

# Henbury and Brentry Community Council

## General Meeting July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Henbury United Reform Church, Passage Road BS10

Committee: Ted Marshall (Chair), Adrian Boyce (vice-chair), Tim Parkinson (treasurer), Alison Devonshire (secretary), Manny White, Daron Devonshire, Maddy Powell, Pearl Semple, Paul Thompson, John Brown, Marianna Georgiou, Rosemary Carr, Janet Smith, Mark Weston, Anthony Skelding, Howard Windsor.

Attendance and Apologies for absence: Keith Houghton, Chris Windows, Bob Farmer and Nick Merrick.

Chairman asked those attended whether minutes of previous meeting gave true record. This was agreed

Tim Parkinson announced that there would be a one-off train journey on the Henbury Loop Line open to the public on 27<sup>th</sup> July. This event is being organised by Charlotte Leslie MP, to keep the momentum up for the campaign to reopen the line as part of the phase two metro rail scheme. Anyone interested in attending is to contact Mark Weston.

### Chairman's Report

The Chairman paid tribute to Roy Pepworth, who was a founding member of the Henbury Walking Group. It was agreed that the next edition of the HBCC newsletter should contain an article to commemorate Roy's life and work in the community.

### Treasurer's Report

Tim Parkinson gave account of the details of the current fund balances held and a breakdown of the HBCC revenue and expenditure since April.

Youth Project Funding – He explained that a grant for £5000 from Bristol Community & Youth Action had been received by HBCC specifically for summer holiday activities for children and youth. The allocation of the £5000 has been negotiated by Peter de Boer of BCC.

Newsletter Revenue – The summer edition of the Newsletter generated an increase in revenue from advertising. The Treasurer is confident that much of the costs of producing the newsletter can be covered by future revenue from advertisements within each issue.

### Community Policing Report

PC Andy Stamp was pleased to report significant reductions in reported crime during April- June 2013, compared with previous year. Virtually all types of reported crimes are significantly down. Although there is no single reason for this improvement, it is believed that crime prevention has been more effective. Local police are gaining more success in dealing effectively with anti-social behaviour and disorder. Also, local residents are taking greater precautions in personal and home security. Social media have been used as a means of informing young people about available services. There is now a graphical record of crime data for the local area available for public viewing on the Avon & Somerset Police website.

Speed Watch – A new initiative to tackle speeding on local roads will be undertaken later this year. Speed Watch will see community volunteers working alongside local police in checking the details of motorists as they travel along roads in Henbury and Brentry. The camera for this project has been funded by HBCC.

The Chairman noted that public perceptions of Henbury and Brentry were more likely influenced by local news reports of crime than of actual crime statistics.

## Councillor Mark Weston's Report

The inconsiderate and unlawful parking by motorists continue to be a problem in some areas. As long as there are inadequate road markings there is little that can be done to enforce parking control. Local residents are encouraged to report sites where there appear to be missing or worn road markings to the local highways department.

The Okebourne play area scheme is running behind schedule. It is still at the consultation stage. There is a drop in consultation in the Scout Hut at 6.30pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

South Gloucestershire Developments – Neighbourhood Partnership has agreed a joint statement on trying to mitigate the impacts of the proposed development on the site. Particular thanks should go to BS10 for their input on this. We need to make sure that the community is united on this. We have to speak with one voice

The No. 20 First bus will resume stopping along Charlton Road from September following First Buses consultation with local residents. It will be a 30 min service and the route will be curtailed. It will no longer go beyond the city centre to the south of the city.

Henbury Football Club plan to erect a fence around the perimeter of their playing fields. Following a sample consultation with affected residents, there were few objections raised against this plan.

Blaise Estate is likely to host further one-day rock music festivals on its fields beside the play park. The inaugural event was a success but it was organised in haste. In future, it is hoped that local residents can be better informed of such events. There were some local concerns about traffic. Also, how it came to be that BS9 residents were offered discount tickets, but not those in BS10. The organisers have agreed to change the way they advertise and engage with the community in future.

## Henbury & Brentry Walking Group

Rose Carr announced that the Walking Group is now being led by Mary and Don Mellett. She expressed gratitude for the group's celebration of her birthday.

## Forthcoming Events

Fun Day in Barnard's Park – 17<sup>th</sup> August.

There was some discussion about the use of power generators for outdoor events. The owning of a generator by HBCC could be cost effective over time if it was hired out to other groups. However, it was not decided who would store, organise the hiring of, and maintain such a unit. No action was proposed at meeting.

