

**Minutes of the
Purfleet on Thames Community Forum meeting
Held on 30 November 2009
At St Stephens Church, Purfleet**

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting by giving a brief description of the forum and welcoming everyone.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2009 were agreed.

3. Police Community Support Officers

Crime statistics for November remained at an average level. A disbursement order is now in place covering the Garrison Estate. This means that if more than 2 youths are found to be loitering, the community support officers have the power to tell them to move away from the area and not return for 12 to 24 hours.

Going forward a member of the PCSO will attend every forum meeting.

4. Thurrock Council – transport plan

Matt Keighly from Thurrock council's transport plan consultation group explained to the forum the purpose of the group, which is to consult on implementing a transport plan for Thurrock. They are looking at local issues and have received good feedback so far. The consultation will also look into –

- improving air quality;
- tackling congestion;
- safer roads;
- facilitating regeneration.

The Government has recently issued guidance setting out new national goals. Thurrock's strategy is consistent with this guidance.

Matt explained that feedback received will have a criteria applied; and that changes will be put in place based on historical facts.

Junction 30 falls under the Highways Agency who will look at options with Thurrock council to improve the management of flow of traffic around this junction.

The council are also looking at improving traffic flow across the Dartford crossing, considering technology such as scanning.

Matt confirmed that 4 options are also being considered for creating an alternative crossing across the Thames.

The council is looking into the issues of HGV parking problems. The council had identified a number of locations for parking but they have all caused objections from local residents. Once a suitable parking area is provided, legal parking of HGVs will be enforced.

A new bus service for Thurrock is being consulted on 'South Essex Rapid Transit' (SERT). SERT routes will be linked in with all new proposed housing developments, with buses planned to run every 10 minutes. At certain points along the route the bus will take priority over other traffic.

An air quality monitor is fitted along London Road. The forum were previously provided with the results but they were too complex to interpret. Matt will provide the forum with a report on the air quality readings which is more explanatory than just figures.

The forum requested that once road works start a system should be put in place to control traffic flow. Matt confirmed the council has a team of highway inspectors, and will follow this up.

Matt will attend the forum meeting scheduled for 26 April to give an update.

Oliver will take forward the issue of HGV parking along Purfleet by pass and provide feedback at the January meeting.

5. Christmas do - feedback

- An extra flood light required to light up the outside lawn;
- The Chair to put in a funding application to the council;
- The Chair's wife will take on book-keeping but will not be a signatory. The existing signatories will remain as John and Ian
- An alternative venue to be considered for the Christmas/summer do.

6. AOB

John confirmed he had been chasing up Arriva (re adopting the land by the train station and making good until its taken over by TGDC), but had not got any further, he will continue to chase. John to send Oliver details of who to contact to follow-up on who owns the land.

A litter bin is required for the bus stop in front of the church as litter is being thrown onto the church grounds/street. Lynn confirmed that Steve Stark from Thurrock Council will be attending the forum's January meeting.

An issued was raised with regards to members of the public urinating on the street. The community police will be asked to monitor this. John will look into portable cctv although this would need constant monitoring.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 5th January, 7:30 at The Fleet.

The Chair closed the meeting wishing everyone a Merry Christmas!