

CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

As a result of the recent housing development and sale of houses at Merton Green, a sum of money will soon become available to Mon CC from the developer. Mike Moran of Mon CC attended the July meeting and gave a talk on Section 106 monies, how to apply for capital project funding and the type of requests that will be acceptable. This Community Council will not be making the final decisions and the application process will be advertised by Mon CC later this year. A copy of the Capital Funding information follows.

We are now close to signing a lease for the 'Time Team' field and would be interested in ideas from local residents for the future use of the field, suggestions so far are: local archaeological digs (these must be supervised by CADW), or an open community garden.

We have been holding regular meetings with the Playing Fields Association looking at the lease, grass cutting, management of play area and the Community Newsletter. Decisions will need to be made about the future relationship between this Council, Mon CC and the Playing Fields Association. The future of the Newsletter is currently under threat because of a complaint that could result in legal action, if this is pursued it may well result in the Newsletter being discontinued.

Management of the public toilets in Caerwent is causing concern as the current annual running cost is around £5,000; we had hoped to reduce this further by updating the electrical system. When we took the toilets over from Mon CC they were costing over £13,000 pa. We now find that the building does not meet the required standard for disabled access and we have been advised that upgrading the building will cost in the region of £20,000 – £30,000. We will be exploring options with CADW at our September meeting.

Since December 2012 we have received many Freedom of Information requests from the same resident which have cost this Council £476.55 to this present time. The Council wishes to point out that in many instances this information can be sourced from organisations elsewhere and not necessarily this Council.

Brian Counsell - Vice Chair