Sign pole will be moved to a different location.

### **Circular Walk**

Chairman/Councillor Counsell to report.

### **Time Team Field**

No progress.

### **Cwrt Morgan Adoption**

Councillor Evans to report.

### **Provision of Allotments**

This will be discussed with the MoD on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Provision of Dog Friendly Stiles**

Councillors Councillor/Lewis to report.

### **Dog Waste Bins**

Four further bins ordered for Llanfair Discoed, Canon Lane, Ash Tree Road and Llanfair Road. Councillor Cousins had confirmed that Barratts will finance one of these.

### **Proposed re-instatement of Village Pumps**

Councillor Counsell had gathered all required information for the grant application which had now been sent into MCC. Council to discuss any possible funding required.

### **Best Kept Village Signage, Llanfair Discoed**

Councillor Vosloo to report.

### **Caerwent Village Hall/Playing Fields Rent Increase**

Reply from Legal Services of MCC that he does not believe that the 1937 Act precludes the County Council from charging a commercial rent for the premises. The Act specifically uses the words, “...at a nominal **or other** rent...” and points out that the County Council currently has a policy of awarding rental grants to organisations which can be up to as much as a 95% reduction in the rent payable.

The lease of the village hall is currently between the County Council and the Community Council. If CPFA wish to be the council's tenant under the lease, the Community Council will have to agree to the lease being assigned to the CPFA. The

County Council would seek a guarantee from the Community Council for the rent, if it and the Community Council were in agreement that the lease can be assigned to the CPFA.

### **Caerwent Toilets**

Still awaiting condition report – Chairman chasing.

### **Website Funding from Welsh Government**

Invitation to meeting arranged for Thursday 25th April, 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm at the Royal British Legion in Usk.

### **Bradbury Farm Proposed Play Area**

Chairman to report.

### **Exposed BT Cables, Crossroads, Caerwent**

BT had attended.

### **Verge Collapse, Salisbury Farm, St Brides**

Reply from Highways that verge belongs to land owner – they are therefore not able to carry out any works.

### **Play Inspections – Trewen/Llanfair Discoed**

Quote received from MCC of £25 + VAT per play area for a monthly inspection (currently have annual). They advise this to cover the Council with regards to BSEN1176/1177 European standard for children's play.