

## HENBURY AND BRENTRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 19. 10. 2006

**Apologies:** Margaret Gardner, Heather Barham, Father M. d'Arcy Walsh, Jean Bratt

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Agreed and signed. Prop. Shirley Wotton. Sec. Paul Thompson.

**Matters Arising:** Letter sent to Claire Cook in appreciation of her work as local councillor.

**Financial Report:** (Tim Parkinson)

Income since 20/07/06 - £2500.00

Expenditure since 20/07/06 - £1163.24

Balance in bank - £15181.75

(Full details on file)

**Proposed use of swimming pool site in Crow Lane:** Dr Robert Baldwin outlined proposals to build a new Pentecostal church whose existing congregation included members living in this area. A planning application had already been submitted and was to be re-submitted on the advice of the Planning Committee. Concern was expressed at the lack of publicity or contact with local churches. It was felt that more consultation was needed. In reply to questions Dr. Baldwin said that members of the church would be happy to work with members of local churches and the community, and that the building would be available for community use. The land has not yet been purchased. Plans of the building were displayed and Richard Payne (architect) gave more details of the site. The building would occupy only a quarter of the land available and some space would be available for car parking. There was a mixed reaction to the proposal. While some members welcomed it, others expressed concern.

**Reports:**

**Councillors:** (Mark Weston) City Council has received planning application to turn old toilets (Crow Lane) into workshop/retail outlet. City Council still plans to sell freehold on Crow Lane shops. There is a proposal to use empty shops in Satchfield Crescent as a workshop for group of people with disabilities. Henbury Library is to be closed for refurbishment from November until February 2007. Limited library services will be available in the Brentry Youth Lodge.

**Police:** P.C. Rachel Mann introduced herself as the new Beat Officer for the area. She responded to questions from the group as well as to complaints regarding slow police response to calls. She gave the number for Police HQ Control Centre - 0845 567000 (non - emergency calls) The CCTV SYSTEM in Crow Lane is owned by the community and paid for by local shopkeepers. Funding has been achieved for contract to upgrade & maintain the equipment. Information goes from control centre to the city council.

**Community Development:** Heather and Rhiannon have arranged for 5 groups to further ideas from conference. Volunteers are needed to join these groups (list of groups circulated) Community Conference proved that people of Henbury & Brentry work well together. Paul Thompson suggested a 'get-together' weekend away. (leaflets circulated). Henbury Walking group has a new programme.

A request was made for a warning sign, re speed limit, to be placed in Knoyle Lane.

**Wheels Park:** Of three sites suggested Planning officers have favoured that nearest to the tower blocks (site most likely to cause disturbance to local residents) Chairman will write to the Leisure Committee to question this decision.

**Bristol Stories:** This project, initiated by the Watershed, was described. Workshops are taking place in various parts of Bristol. The idea is to collect stories of Bristol, past and present from local people working in groups of 6. It is hoped to involve people in Henbury and Brentry.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30p.m. Brentry Church