

CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

It was a pleasure to welcome Kay Swift to our last meeting as the new representative of Crick. It has been 12 months now since Crick had effective representation and we would urge residents of that part of the community to contact Kay on any issue which you wish us to attend to. Kay lives at Manor Farm, telephone number 01291 431202.

Please note that there are new arrangements now for community policing. There will be a piece about it in the Police report that appears later in this issue so please make yourselves familiar with the new arrangements. However, you can report crime on 01633 838111 or of course the emergency numbers of 999 or 112. There will be two Police cars in our area (Caldicot/Chepstow/Magor) one being an emergency vehicle.

On Merton Green there is little to report at present. Efforts are being made behind the scenes to ensure a lasting agreement between Welsh Water and the Developer that meets the requirement of this Council and MCC. We anticipate that fairly soon a scheme will be put to the Planning Committee and we will keep an eye open for that.

In order to move matters on regarding the Highways issues in Caerwent, in particular and especially in the Merton Green area, we have asked for a Senior Officer to attend the first of our Meetings that can be arranged. We feel that this will keep the pressure on for the concerns of residents over the issues that arise in our area to be addressed. With all the Highways issues throughout the County it is natural for Officers to prioritize their work but, all too easily, that can lead to delays which in our opinion must be avoided here.

We are also requesting a meeting with one of the Tree Officers to clarify matters regarding tree preservation orders (TPO's) and will report back in a subsequent addition. There have been several occasions recently where issues have been raised over the removal of trees and the suitability of specific types of tree in residential areas etc.

Can we remind everyone of the plea in last month's Newsletter regarding dog fouling. Please take a means of removing it so that it can be disposed of properly.

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