

THE MARKET HOUSE

Newent Town Council's Newsletter - February 2019

Message from The Mayor - Cllr June Davies

I hope you all had a happy festive season, though it does seem an age ago now.

Those who took part in the Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre Carol Evening in St Mary's Church should congratulate themselves on their performances. It was an evening a little bit different to the norm, and was very enjoyable.

The School has said a formal 'goodbye' to Pippa Palmer who is retiring from full-time teaching after 38 years, although it is not a permanent 'goodbye' as she will be returning to teach primary school children on several occasions throughout the year. I was privileged to be asked to say a few words ('few' being difficult about someone who has worked so hard for so many years) to represent the community of Newent and to thank her for not only bringing the school into the community but for bringing the community into the school. On behalf of the Council, good luck Pippa and thank you.

2019 looks like being another very busy year for the Council, with hopefully the fruition of projects already in hand and the continuation of new ones. Public consultations will be held where required, so please look out for these as your input is essential. It is also the year when elections will take place and so a new Council will be formed to take up post in May.

If it is not too late, I wish you all a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

Proposed Closure of B2415

Newent Town Council would like to take this opportunity to clarify the recent events regarding the proposed closure of the B4215 Newent to Gloucester route for water network improvements.

Newent Town Council contacted Severn Trent on December 17th and it was jointly agreed to hold a public meeting in Newent Memorial Hall on the 8th January to share the available information transparently, it was felt this was a positive way forward for the public to be involved in this discussion of serious importance to our whole community. Severn Trent Water, Gloucester County Council and the office of Mark Harper MP had all confirmed attendance.



However, Newent Town Council received a telephone call at its offices on the 4th January from Severn Trent stating that they had met with Mark Harper MP, who had previously written to Severn Trent expressing concerns about the road closure, and it had been agreed that Severn Trent would review the project, taking concerns on board.



At this point Severn Trent wished to postpone the meeting and make arrangements for another meeting in due course. This was accepted as it seemed unnecessary to go over ground that had been covered, and it was better to wait for the updated suggested proposals in order to have a sensible discussion.

Newent Town Council is only concerned in obtaining the best outcome for all concerned, and are sorry for the confusion that has arisen even though it is NOT of its making. Facebook posts by well intentioned individuals without full facts are likely cause.

Newent Town Council's meeting for the 8th was therefore POSTPONED and not cancelled, and will be rearranged once we have obtained up to date information. Any other meetings held have been done so by parties not connected to Newent Town Council.

Contacting your Councillors

If you wish to speak to one of the councillors, please contact us through the clerk or from the individual details elsewhere on this website.

