



# Henbury and Brentry Community Council

Charity No: 308085

## GENERAL MEETING

21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2011 AT 8:05 PM

UNITED REFORM CHURCH, PASSAGE RD.

Attendance: 33 members as at previous AGM

The following reports and updates were tabled during the meeting: -

### **Neighbourhood Partnership matters**

Keith Houghton, Henbury & Southmead NP Area Co-ordinator, said that the next steps on the proposal to change the name of Henbury Ward to Henbury and Brentry Ward was delivery of a leaflet to all residents with the next H&BCC Newsletter in July and a vote on the proposal during the Neighbourhood Forum on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

He also updated the meeting with a summary of the provisional allocations from the Henbury & Brentry Wellbeing funds for 2011-12: -

Youth Inclusion Project - £750, Friends of Okebourne - £900, Newsletter Group - £2000, Buckley Court Sensory Support Service - £400, Friends of Crow Lane Open Space - £900 and HAPPY - £1000. These were subject to ratification by the Neighbourhood Partnership on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

The Neighbourhood Partnership had resolved that the £3000 of Wellbeing funds that was allocated on a partnership wide basis would be directed to young people. Applications for this money and the remainder of the Ward allocation of £8500 (£2550) must be received by 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Keith also asked for and received the approval of the meeting for the formation of a Neighbourhood Partnership Transport / Traffic Management Sub Group

### **Aldi Store on Crow Lane**

It was reported that this will open on 18<sup>th</sup> August with a three day event for all the family.

### **Police Report – not received**

### **Events Group**

Chris Pratt told the meeting that the Lunch for the Elderly at Henbury School on June 1<sup>st</sup> still needed more guests. And the Henbury Fun Day on 13<sup>th</sup> August was still in need of volunteers to help on the stalls and needed more bric-a-brac.

### **Futures Group**

Paul Thompson informed the meeting that a helpful agreement with the BS10 Planning Group had been made in which the planning functions of the group would be henceforth carried out by the BS10 group/

### **BS10 residents Parks and Planning group**

Bob Farmer explained the background to the BS10 group which includes representatives from all three communities within the Partnership area. The group is a residents group and is non party political. However the group can decide to invite specific members from all political parties and officers from BCC to attend if an issue arises that require information from such representatives on a particular subject. The group is affiliated to a number of Bristol wide parks and planning forums and are assisted by Alison Bromilow in terms of planning legislation and specific planning applications made to BCC. Alison takes a leading role in the Neighbourhood Partnership planning network.

Bob confirmed that dependant on the nature of the development,[some developments affect some or all areas/communities within the partnership area], the groups philosophy is to ensure that local people in particular are consulted when developments happen in their particular place of residence and to ensure that people are empowered to speak up for themselves, and have the opportunity to do so within the consultation process.

Bob specified a number of Parks and housing developments that the group have been involved with to date giving example

of parks groups it has supported and continue to offer support dependant on their need/s and wishes.

Bob also confirmed a number of local planning proposals they are involved with within the partnership areas. One major challenge will be concerning the proposed South Glous developments on the borders of Henbury/Brentry and affecting areas of Southmead.

For further advice/assistance or to contact the BS10 Group please contact Bob who is the link person for the Henbury/Brentry neighbourhood forum.

## **Community Newsletter**

Marianna Pafiti-Georgiou said that in view of our limited funds there would only be 3 issues a year in place of four. The deadline for the Summer Issue was 27<sup>th</sup> June.

She also submitted the following guidelines drafted by the Editorial Group: -

- ◆The Henbury and Brentry Newsletter is an important tool providing information to our Community about what is going on the area.
- ◆The Newsletter's editorial group provides a blog spot for the exchange of ideas and, where space allows, these will be included in the Newsletter.
- ◆The Newsletter is a non- Party political instrument.
- ◆Our readers welcome constructive debate and critical comment on community issues.
- ◆Readers should be mindful of the constraints on space in the Newsletter and the cost of printing.
- ◆Contributions should not normally be more than 200 words for letters and 300 words per article.
- ◆Ultimately the content of the Newsletter is the collective responsibility of the editorial group.
- ◆The Henbury and Brentry editorial Newsletter Group is a volunteer group of residents of the area

## **Councillor's Ward Report**

Mark Weston updated the meeting as follows: -

Area Green Space Plan, As you know Chris and I have been pushing on this, sadly so far most of the Henbury and Brentry Sites are still earmarked for sale. The exception being Okebourne. Crow Lane and Tranmere Avenue sites have been deferred and we are awaiting a decision on these deferrals sometime after the elections.

