

CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair's Report July/August 2016

Our fellow Councillor and friend, Kingsley Stock, sadly passed away on July 24th. Kingsley joined the Community Council in May 2014 and not only brought a wealth of experience to the Council but also his drive and passion for making a difference. Kingsley was active in the Council, even at times where he was poorly, and showed determination, courage and always a sense of humour. He really was one of life's true gentlemen and will be sadly missed by us all. My thoughts and prayers are with all of Kingsley's family.

In the last Newsletter, I mentioned that our application for a defibrillator had been submitted. I am delighted to confirm that the application has been successful and I have taken delivery of the defibrillator and training kits. I would like to say a big Thank You to Caldicot and Chepstow Lions, and in particular Ray Nash, for all of the support through the grant application process and for purchasing the defibrillator for the Village. We will now be working with the Coach and Horses to agree the installation. In parallel to this work, we are setting up some CPR training. The dates are to be confirmed, but if you would like to attend, please send me or the Clerk an email (addresses below). Once we have confirmed dates and venues we will then be in touch to finalise the arrangements. I'm sure that you will agree that this a valuable asset to the Community.

Despite a week of good weather before and scorching days after, the day of the Caerwent annual show was fraught with bad weather. Despite the torrential downpours and blustery winds, the show went ahead and true Community spirit shone through with people supporting the Caerwent Playing Fields Association and all those that helped to make it a success. As a family, we enjoyed a delicious piece of home made cake in the Tea Room in the Village Hall extension, a hot dog from the BBQ, a walk around the stalls and not forgetting a quick stop at the Bar. This walkaround provided the opportunity to savor the transformation of the Village Hall. What an amazing achievement! Since the beginning of the year, we have been working with Monmouthshire County Council to transfer ownership of the Village Hall back to the Caerwent Community Council. This is now in the final stages of approval and I hope to be able to provide a further update in the next Newsletter.

Work on the Community Centre is in progress and I hope to visit over the next few weeks to see progress and will provide an update in the next newsletter.

The following planning applications were considered at the July CCC Meeting (no meeting in August):

2016/00585 Saved Cottage, Highmoor Hill

Erection of a building to provide feed and machinery storage

This Council recommends Approval

Condition – building should remain for agricultural purposes only

2016/00662 The Merrils, Carrow Hill

Proposed first floor extension to provide bedroom accommodation

This Council recommends Approval

Incorrect address – should be Merrils Cottage

2016/00508 22 St Tathan's Place, Caerwent

Demolition of a stone shed to make room for a single storey, flat roofed construction providing 1 bedroom with toilet and a utility area to rear of property.

This Council recommends Approval

2016/00703 Dewstow Golf Club

Conversion of part of an existing building that currently has a D3 use and a C3 use, into a single dwelling with a C3 use.

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. We would love to see you!

Regards

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