

Caerwent Community Council

Things are moving on regarding Merton Green with a High Court Hearing of legal submissions. Hopefully by the time this article is circulated we will have the Court's decision or be about to have it. It will be good from all points of view to have clarity. Let's hope we get it.

In the meantime the A48 has been re-surfaced and the public consultation carried out regarding the possible blocking of School Lane at its junction with the A48. Readers of the Newsletter will be well aware of these proposals and hopefully those of you that wish to enter comments will have had the opportunity to do so. Previous requests for observations have been met with general support for the idea which is aimed at preventing a "rat run" through Caerwent. It now seems from a petition handed in at the January Council Meeting that there could be more opposition to the plan that had previously been indicated. Even at this late stage we would be grateful for any contributions to the debate on the matter.

Monmouthshire County Council together with the Local Service Board which combines a selection of Public Services is trialing a "One Stop Shop Bus". This trial will see the bus at various points in the area on a regular basis and will offer the same services as the One Stop Shops themselves. Please look out for your local time and place and use it if you can.

In our January meeting we were visited by the new Chief Officer in MCC for Regeneration and Culture, Kellie Beirne. Kellie explained to us how improvements to tourist information aimed at boosting tourism in Monmouthshire were being formulated. Anyone who would like further information on this can get it from MCC's website.

We now have some possible sites which could be used as allotments and these are being evaluated at present. We will continue to keep residents updated on this as progress is made.

Progress is also being made regarding a possible footpath and bridleway around the MoD base. This may take some time yet to achieve but so far so good.

We took the opportunity of having Kellie Beirne with us to explore the possible provision of disabled access to the Roman wall via Great House Farm in Caerwent. We also brought up the matter of the open spaces within the wall near that location. Since that discussion she has instigated a review of these matters which we hope to report on soon.

Further representations are being made regarding the possibility of further street lighting in Crick. Councillor Swift is canvassing local residents there, so please let her know your views.

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