



AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

HENBURY & SOUTHMEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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Recommendations

1. To note the delivery of May Neighbourhood Forum events and the tabling of issues raised at the NP meeting **(Item 1)**
2. To note the progress on the development of the South Gloucestershire Supplementary Planning Document and opportunities to influence in the coming months. **(Item 2)**
3. To note the successful delivery of the Henbury and Southmead Community Conference in March 2013 **(Item 3)**
4. To note the successful influencing of First Bus in re-instating the no. 20 Bus services in the daytime along Charlton Road and the effective joint working of local residents and the NP **(Item 4)**

1. Neighbourhood Forums feedback

1.1 The Neighbourhood Forums took place on 15th May in Henbury/Brentry and 16th May in Southmead

1.2 13 residents and 2 councillors attended the Southmead Forum and 24 residents and two councillors attended the Henbury/Brentry Forum

1.3 The issues raised at these Forums will be tabled at the 23rd July meeting.

2. South Gloucestershire Developments Update

2.1 Following the recent Southmead and Henbury/Brentry meetings on 5th June South Gloucestershire have come back with an outline timetable for the production of the Supplementary Planning Document (potentially produced in September 2013, although this may be delayed)

2.2 The South Gloucestershire Council Leader, Cllr John Callway, would like to chair local member meetings. Sth Gloucestershire want to organise them over the next month, followed by potential drop-in events (as they ran at Southmead and Henbury but probably without the formal address elements) every other month. The purpose of the drop-in events would be two-fold – for us to update people on various bits of information, proposals etc. for discussion, and to give developers a forum to present their emerging or application proposals to fulfil their requirements under SGCs Statement of Community Involvement

2.3 A detailed timetable is being developed by Sth Gloucestershire Major Projects team and we can use this to arrange key meetings for our Transport sub-group and for the BS10 Parks and Planning Group to focus their meetings.

3. Henbury and Brentry Community Conference 2013

3.1 The 2013 Henbury and Brentry Community Conference was held on Saturday 23rd March. The Conference was jointly organised by the Henbury & Brentry Community Council and the Neighbourhood Partnership.

3.2 It was attended by 44 people. Key themes addressed included:

- How the community is changing – information from the 2011 census highlighted a rise in black and minority ethnic population from 4.3% in 2001 to 11.9% in 2011; higher proportions of young people and older people in Henbury/Brentry than the Bristol average and of disabled people or people living with a long-term illness.
- Workshops shared ideas about Developing Community Resources; Highways, Traffic and Transport and Parks & Green Spaces.
- These suggestions will be fed through to a new version of the Neighbourhood Partnership Action Plan to come to the NP in September 2013.
- Other elements can be followed up through the Neighbourhood Working priorities (see Agenda Item 11).

- A Community Plan was produced from the Conference as part of the Community First grant programme to inform its funding priorities. Copies are available at the Community First webpage at: <http://henburybrentrycommunity.org.uk/wordpress/?cat=32>

4. First Bus to restore daytime no. 20 service along Charlton Road



4.1 Residents living along Charlton Road raised concerns about the withdrawal of the daytime no 20 service from Charlton Road at Neighbourhood Forums in 2012. In April of this year the Neighbourhood Partnership set up a meeting with residents and Colin Morris from First Bus, who manages the no.20 service.

4.2 Mr Morris explained the position of First Bus very clearly at this meeting and took listened carefully to residents as they set out how the loss of a daytime bus service affected them – in particular older and disabled people on both sides of Charlton Road.

4.3 Mr Morris took away a commitment to explore a solution and, at a follow up meeting on 26th June brought the good news that First Bus are planning to re-start a half-hourly 20 service to Charlton Road from the start of **September 2013**. He explained that they couldn't begin earlier as they need to get register new and amended services two months before they make the changes

4.4 Residents were delighted with this change of heart but Mr Morris emphasised that the service was originally removed because it wasn't being used by enough people. **A publicity campaign will be organised by the AC and Neighbourhood Development Officer with**

local residents in September to encourage local people to use the service. take place in September to encourage local people to use the service.

4.5 Several residents in Henbury have requested a re-routing of the 1 or 54 service along Henbury Road. Mr Morris told the meeting that this would not be possible as both these services are part of the Greater Bristol Bus Network and First Bus don't want to change the route.