

## **CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

At the June meeting of the Council genuine concern was raised over a proposal that was sent to residents of the Ash Tree Road area about the possible re-numbering etc of the flats. Following feedback from the residents a way was found to name and number the roads on the Barratts development without having to change any of the current addresses. We would like to thank all who made representations and hope that everyone is happy with the outcome.

There has been some concern raised over cyclists on the A48 again in that they are not using the cycle lane thus holding up traffic. We will see if we can get better signage. As regards the design of the A48 at Caerwent, this passed a safety audit prior to the work being commissioned and is designed to enforce the 30 mph limit there.

The Public Enquiry into the proposal to close School Lane in Caerwent has been delayed for further consideration and will be reviewed in a few weeks time. Full publicity will be given to this when the time comes and those with firmly held views will have the opportunity to present them at that time. For those who are unfamiliar with the proposals, the idea is to close the access to and from the A48 to prevent increased traffic using Caerwent as a through route thus helping to ensure safety over what will increasingly be a walking route.

We have been approached by some residents who would like the Council minutes to be published on the website more quickly than they are. There has been a problem with the links but that has now been remedied. The rules are that we must ratify the minutes of the last meeting at the next one and then publish them. However we are looking into the possibility of getting them published with the minimum of delay.

For those who feel energetic but wish to go as far as they can by car, Cadw have now put a small car park near the Llanmelin Hill Fort. This site is well worth a visit so now that it is more accessible why not visit it. It is off the lane to Shirenewton from Llanfair Discoed.

The public toilets are now fully open in Caerwent. As these suffered vandalism at the start of our ownership we must all hope that this does not happen again. Perhaps residents will be good enough to keep an eye on them.

The dog waste bins have been installed at the roman wall. Please use them and can we repeat our plea to all dog walkers to remove any droppings for the benefit of others.

We are in the process of producing a "Welcome to Caerwent" booklet which will be delivered to the new residents of the Merton Green site. Several groups have indicated that they would like to contribute to it. If you would like to do so please let us know.

The fire continues to burn at Wormtech and does so on instructions from the Fire Service and Environment Agency. It will go out in time so we will all have to be patient.

Well done to the villagers at Llanfair Discoed for the hard work in readiness for the Best Kept Village competition. Let us hope it results in a win.

We have been requested to find out if the shared areas in the flats at Ash Tree Road and Lawrence Crescent are able to be used as smoking areas. They are not and Monmouthshire Housing will shortly put up signs and seek to enforce them – so be warned.

Phil Murphy, Chairman

**The following planning applications were considered by the Community Council:**

**2011/00360/ST Advertisement**

**Construction of 1 Tri Hoarding & 5 Flags, (Tri Hoarding & 2 Flags already erected), Merton Green, Caerwent**

*This Council recommends Approval*

**2011/00366/ST**

**Construction of 2 Storey Extension to Replace Approved Application 2006/00269 and Construction of a Single Storey Lounge Extension, Crick Nursing Home, Crick**

*This Council recommends Refusal*

Recommend Site Visit

A separate appraisal of sewage arrangements is required.

Light Encroachment

Current hedge screening is not adequate as is very open in nature

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