

# **Minutes of the Henbury & Brentry Community Council,**

**held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2007**

## **At Brentry Methodist Church**

### **Officials**

Chairman – Ted Marshall

Minutes – Tim Parkinson

### **Apologies**

Mrs. Jefferson, Mr. & Mrs. Semball, Heather Barham

### **1. Update on Crow Lane CCTV status**

Mr. Stan George of Bristol City Council brought the meeting up to date on this system which was initiated by Steve Vaughn two years ago. The import of his report was: -

Funding has been obtained from Safer Bristol to bring the inadequately specified initial system up to a reasonable standard. This included the provision of a BT link to the city centre monitoring centre to enable 'evidence' quality images. This would be achieved by the end of January 2007.

Further work to improve the position of individual cameras was scheduled for completion by the end of March 2007.

A sum of £57,000 had been planned for the support of the system for the next five years. This will be shared between the retail outlets in Crow Lane and the Bristol City Council.

Bristol City Council will own the installation and cameras. The responsibility for overseeing the performance of the system is vested in the **SEARCH** (Support Environmental Action Resident Community Help) subset group of the Community Council

### **2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting following a proposal by Paul Thompson which was seconded by Mark Weston.

### **3. Treasurer's report (Tim Parkinson)**

**Income since last meeting on 19/10/2006**

Bristol City Council SRB6 Community Access - £1181

**Expenditure since 19/10/2006 - £208**

Website hosting - £35

Hire of room (3 times) - £50

Exercise Class - £123

**Fund Balances**

Total in bank - £16137

Included in this total are: -

Youth Shelter fund balance - £1145

Extend Classes fund balance - £471

Post Conference fund - £2431

Community Facilities fund - £3975

General fund - £8115

Tim concluded his report by saying that Heather Barham had suggested that the Community Council might like to fund two community notice boards (one for Henbury and one for Brentry). This was thought to be a good idea and after a proposal by Rose Carr which was seconded by Paul Thompson the expenditure was authorised.

**4. Report from local councillors (Derek Pickup and Mark Weston)**

Planning consents had been granted for the Wheels Park and the Pentecostal Church on part of the former Swimming Pool site. But land purchase still had to be agreed for the Pentecostal Church between the latter and Bristol City Council. Additionally planning consent had been granted for two retail / workshop units on the site of the former Crow Lane toilets.

Ben Gough's House was going to be closed after only 10 years by Bristol Charities as running an elderly person's home was no longer in the Charities vision. Also Brentry House is also due for closure by Bristol City Council as it is no longer fit for purpose. These planned closures are causing considerable distress and members are encouraged to protest.

Derek Pickup proposed that members plan a visit to the Monica Wills Sheltered Housing Centre in Bedminster once repairs following a recent fire there have been completed.

Derek commented that **SEARCH** (Support Environmental Action Resident Community Help) group of the Community Council was a very encouraging concept and could be very effective. He stated that the Community Council needs to develop an overall vision and plan for Henbury and Brentry.

**5. Library report**

Helen Boal announced that the library would re-open on 5<sup>th</sup> February. Lots of new books would be available and also an additional 12 computers provided by the Exchange Group with access to Learn Direct and more.

A Fun Day to celebrate the re-opening would take place on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**6. Police report (Rachel Mann ,Andy Stamm and Nick Merrick)**

Andy Stamm introduced himself and reported that anti-social behaviour in the ward had shown a promising reduction of 22%.

The main problem at the moment is an increased number of burglaries but appreciable co-operation from householders was helping.

Police surgeries will restart and will be held in the Library on dates and times to be decided.

Nick Merrick, School Beat manager, said he had been in post for nearly five years and said he was pleased to be getting young people to do more in the community. Sometimes this was as a result of being offered incentives but his was no bad thing. He wished to emphasize that he was not based at Henbury School because it was a bad school but because the school wanted him there.

The members present requested that it be recorded clearly in the minutes that the Community owes a considerable debt to Nick for all he has done (and will do) for our young people.

## **7. Neighbourhood Watch update**

Wendy Hull (North Bristol Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator) explained how the schemes operated. She said there were 335 schemes in operation in the area. She asked that anyone interested in promoting a scheme in their street contact her at Newfoundland Road Police Station where she is based or telephone her on 0117 9529738.

## **8. Community Involvement report**

Cheryl Cole said that the **Henbury Action Group** planned an Easter Happening, a Summer Fun Day and a Christmas Event.

Paul Thompson appealed for more members for this group from the community. Paul reported that 29 people had signed up for the community trip to Cracow.

The **SEARCH** (Support Environmental Action Resident Community Help) group did a walkabout one month and held a review meeting the next month. The next walkabout was on 9<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 10:00

Cheryl went on to announce that a Community Play titled "**Trickster**" featuring the dangers of 'distraction' burglaries would take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at the Henbury Social Club in Tormarton Rd. at 10:00 a.m.

Cheryl concluded by reporting that an **Over 50's group** was being set up and plans were in hand to set up an **Editorial group** for the newsletter, etc.

Finally Maddy Powell told the meeting that HABA was organising half term activities at Brentry Lodge from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

## **9. Other Business**

Roy Pepworth reminded members that the Henbury Walking Club set out every Thursday and 15-20 people enjoyed some not too strenuous exercise.

## **10.2007 Community Council meeting dates**

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2007 Annual General Meeting**

**19<sup>th</sup> July 2007 General Meeting**

**18<sup>th</sup> October 2007 General Meeting**