## Community Centre

Tim Parkinson announced that the HBCC committee had decided not to recommend the take up of the option of the Community Asset Transfer of Brentry Lodge, the Bristol City Council property currently being used as a youth services centre. When all factors have been taken into consideration, the running of such a building by HBCC alone is neither financially, nor practically, viable. The recent survey of local residents had a paltry return of responses, and this itself, indicates the lack of the community activity needed to support a stand-alone community centre. Tim suggested that an alternative could be the use of the Henbury Social Club, which may welcome having its facilities made available for diverse community activities. Cllr Weston reminded the meeting that if the council sold Brentry Lodge, then HBCC would be entitled to a percentage of the sale proceeds. This could then be used to develop new projects or go towards adapting some other premises into a community centre. Anthony Skelding offered to propose this (on behalf of the community) at a future Neighbourhood Partnership meeting. Keith Houghton (NP Facilitator) is believed to be looking into matters concerning the incorporation of a community centre. Within the respective constitutions of the social club and HBCC, there may be conditions that may require adaptation before the joint enterprise could be realised. The Chair advised a patient approach to pursuing this matter in order to use the best opportunities as and when they become apparent.

### South Gloucestershire Public Consultation

Alison Devonshire reported that the last public consultation meeting for the benefit of local residents on the ongoing developments in South Gloucestershire was very well supported. The proposed new road being planned to run through Charlton Common into Brentry has not yet passed planning consent on appeal. There is now considerable local opposition towards the plans submitted by particular developers. Charlotte Leslie MP, is giving her support to locals in opposing the current plans for the new road. South Gloucestershire Council Planning Department have asserted that there are no through roads planned from the new development sites into North Bristol. However, the only feasible means of providing a link from the existing Filton Airfield site to Brentry would require some form of new road. There will be an open day for the public to examine these schemes on 5<sup>th</sup> August.

### Any Other Business

#### F.A.S.T. Families Project

Marianna Parfiti-Georgiou praised the work done in the F.A.S.T. project; as reported in the summer issue of the newsletter. It was generally agreed that such projects are very much needed amongst the most deprived families in the community. Manny White mentioned that the public library is a well-equipped yet, underused, resource where families could develop vital social skills and creative activities that are introduced within this project.

#### Guest Speakers at Meetings

Tim Parkinson was not able to secure a visit from a guest speaker to this meeting to talk about Dial-A-Ride. It is now scheduled for the next general meeting. It is hoped that other guests will be able to attend future meetings in order to encourage more attendees.

#### Tree Removal in Passage Road

Tim Parkinson mentioned that a mature beech tree is marked for removal from the footway of Passage Road. Bristol City Council does not plan to replace the tree with another one. Tim requested permission to use £300 of HBCC funds to have a new tree planted in its place. He said it could be planted in memory of the late Roy Pepworth. All agreed this would be a good use of HBCC funds.

#### Crow Lane Green Space Playground

A request was made for the plans for the ongoing works at the Crow Lane children's playground to be made available to view on the HBCC notice boards.

Next meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in United Reform Church, Passage Road

|                                  | Opening<br>01/04/2013 | Paid /<br>Transferred | Received /<br>Transferred | Current Balance   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Newsletter                       | £271.55               | £871.00               | £1,550.00                 | £950.55           |
| Events                           | £30.00                | £0.00                 | £1,100.00                 | £1,130.00         |
| Elderly fund                     | £672.76               | £500.00               | £0.00                     | £172.76           |
| Unrestricted funds               | £2,517.23             | £91.80                | £203.00                   | £2,628.43         |
| Facilities                       | £3,414.35             | £0.00                 | £0.00                     | £3,414.35         |
| Safety                           | £1,203.76             | £190.80               | £0.00                     | £1,012.96         |
| Community First – Notice Boards  | -£16.80               | £0.00                 | £16.80                    | £0.00             |
| Community First – Hampers        | £69.00                | £0.00                 | £0.00                     | £69.00            |
| 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             | £1,050.00             | £223.42                   | £2,683.42         |
| Bristol Youth & Community Action | £0.00                 | £2,400.00             | £5,000.00                 | £2,600.00         |
| <b>Current totals</b>            | <b>£13,209.75</b>     | <b>£5,103.60</b>      | <b>£8,133.22</b>          | <b>£16,814.87</b> |

### ***Receipts since April***

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Advertisements in Newsletter     | £150.00          |
| Bristol Youth & Community Action | £5,000.00        |
| BCC Wellbeing – Events Group     | £1,100.00        |
| BCC Wellbeing - Newsletter       | £1,400.00        |
| Community Transport collection   | £223.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>£7,873.00</b> |

### ***Significant Expenditure since April***

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| Community Transport – Monday runs          | £1,050.00       |
| Speed watch Camera                         | £191.00         |
| Newsletter printing & delivery             | £871.00         |
| BYCA funding of HAPPY Summer activities    | £2,000.00       |
| BYCA funding of Emmanuel Summer activities | £400.00         |
| Lunch for Elderly Residents                | £500.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>£5012.00</b> |