

Henbury and Brentry Community Council

General Meeting April 18th, 2013

Henbury United Reform Church, Passage Road BS10

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Committee: Adrian Boyce (vice-chair); Tim Parkinson (treasurer); Alison Devonshire (secretary); Manny White; Darren Devonshire.

Attendance and Apologies as for AGM

Manny White's offer to take on the role of minutes secretary was welcomed by those present.

Treasurer's Report- Tim Parkinson

The Treasurer presented a summary of the Community Council's finances up 18th Apr 2013. This is shown at Appendix A below.

He mentioned the distinction between 'unrestricted' funds (Unrestricted in the Appendix A) and 'restricted' funds where the monies can only be applied for the purpose for which they were obtained / donated. There remains a shortage of funds for organising further events, and it is proposed that new fundraising work be done in the coming year.

Henbury & Brentry Youth Forum has been amalgamated with that of Southmead to form the BS10 Youth Forum. The £2063 balance in our account results from a grant from Bristol City Council.

Community Transport continues to operate on Mondays. This is now funded by a Section 106 contribution by Aldi.

2013 Henbury & Brentry Community Conference

Keith Houghton, Henbury & Southmead NP area organiser, gave a brief report on this conference held on 23rd March at Brentry Lodge in Machin Road. Despite the need to organise it a short notice it was a successful morning topped off by a question and answer session with the Bristol Mayor, George Ferguson. A summary of the six workshops (3 workshops repeated) which was circulated and would be used to pull together a plan for the ward.

Henbury & Brentry Cycling Group – New group formed to campaign for increasing safety making this a more appealing mode of transport. First meeting on 16th April drew five local cyclists together as the steering group. Initial action will be to press Bristol City Council's(BCC)Traffic Management to participate in a street audit of two key routes.

Henbury Conservation Society

Agreement has been given by BCC Parks Department to restart a small area of Blaise Kitchen Garden for the use of volunteers to cultivate fruit and vegetables. Anyone wishing to get involved is invited to do so via website: www.henburyconservation.co.uk or contact Tim Parkinson on 07854 714085. Activities should commence in early May.

Community Policing Report from Nick Merrick QPM (Chair H.A.P.P.Y)

Reduction in reported theft crime during Jan-March 2013 compared with previous year. Theft from motor vehicles is significantly down.

Beat surgeries to be held from Community Contact Vehicle situated at Crow Lane and Blaise Estate car park between 3pm-4pm on 16th May; 20th June; and, 18th July. The local constabulary offered packs of tamper-proof number plate fixings to motorists from these two sites earlier this year.

There was some anti-social behaviour reported during Easter holiday period. First Buses were targeted by youths at the Crow lane lay-by. Police request immediate response from public to any sighted incidents in order to apprehend culprits.

Drug-related prosecutions. Some success. Public encouraged to report any suspected drug-related activities. Anonymous reports can be made through CrimeStoppers service.

Henbury School "Getting To Know You" club – an open social event where pupils can meet community police. This has proved to be popular. Occasional Monday afternoons during term-time.

H.A.P.P.Y. Project – Both the play scheme and the youth team have had a highly successful year engaging with young people in the locality. This is borne out by the biggest drop in reported incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour (attributed to children and adolescents) since 2008. Three residential vacations were organised including a 6-day sailing trip involving 18 youngsters around the Scilly Isles. Pc Merrick thanked H.B.C.C. committee for their support with this project in the last year.

Councillor Mark Weston's Report

Additional police beat surgery in Bourne End requested by residents of Brentry.

Bristol City Council (BCC) Environment officers to address issues raised during community conference held 23rd March, including campaigning against dog mess in open spaces.

First Buses – met with locals re: relocation of service No. 20 bus stops on Charlton Road. It looks likely that this service will be reduced in frequency, at least on public holidays, in the future.

Funding for Police Community Support Officers will not be affected by budget restrictions.

No plans to introduce parking charges at Blaise Estate car park or anywhere else.

Community groups providing engagement with youth will be eligible for funding from the BCC.

Lloyds Pharmacy to relocate to Bradgate Surgery complex. Plans to open a TESCO store in its place have not been confirmed.

City-wide 20 Mile Per Hour urban speed limit – Due to begin this year. Cllr Weston is opposed to this measure in principal.

Henbury "Loop" Rail Line – Expecting announcement on contracts in June 2013.

Local elections – all wards to be up for election at the same time from 2016.

South Gloucestershire New Developments

Councillor Mark Watson and Keith Houghton to press for residents of Henbury & Brentry to attend consultation meetings with South Gloucestershire Council re: the ongoing expansion of development. Issues arising include the impact of greatly increased traffic volumes and the demands

on local services. Call for a single consultation meeting rather than smaller meetings in separate venues. It is hoped that this will take place during the summer.

Forthcoming events (not stated in Newsletter, Spring edition)

Walking Festival 5th-12th May – the Walking Group will be involved in this as well as organising walks beyond the bounds of Bristol.

Children’s Treasure Hunt 22nd June – Henbury Conservation Society will host this event at the Village hall in Church Lane. POST MEETING NOTE – THIS EVENT IS CANCELLED

Appendix A

Summary of H&BCC Cost Centre balances

18 Apr 2013

	Opening 01/04/2013	Paid / Transferred	Received / Transferred	Current Balance
Newsletter	£271.55	£0.00	£75.00	£346.55
Events	£30.00	£0.00	£0.00	£30.00
Elderly fund	£672.76	£0.00	£0.00	£672.76
Unrestricted funds	£2,517.23	£41.80	£0.00	£2,475.43
Facilities	£3,414.35	£0.00	£0.00	£3,414.35
Safety	£1,203.76	£0.00	£0.00	£1,203.76
Youth Forum	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Community First – Notice Boards	-£16.80	£0.00	£16.80	£0.00
Community First – Hampers	£69.00	£0.00	£0.00	£69.00
Girls Gp Festival	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
BMX Competition	£89.45	£0.00	£0.00	£89.45
BS10 Youth Forum	£2,023.95	£0.00	£40.00	£2,063.95
Community Transport	£3,510.00	£280.00	£50.00	£3,280.00
Current totals	£13,209.75	£321.80	£181.80	£13,645.25