

**Henbury and Brentry Community Council**  
**Charity No: 308085**

**Minutes of General Meeting held in the United Reform Church on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011**

Attendance: 37 signed in.

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

Ted Marshall opened a full meeting, welcomed everyone and noted apologies from Father Michael and deputy head of Henbury school.

Minutes of last meeting, Chris Pratt asked for amendment Henbury Fun day its always been called Henbury and Brentry not just Henbury. Amendment accepted. Proposer and seconder passed as true record.

Guest Head Teacher from Henbury School, new deputy head not arrived.

Keith Houghton NP co-ordinator

H& B Conference - thoughts

3 areas of concern - issues and possible ways forward

1) Developing community - needing a community centre, long standing problem. Bristol charities are developing Barnstaple House because Brentry are taking out the community facility and offering Henbury Centre for community, explore options on Henbury Centre as a community centre potentially press for community use of the building, KH clarified it would be for the whole ward.

Potential Brentry Lodge - might be available and take over as a community asset (through the youth link commissioning) may or may not use the building. Set up a working group to explore all these possibilities.

Traffic, Parking and road infrastructure. Establish a NP transport/traffic sub-group to deal with traffic parking etc through this route regular group.

Community transport facility - £12,000 legal agreement from Aldi S106 money to get people from Brentry and more distant Henbury area through down to Aldi and back again.

In the Autumn Southmead hospital are running a workshop to explore how their development can benefit communities for public transport to serve the hospital (S106) suggest H&B should engage in this workshop so that any new bus route will go through our area.

Improving quality of life in blocks of flats - ask BCC housing to respond with a programme of work and report back to NP. Continue Search group work.

Litter, Dog mess, cleaner streets - to clear up Machin Rd and litter campaign in Autumn on Crow Lane. Find out what Hartcliffe and Withywood have done in their poo plan and do our own version.

South Glos development - ward councillors to maintain link with BCC planners to track impact. Ensure H. B. S residents are consulted and needs to reflect the plans and section 106 mitigation.

Drug problems dealing and use - regular reports at neighbourhood forums. Ask for police report at NP

Green Spaces protect them and get more people using them - actively support friends of groups, help groups get access to external funding . Work with BCC parks to develop priorities for investment and plan to take NP priorities forward

Upgrading Crow lane shops and flats- Long term aim: set up a start and finish group to explore possibilities and report to H&BCC and NP. Find out who owns different areas/properties , collating info and how we go about moving this forward.

## 2) Young People

Crime and Safety - Support activities through wellbeing fund and community safety officer plan. Work , training, and education - explore with Henbury and Brenty youth forum members

## 3) Older People

Community Centre, Transport, linkage needed, lack of accommodation, inter-generational opportunities and work, lack of clubs, isolation, learning support - Linkage has started in H&B we need to take all older peoples issues to linkage to influence their work. Bring back to H&BCC and NP to see how they can be taken forward. Set up small working group Sept/Oct to take back to NP.

## Ward Reports - Mark Weston Councillor

South Glos - £22 million to repair the runway. It was Airbus that pulled out of the contract and this is why the airfield is being sold. Jobs wise - small impact we are told as in manning radar etc.

## AGSP

On hold - Cross party working group are looking at the strategy. Options saving/changing parts of it. WP talks ongoing.

## Free School Burghill

Planning permission for 1 year only Dec 31st 2012. Don't know exactly what impact this will have on Henbury school it's a case of watching this space.

## Youth Service

Bcc out sourcing this service around the city (less money) - question mark as to what buildings are still going to be used. Sept they will have a better idea. KH said there is an on-line blog.

People who want to be involved look at the consultation put your comments forward .

#### Youth Bus

Temporary reprieve for this , so at the moment its fine. One off grant for school bus.

#### Elderly Peoples homes

Councillors are in consultation- EPD/ care proposals to close 10 of 12. Same thing happened three years ago, so were watching this now. Question mark over day care. Bristol Charities Day care centre henbury centre all day care contracts are being reviewed as well. BCC Question ethnic, makeup and diversity .

