

**Minutes of the
Purfleet on Thames Community Forum meeting
Held on 25th January 2010
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 30th November 2009 were agreed.

3. Police Community Support Officers- Report by PCSO L Ovel

Reported crime statistics for December were 36 and January (to 24th) 31. A disbursement order is now in place and is valid for 6 months which means groups likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress can be moved on and told not to return for up to 24 hours. Recently a warrant was executed and a cannabis factory found on the Garrison Estate. 2 males arrested on suspicion of stealing lead from roofs. It is anticipated that 4 acceptable behaviour agreements will be issued to youths causing problems.

Next Neighbourhood Action Panel is Monday 15th March 2010

NSO Claire is moving on and to be replaced by James Boyce

PC Kellie Marie being re-deployed to Ockendon area and will be replaced within the team.

A note of thanks was offered to both officers for all their efforts and hard work.

Q: J. Nelder – Tag artist prolific in Purfleet are they known to the police?

A: Particular offender is known, and is not a Purfleet resident, but again it requires proof of the offence being committed to secure any action.

Q: D Ferrey – Is Uplands patrolled by both Purfleet and Aveley policing teams?

A: In short yes. New development falls into the Purfleet team patch although there is cross boundary working between both teams.

Mr Swain from the Uplands reported increased youth nuisance and littering adjacent to the new development

Q: G Polley. Are incidents of Race Hate Crime Reported separately?

A: Yes – 1 incident reported in January and prosecution pending

4. Thurrock Council – Minerals & Waste Site Allocation Consultation

Paul Clark and Ms J Smith from Thurrock council's strategic planning explained to the forum the purpose of the issues and options document. To consult on policies relating to site allocation and control of development for mineral extraction and waste allocation sites within the borough. Paul Clark explained where the documents sit within in the Local Development Framework and Development Plan Documents and gave an introduction to the summary leaflet and DVD of which copies were left for the forum to hand out. Mr Clark then took questions from the floor.

Q: J Rowles – Thurrock makes it really easy to re-cycle. Do other boroughs make the same efforts to encourage their residents to re-cycle or will we end up taking waste from other boroughs due to their lack of re-cycling.

A: Every authority has the same message from government regarding reducing waste going to landfill, however, it is down to every individual authority as to what they do with their waste. Although there are financial penalties through the landfill tax.

Q: M Pollington – Trade Waste – Do they have the same facility to re-cycle as Domestic waste?

A: Local Authority not responsible for collecting trade waste down to individual companies and organisations.

Q: C Asplin – What about white goods/domestic electrical items?

A: There are facilities at the re-cycling centres for their disposal.

Q: G Davies – Can it be identified how much waste that goes to Landfill in the borough is from Thurrock?

A: Historically Thurrock has taken waste from London and continues to do so. There is nothing to prevent other boroughs from using the landfill facilities in Thurrock.

Q: G Polley – Are there any proposals to develop a Bio-Fuels plant for reclaimed vegetable oils?

A: Not at the moment.

Q: D Lee – Hazardous waste. Could Government impose a Hazardous waste station on Thurrock?

A: Government have special planning powers as exercised in the proposed incinerator at Tilbury Docks for waste, which proposes to use waste and timber to generate green energy. In brief yes they could, however they would have to go through due process and submit arguments as to why Thurrock is the right place for such a specialist site and again, that is part of the process within these documents to identify how Thurrock will dispose of it's own hazardous or specialist waste.

Q: D Fergey – Methane from landfill. Who does it belong to?

A: There is an example within the borough of a green energy plant harvesting the methane from a redundant landfill site. That is a private commercial enterprise.

5. Mardyke Bridge – Demus Lee

Demus informed the meeting of the background relating to a funding application made in the name of the forum to an organisation called Grass Roots. The funding application was in the sum of £5,000 and details in the form of a brief were handed out to allow all present to understand the parameters of the project. This was in the form of a retrospective request due to the time lines needed to secure the funding.

