

CAERWENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Those of you who have been watching for evidence of the traffic impact survey being carried out in relation to the possible closure of School Lane in Caerwent will have noticed that the whole area is being monitored by the roadside counters. This is the forerunner to plans being formulated which will then go out to consultation.

Our Police report this month concentrated on local thefts in particular incidents of diesel, trailers and radiators etc. Scrap metal is valuable as is fuel as we all know to our considerable cost and so very attractive to thieves. Please therefore be vigilant by keeping your valuable items out of sight and, where possible, under lock and key.

The Police will also be keeping up patrols in the area of the Village Hall in an attempt to prevent problems encountered last year of activities at night.

They will also be monitoring the issue of dog fouling more closely and issuing fines where appropriate. There are bins available, especially around the Roman walls. Please use them and also remember to keep dogs on leads in public areas.

Officers from MCC came to see us to explain about “Bringing Your Village Alive” grants which are available in conservation areas such as Caerwent. These are available for capital projects and it is possible to join projects together to bid for the funds which provide 80% of the costs. Projects such as the repair of stone walls, historic properties etc would potentially qualify.

There is also the “Sense of Roots” grant scheme which is aimed wider and promotes agricultural, cultural and industrial heritage. If anyone has a project in mind, please let us know.

This Council is now the owner of the “Old Gym” in Lawrence Crescent and will look forward to securing the necessary amount of Section 106 money off the Barratt site in due course to improve the property.

The patch of land in Crick opposite Bradbury Farm has now been offered on a lease to the Council who, via the conservation group, will create the wildlife reserve that they have been working towards for some time. This has become a real success for the group and shows what can be achieved with commitment and enthusiasm.

We have agreed to assist the residents of Llanfair Discoed with a Jubilee commemoration in the form of a tree and some planters. It may be that others have had thoughts on such a project. If so please contact us with your proposal so that we can consider it.

We have been asked to consider publishing the minutes of our meetings earlier than we have been and have taken advice on the matter. Whilst our minutes will always be available (as is required by law) it is considered that it is not practical to publish "draft" minutes. Therefore we will publish them as soon as they are agreed, ie immediately after the next meeting.

However, the request came from residents who felt that it should be made clear what is going to be discussed at our meetings and therefore we will publish on our website the Agenda and the "Matters Arising" update in advance of our meetings to make the subject matter quite clear. We hope that this meets with approval.

Philip Murphy
CHAIRMAN

The following planning applications were considered by the Community Council:

2012/00176 Extend Home to Enlarge Kitchen, Erect Conservatory, Create Storage and Relocate WC. First Floor Extension to Create New Larger Bedroom with En-Suite, 10 Eastgate Crescent, Caerwent
*This Council recommends **Approval***

2012/00121 Porch Covering Two Exit Doors, Caerwent Baptist Chapel
*This Council recommends **Approval***

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