A happy Christmas to you all!

Once again, thanks to Councillors Gail Giles, Cliff Suller and Paul Huntley, we have one of the few public Christmas trees outside the City Centre. In 2011 Gail fought the Con/Lib Dem coalition to save our tree on the Common, and won. We continue to play a central part in the ‘Christmas in Caerleon’ scheme, including Carols on the Common on December 10th. This year’s tree & lights have been organised and financed through a joint initiative between our councillors, Caerleon Tourism Forum, Caerleon Festival, Santa in Caerleon, schools, St Cadoc’s church and local businesses.

Opposition to unwanted developments

For years our Councillors have consistently opposed unwanted developments across Caerleon and Christchurch, which currently include proposed flats in Eastfield Road, a proposed travellers’ site on Bulmore Road, objections to applications for change of use of the field in New Road and access changes to Penrhos Quarry.

Traffic Pollution Reduction

Newport City Council have taken steps to reduce air pollution:

- Roadside boxes have been measuring road usage in the centre of Caerleon
- Traffic flow has been improved by removing one bus stop in the High Street and enlarging the bus stop on the Common
- There have been trials to see if the strategic placing of traffic lights will even out vehicle flow
- There has been constant air monitoring

Roads

The Broadway now has more bus bays; drainage work has taken place on Pillmawr Lane; speed controls and crossings have been introduced outside Lodge Hill and Charles Williams Primary Schools; an extra crossing island has been built on the Ponthir Road; College Glade has been resurfaced and a 20 mph zone now covers the entire town centre.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox
Leader of Newport City Council

My first few months as Leader of the City Council have been exciting and challenging. I have dealt with a vast variety of topics including the potentially huge and significant City Region Deal which will bring opportunities to the city in the growth of jobs, investment and transport through the new Metro system.

Your representatives are always strong advocates of Caerleon and they have my full support in their campaign to secure the best possible use of the University site in Caerleon.

I’m delighted that we are moving forward with the new build at Lodge Hill Primary School, and the recent excellent results at the Comprehensive School under the direction of the new Headteacher are a source of pride. Caerleon is a jewel in Newport’s crown and I assure you I am dedicated to enhancing both the city and your ancient and fascinating town.

Keep in touch with us—we value your opinions;

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A message from our Councillors - Gail Giles, Paul Huntley & Cliff Suller

Anti - Social Behaviour
We regularly raise issues of ASB and crime, including car break-ins, with the local police. Caerleon was the first area in Newport to prohibit drinking in the streets.

Caerleon in Bloom
Together with Rosemary Butler, we established CIB in 2005. The Committee, with Paul as Chair and Cliff as Vice Chair, has provided colourful displays ever since and this year’s were widely acknowledged to be the best ever.

Flood Defences at the Old Village
We worked closely with Natural Resources Wales to ensure major flood work was undertaken on Isca Road and Caerleon Road. We organised two public meetings which resulted in the formation of a Community Flood Committee.

School Results and Infrastructure
Congratulations to all our schools for a fantastic year of achievement. Our Comprehensive School in particular achieved the highest A - A* at A level in Newport. Building of the new Lodge Hill Primary School will start in 2017. The nearby play area will remain.

Play Areas
The Council had to remove equipment at the Home Farm play area as it failed to meet EU safety rules. A public meeting has been set up with residents to help find funding for a community group to replace the old equipment. And a new, safer self-closing gate is to be installed at the Coldbath Road play area.

Caerleon Campus
Following USW’s decision to close the Campus, Caerleon Councillors Gail Giles and Cliff Suller have consistently opposed large scale housing on the site. The Welsh Government’s Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure, Ken Skates, in line with pressure from our councillors, now supports the listing of the original buildings. Cadw were yet to reply when we went to press. We will organise another official public meeting once a planning application is submitted by the University, to assess local opinion.

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Our council candidates for May 2017
Gail Giles has lived in Caerleon for nearly 30 years and has been a councillor since 2004. She was a district nurse in the area and her children attended local schools. She has been a Cabinet Member since 2012. She is a governor of two primary schools in Caerleon. Contact: 01633 421947

Jason Hughes and his family live in Caerleon. He is a school governor and trustee of the Charles Williams school. He was a social worker for 25 years, now works for the Alzheimer's Society and is involved with local community activities. Contact: 01633 482713

Mike Singleton has lived in Caerleon for 40 years and was Head of English at Caerleon Comprehensive School. He was a volunteer with the Citizens Advice Bureau dealing with casework. He has also been a leading figure with Caerleon Civic Society, helping to protect our town. Contact: 01633 853224

JAYNE BRYANT AM
SUPPORTS OUR COUNCILLORS & OUR COMMUNITY BY:

• Pressing for more air pollution controls in Caerleon
• Calling for the listing of Campus building
• Championing tourism in Caerleon
• Supporting Caerleon Festival
• Speaking out in the Assembly for HGV journeys through Caerleon to be reduced