

CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Many of you will be aware that MCC Highways are actively considering safety in Caerwent especially in relation to School Lane. There is a concern by Officers that the lane would be used as a “rat run” from the Merton Green development by people who wished to go to Caldicot. This would be obviously in addition to the existing traffic flow which as it stands leads to frequent accidents on or near the A48 junction. These factors alone would give Officers cause for concern but the increased flow of pedestrian movements in the future directed towards the lane has led to the current proposals to close it off at the A48, thus creating a cul-de-sac which would remove these problems. We understand that all residents of School Lane support this proposal. However, there is a concern in respect of residents on the Old Roman Road towards the west that they will experience an increased level of traffic movements as a result. To this end an exhibition will soon take place setting out the proposals so that all interested persons can be sure of what they are. In addition traffic impact studies will take place to determine what can be done to assist those affected by any increased traffic. Please look out for notices informing the dates, time and venue of the exhibition.

On the subject of Merton Green, we have been informed that a complaint may be made regarding matters surrounding the process of the development and that the Ombudsman may be involved. As a result we are unable to comment further regarding this matter.

There is a rumour going around that MCC has given a resident a large sum of money to renovate a property in Caerwent. This is completely not true. An enforcement order has been issued compelling the owner to renovate the property and any costs incurred will be recovered from that owner.

Progress is being made on the creation of a circular walk around the MoD fence (outside). There is a long way to go on this but in time we may well be asking for volunteers to assist in a variety of ways with the project.

Residents of Crick will be pleased to hear that their proposed wildlife area and play areas have moved much closer with the imminent disposal of Bradbury Farm.

Those who wanted an allotment may also be closer to reality. We have been asked to come up with outline proposals on a site off the A48 so that the scheme can be considered more fully.

We have been working on a "Welcome to Caerwent" booklet for a while now and this is due to be issued to those who occupy the new homes on the Merton Green site.

As no one contacted us regarding commemorative mugs for the Diamond Jubilee the proposals have been abandoned.

Finally, we have been given assurances that the RAF are investigating extreme examples of low flying lately. However, they point out that they must be able to train at low altitudes. We are sure that they should, however, show consideration towards residents and animals, a point which needs to be assured.

Philip Murphy
CHAIRMAN

The following planning application has been considered by the Community Council:

2011/00845 Proposed Dwelling with Attached Garage, Land Adjacent to 1 Lawrence Crescent, Caerwent

This Council recommends Approval

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