

CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

We hope you had a good Summer break despite the wet weather. That wet weather was the reason so many of our lanes were not finished off when they should have been. Progress has now been made and we look forward to a further round of improvements surrounding the study that is now being concluded into the potential impact of the possible closure of School Lane in Caerwent. MCC Officers are on schedule to explain their conclusions in September after which their project, in whatever form is decided on, can proceed.

We welcomed Karen Haddow as the new Community Councillor for Caerwent to the Council in July. Karen has already been busy over the provision of broadband in the area in a project headed by Kevin Evans. Any queries residents have over what is and, in outlying areas, what is not available can contact Kevin for details – kevin.evans@cwrtmorgan.co.uk

Additional dog waste bins will shortly be installed at strategic points in Caerwent village. However we still urge dog walkers to “pick up” and take home. By request one of the bins will be placed by the eastern entrance to Caerwent village near the noticeboard and one in the Green Lane area.

The Police have informed us that they are to concentrate on speeding in the area, so be warned. Speed limits are likely to be revised depending on the outcome of the School Lane review in any event.

Thefts of metal, especially gates, are also prevalent as metal fetches a good price in the current climate.

Our potential site for allotments is looking less likely to succeed and fresh approaches to MCC have been made in the hope of identifying somewhere else. We are also going to approach others with the same purpose.

The Mental Health Charity “Mencap” look to have secured the purchase of the “Northgate” site with a view to creating a day centre, small shop and cafe as well as further facilities for their service users. We have agreed to support them in their efforts to purchase the property and will keep residents informed of progress in due course.

On 6th July the developer of the Merton Green site planted an oak tree to mark the Diamond Jubilee. It is situated on an open space at the western end of the development. When that area is released to the public it is intended that a circular bench be installed around the tree.

The following planning applications have been considered by the Community Council:

2011/00809 Coach & Horses Public House, Caerwent

Proposed Alterations and Extensions (Amendment – Extension on East Elevation has Changed from Two Storey to Single Storey)

*This Council recommends **Approval***

2012/00335 Old Sunday School Barn, St Brides Netherwent

(retention of partially constructed detached garage, revised designed)

*This Council recommends **Approval***

2012/00296 Westgate Barn, Caerwent

Retention of Existing Half Constructed Detached Double Garage

*This Council recommends **Approval***

2012/00511 Millbrook House, St Brides

Replace Existing Building

*This Council recommends **Approval***

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