#### Avon Riding Centre

Land up for Auction, is they loose that part of land 2/3rds they will struggle with operation, still have hundreds on the waiting list. Land agent wont talk to stable trust we are trying to resolve this, CW MW meeting with BCC council to look for loans or funding or communication . Auction for land has been held up with the lawyers at the moment Please back fundraising these appeals.

#### Treasurers Report – Tim Parkinson

Change format of audited accounts - 2 page - reason was one off grant last year, which put us over the limit. We need to declare which funds are restricted/unrestricted. One error on printed statement was £3,524 for Newsletter printing was switched with £492 General Admin.. We did benefit from Inspiring Communities funds which meant we were able to spend £4388 on 3 events as compared with previous year £1527. This means that we will have to run a 'tighter ship' in future.

A grand total of nearly £39,000 was spent on Inspiring Community projects and management. Cash Fund Accounts year end - 14,634 last year was 16,775 so have dropped approx 2,000. No current problem. Tim asked for any questions. Proposed and second. Passed He now has online access to the H&BCC current account which can speed up payments Receipts £2,000 for the newsletter. Largest payment was for liability insurance £272.

#### Police – Nick Merrick

2 key issues to report - drugs and ASB , 5 drug warrants, 3 cannabis factories dismantled (200 plants) arrested in the region of 12 adults, on one drug raid (50 cannabis plants 100 wraps) still ongoing it's a up hill battle the reason the helicopter is flying over very low is to pick up heat source, from powerful lights.

Success with asbos on adults and youngsters. Operation Brave is still on going Fri & Sat up to 1.00am Since 2008 reduction rate of 65% which has had a fantastic impact in Crow Lane and for residents.

Q& A Stay Safe is still in operation children at risk take them into care and then contact parents.

Shops at Bentry - Avonmouth control Bentry side of Charlton Rd and Southmead on the shops side - police are in contact with local traders

Man on roof in the flats - the man has mental health problems and this is being dealt with - Ted asked to be aware of his problems. Bob Farmer said if concerned contact mental health dept.

Search - No report

#### Events

June we held our 2nd annual lunch for the elderly - the lunch was cooked by the cookery club, this was very successful and received many cards and messages saying how much they had enjoyed this.

6th annual fun day - Sat 13th Aug please come along any bric-a-brac unwanted items would be appreciated we can arrange for collection

Christmas Cracker - is the next event on Crow Lane.

HAPPY Group - affiliated to Community Council

#### Newsletter

M-Shed - Waterfront exhibition called Pride of Place all NP have done something for this exhibition - S bench, newsletter etc please go along. If anyone has any free time volunteers for stewards are still needed expenses will be paid either am or pm.

Wellbeing - enough funds for 2 issues, need some support for 3rd issue. Help also needed to deliver newsletter various streets please contact Marianna. Ted praised Marianna for the outstanding newsletter and reiterated help is needed for distribution.

#### Walking Group

Group has gone from strength to strength. . It's the biggest walking group in Bristol.

New group has been formed its called the Westbury Walkers.

Next trip is to Weymouth in September

Rose confirmed they have a new walk leader.

Transition Group - no report

#### Youth Forum

1) Youth links is out to consultation and the end for comment is 30th Aug if you want to respond follow link <http://bristolchildren.wordpress.com/consultations/bristol-youthlinks/>

2) Thanks to NP partnership for agreeing funding for a joint residential for SH & B youth forum.

3) The forum have also been successful in an application to the transformers fund to make a photo calendar & postcard for the area by 2012. Help needed taking photographs if you can please contact them.

#### BS10 Parks and Planning Group

The former Wayfarer pub is to be replaced by co-op and two retail outlets.

AGSP- are on hold our group are watching this closely there is a cross party working group are working on the strategy.

South Glos - We met with BCC and we have asked them to keep our group in the loop.

Barnstaple House - Planning application was withdrawn and will be re-submitted.

Chris Pratt read a statement - this was not what had previously been submitted in writing. Chair was unable to accept this and was not prepared to accept a motion from the floor.

AOB Radio last week offering packs of trees for communities to plant? More information needed.

Chair closed meeting and look forward to our next meeting in October

20th 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