◆We don't have elections this year but there is a referendum on AV. So in case people need to we have maps showing where the relevant polling stations are this year. Not much has changed here, the exception being I think that Henbury C 'Inner Brentry' is now at the Scout Hut.

◆The South Glos Housing development. I know several residents joined me at a provisional meeting with the developers in March. Since the land in question is in South Gloucestershire it will make it all but impossible to stop this development, with that in mind Chris and I have met with Planning Officers from BCC and SG, and will be meeting with the developers in the next few weeks. The purpose of these meetings is try and get our bids in early for development and improvement moneys for the area. We have flagged up the transport issues and are looking to secure improvements along the Knole Lane, Charlton Road, Pen Park Road axis. We have also mentioned the Fishpool Hill traffic problems and it looks like South Glos are looking to make Fishpool hill cycle and pedestrian only access. We are also pushing for moneys for local parks, community funds and the case for reopening a Henbury/Brentry Station. The next stage in this process is for the Concept Statement to go to the Cabinet of SG in May this year. This will loom at the principle for development. They will then look for 'informal' comment on this from residents and officers, before submitting a Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation in October/November this year. At the moment nothing is set in stone and we are still awaiting details. As each step is taken an extra layer of detail is added.

◆The airfield. As I am sure that everyone know the Filton Airfield is up for sale. BAE who own the site have announced that they intend to close it by December 2012. At the moment we don't know what is going to happen on the site, so we are watching this closely.

## **LinkAge Henbury Intergenerational Project**

Chloe Stirk made the following report: -

Following the success of the Inspiring Communities intergenerational project, LinkAge have helped fund the development of an intergenerational "hub" in Henbury, in partnership with Young Bristol. The hub will be led by an older people's advisory group & supported by a younger people's advisory group, who will identify the key issues facing older and younger members of the community and develop projects, activities and services, to be led by the community, to address some of those issues. I'm currently recruiting volunteer members for the advisory groups. They need to be over 50 and live in Henbury and Brentry, and be prepared to meet monthly to discuss local issues and help develop the hub's activities.

Anyone who's interested can contact her on 07921 704144 or by email at [cs@youngbristol.com](mailto:cs@youngbristol.com)

## **Walking Group**

Rose Carr gave a brief enthusiastic account of this group's activity

## **Transition group – no report**

## **Henbury Conservation Society**

A well attended meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March learnt about the features and people of the former vicarage from Sue Parfitt and Tim Parkinson.

The Society has arranged for a modest celebration at the Village Hall in Church Lane on the Wedding Day on 29<sup>th</sup> of this month at 16:00. All are welcome; just bring something to share.

The next meeting will be a Village walkabout on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

People with expertise and/or enthusiasm are still required for the 'Big Garden Project' in the former Blaise Kitchen Garden.

## **Reports were received from Friends of Okebourne and The Friends of Crow Lane**

Before the meeting was closed at approx 9:10 pm Bob Farmer drew the attention of the members to the very considerable work and effort contributed to the wellbeing of our community by Keith Houghton and Sam Parker of the Neighbourhood team and an enthusiastic round of applause was forthcoming. And Mark Weston proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Richard Pyle, our retiring vice-chairman, for the years of his service in this role. This was willingly endorsed by all those present.

## **Notice of meetings in 2011**

21<sup>st</sup> July 2011 at 7:30 pm at the United Reform Church, Passage Road, Henbury.

20<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7:30 pm at the United Reform Church, Passage Road, Henbury.

**NB If you make a report to these meetings please supply a brief summary for incorporation in the minutes**