

## BECOME A MEMBER

<b>Voting Membership</b>		2006/7 subscription
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Voluntary or community organisation or school</b>	£10
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Individual</b> <i>Up to fourteen people are nominated each year onto the BCC to represent special interests in the community: Under 21s, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, women, pensioners, low income groups, and lesbians and gay men. Let us know if you or a friend would like to represent one of these community interests.</i>	Complimentary

<b>Non-voting Membership</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Individual</b> <i>Any individual not representing one of the special interest groups above. All members have the right to attend and contribute to any of our meetings and will be kept informed of BCC activities and other Brentford community-related news.</i>	£5
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Statutory Authority</b> <i>Local government organisations and quasi-NGOs.</i>	£10
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Commercial Organisation</b>	£15
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Voluntary or Community Group outside the Brentford area</b>	Complimentary

<b>Information</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Media organisations, political parties, and other interested agencies</b> <i>You will be included on our mailing list for key circulars and briefings.</i>	Complimentary

In special circumstances, where an individual or organisation is having financial problems, the membership fee will be waived. This is at the discretion of the Management Group.

The BCC Management and Planning Consultative Committees are held accountable to our Members and Supporters through our Annual General Meeting (AGM) which takes place annually in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Organisation \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Website \_\_\_\_\_

If you belong to an organisation or residents' group would you...

- 1) Like any of our officers to attend one of your meetings and give a short talk about BCC? YES/NO
- 2) Be able to pass on information or display a poster about forthcoming events? YES/NO

Cheques payable to: Brentford Community Council.  
Please return to: Brentford Community Council,  
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Brentford Community Council (BCC) is an independent organisation that was established in 1989 with start-up support from Hounslow Borough Council. Since 1999 we have been financially independent, funded by donations from organisations and individuals across the community.

The BCC is co-ordinated by a Management Group that meets before or after Planning Consultation Committee meetings. The group is open to anyone who would like to get actively involved in the BCC or would like to bring an issue to our attention.

### **A representative voice for Brentford**

Our mission is to represent the general interests of the area with any person or agency providing services or undertaking activities affecting the local environment and well-being of people living in the area. We are non-party political.

We are frequently consulted by the local media to provide a voice for the concerns and aspirations of Brentford people.

### **Encouraging Sustainable Development**

Successful development means balancing economic, social and environmental demands. Determining the right balance is a complex challenge. We believe that by bringing together

as diverse a range of people as possible, and giving them the opportunity to voice their opinion, we can achieve the best future for Brentford.

### **Making connections across the community**

After each meeting we usually go to a local pub. This is a great opportunity to make new friends and catch up with each others' news. If you have just started living in Brentford our social gatherings can also be a good way to find out about more specialist community organisations which you could support.

To encourage good community relations and the sharing of local news (and gossip!), BCC has established the BrentfordChat internet discussion list. You can join by sending a blank email to [Brentfordchat-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Brentfordchat-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

## **HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED**

### **Planning Consultation**

Since we were first established, BCC has proved itself to be a vocal watchdog of local development plans. We review over 100 local planning applications every year. These are assessed on numerous criteria from the aesthetic and regulatory to wider social, economic and environmental concerns. We whole heartedly support many developments, but with others we put forward our members' ideas to suggest how they might be improved.

Planning meetings usually take place at the Methodist Church Hall, Clifden Rd, Brentford. They start at 7.15pm and fall on Thursday evenings. The dates are set on an annual basis to precede the meetings of Hounslow Borough Council's Sustainable Development Committee.

If you would like to be involved in preparatory and follow-up work for these meetings please get in touch

with the Planning Consultative Committee's Chair, Denis Browne.

### **Supporting Residents' Groups**

Residents' groups are a vital part of the fabric of our community. The Management and Planning Teams are always available to give advice to Residents' Groups on how best to address local concerns and build their group's skills and ability to influence development.

We also encourage all Residents' Groups and local Associations to become voting members of the BCC. If a member of your group regularly attends our meetings you will be informed of what is going on across the Brentford community and ensure that the BCC continues to represent your views.

### **Management Group**

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For more information on how to get involved in the group and when the next meeting is taking place, please contact BCC Chair, Peter Hughes. We are always looking for new ideas on how the BCC can improve its effectiveness and people to help implement them.

**[www.brentfordcc.org.uk](http://www.brentfordcc.org.uk)**

*The Brentford Community Council is an equal opportunities organisation.*