

## CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

It is pleasing to receive so many positive comments about the Caerwent Enhancement Scheme. It is true that a few issues have arisen which need to be ironed out and, hopefully by the time this Newsletter comes out, the work will have been done.

This month's Police report warned about daytime thefts from vehicles. Please do not leave your vehicle in the street, or indeed at home with items of value clearly in view. There will also be speed gun activity in the area. A new addition to enforcement in the area is the appointment of an Officer who will deal with dog fouling. To that end four more bins have been installed (or are about to be), three of which are in Caerwent and one in Llanfair Discoed. All the bins (now 7 in Caerwent) are regularly emptied by Contractors so please use them.

We now have clarification regarding the reserved car parking spaces in the Merton Green/Ash Tree Road area. There have been problems at the flats in Ash Tree Road where people are using bays that have been allocated to other people. These bays have been conveyed to the allocated residents who can if they wish install posts with locks to ensure that unauthorised use does not take place as long as there is no impact on the highway. Anyone who is thinking of doing this would be advised to get advice from MCC Highways before carrying out the work.

Our attempts to re-instate the two Village pumps in Caerwent are progressing and we are now awaiting the results of grant applications before we can decide if the projects will go ahead.

Residents in Llanfair Discoed will be pleased to note that the signage recording their winning the "Best Kept Village" competition in 2012 has been selected and ordered. This should be in place at the Community Notice Board site very soon.

We have had some responses to our request for residents' views on the public toilets in Caerwent. This Council feels that they should remain open as the village is a tourist area and the West Gate site is only open occasionally. We have requested a report on the work that is needed there with a view to the continuing provision but would still be grateful for any views on the subject.

There are several outstanding issues with St Brides Road and a meeting is being set up with one of the Highways Engineers to try to find a way of resolving them. Water is clearly the main problem with the brook regularly overflowing with regular damage being caused to the road surface. However, there are also signs of potential collapse of the banks. We will report in due course.

Philip Murphy  
CHAIRMAN

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

**2013/00185 Rose Cottage, Llanfair Discoed**

Installation of Three Sealed Cesspits

*This Council recommends **Refusal***

There is a better alternative with a partial relocation of the Cesspits to make more even flow of surface drainage and to comply with the normal Building Regulations. A soil contamination survey is required.

**2013/00222 Springfield House, Well Lane, Llanfair Discoed**

Change of Use of the Existing Residential Property from C3 (Dwelling) to C2 (Nursing Home)

*This Council recommends **Refusal***

Concern that a change of use will lead to the floodgates being opened for future escalation. Sewerage concerns. Highways issues – concern over pressure on a single track no through road. There is no bus stop or bus service in the village as indicated on the planning application.