

HENBURY/BRENTRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, Thursday 26th January 2006

Apologies: Steve Vaughan, Margaret Gardner, Cyril Organ, Carole & Richard Pyle, April Richmond Anne Briggs

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Agreed & signed (Madeleine Powell pointed out that Haha holiday scheme is independent of the Summer Holiday scheme organised by the police service)

Matters Arising: Jos Clarke had written thanking the Community Council for the letter about the 'Yellow Bus'

Letter received from Henbury School staff & parents expressing thanks for £500.00 sent in support of the bid for Specialist Art Status

Alison Williams has applied to 'Quartet' for funding for 'Extend Classes'

Treasurer's Report: Income - Bank Interest

Expenditure: Hire of Hall (twice) £33.60

Secretarial Expenses: £25.12

Henbury School: £500.00

Balance in hand - Deposit Account: £3670 00

- Current Account: £6460.00 (inc. £1446.00 Youth Shelter)

Local Reports:

Ward: (Claire Cook) Petition raised against closure of Brentry House/Wellhay Day Centre. Blaise Museum is to remain open for the time being.

John Milton Clinic -Plans are being drawn up for site & will be made available for comment by members of local community. The proposed almshouses will be reserved for local people.

Bus shelter (lay-by) is up for sale.

Machin Road Housing Office is to close.

(Derek Pickup) Yellow Bus - effects of withdrawing the service are being monitored

Community Conference to be held on March 4^m at the Youth Centre. City Council has offered funding (£2,000_.00) providing this is matched by SRB(decision expected 27th Jan)

Suggested setting up Community Council website if **SRB** funding available.

Youth: YIP (Youth inclusion Project) Lisa Raiké (Project Co-ordinator of Henbury YIP) outlined the way the project works in co-operation with the police and Connexions. It involves a mentoring scheme as well as a full time project worker (2 part time workers are also to be employed) They are working with 25 young people referred by a multi agency set up. The project is funded until 2007. A mentoring course is to be run on 17th and 18th of March.

Yvonne Stead spoke about the 'Wheels' project. Site to be found near Crow Lane and a planning application is to be submitted. Funding will come from Arts Council, Parks Budget and, possibly, **SRB**.

Hopefully it will be up and running by summer, 2006. Concerns have been raised by residents of Crow Lane area.

Police: (Sergeant Caroline Bullen) The number of beat officers has been reduced (Home office directive) Neighbourhood Policing to be introduced by 2008 and will include Police Support Officers with one team for Henbury and Brentry. This should improve access to police services. 'Operation Relentless' is taking place regularly in all areas, often by plain clothes officers

Any Other Business: Concern was expressed about the restricted access for local people to the Henbury Day Centre.

Reported that the 77 bus still curtails its journey before Crow Lane in the evening. Councillors will investigate. Community Council will write to bus company. There is a possibility that the route will be extended to -the Leisure Centre during the day.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 20th April 2006, Brentry Church at 7.30p.m.