The forum are being asked to passport the money to enable a film making project to record the events and opening of the Community Bridge involving the Purfleet Youth Group based at St Stephen's amongst others. The money will be used to engage the services of a Simon Thomas of Videography who will work with Andy Hudson and others in Purfleet to capture this event and a DVD will be produced for distribution and the Purfleet Community Forum will be acknowledged as a stakeholder in the bridge project.

Q: G Polley – Will the community be involved with the naming of the bridge as reported in the Purfleet-on-Thames News letter of 2008 and what percentage of Purfleet children attend the schools being involved with the project.

A: Unknown if the community will be involved with the naming of the bridge, but not within the brief of this project. Unknown what percentage of Purfleet children attend the schools named as being involved with the project.

Q: M Pollington – Do all the young people attending the Purfleet Youth Group stem from Purfleet?

A: A Hudson, the majority do however there are youngsters from other areas of Thurrock that choose to attend the group.

Q: G Polley – What financial responsibility falls to the forum if the project over-runs its budget?

A: None – It is understood that the project has to be delivered within the constraints of the funding application.

The Chair asked the meeting if they were all in favour of the project and the application.

Agreed Unanimously

A note of thanks was offered to Demus for all his hard work and efforts on behalf of the community and was asked if he would continue to represent the forum on this matter.

6. **Funding Applications submitted to the Forum for approval.**

- Thurrock Play Network Outdoor Activities in Purfleet during school summer holidays. Cost £725
Action Funding agreed date and place of events to be advised.
- Approach from Thurrock Council to fund Buddy Swing in Purfleet at a cost of £2600 approx. Due to other funding requests the forum unable to meet full cost of project. Query raised on the breakdown of costs Lyn Gittins to check with Andrea Winterflood and report back to Chair.
Action Agreed in principal that equipment wanted in Purfleet. Siting subject to further consultation with residents in Water Lane contribution from the forum subject to availability of funds.
- Notice Boards – Uplands and Railway Station Notice Boards in need of refurbishment.
Action Agreed
- Patient Participation Group. Gareth Davies approached the forum with a verbal proposal from the PPG of the Tank Hill Medical centre for a potential contribution of upto £1,000 max towards the supply of various equipment including a Blood Pressure testing machine. Gareth took questions from the audience relating to accessibility appropriate use and NHS approval of equipment.
Action Funding agreed in principal subject to application being submitted in writing and consent for Chair to sign off without it coming back to next meeting.

7. **Matters arising and Any Other Business.**

Arriva Bus Turnaround

The forum offered their, thanks, to Jenny & Claire for all their hard work and efforts on clearing the area. It was of note the difference they had made. The Chair gave an update regarding the ownership of the turnaround and advised Purfleet forum was exploring a temporary adoption of the site until such time as it was needed for development.

Q: J.Nelder & C. Asplin. Could owners of the Play Ground be made to clear their site of unsightly rubbish.

Action: Lyn Gittins to provide contact details .

The Chair advised he had received an approach for an informal meeting of some of the forum members and asked for volunteers to accompany him.

John Swain, Derek Fergey, Andy Hudson Demus Lee all expressed an interest. Time and date of meeting to be arranged.

Actions outstanding from November Meeting.

Cllr Gerrish – Issue of HGV parking along by-pass agreed that Oliver would provide feedback to January meeting.

Litter Bin required for bus stop. Deferred till January's meeting expected that Steve Stark would be attending. Due to change of speakers, matter still to be addressed.

John Rowles looking into possibility of mobile CCTV.

Next Meeting.

The next committee meeting will be held on Monday 1st February 2010 at the Fleet. To discuss forward planning of forum events.

The Next Open meeting will be held on Monday 22nd February 2010
Venue: Mulberry Court, Mulberry Drive, Garrison Estate, Purfleet.

The Chair closed the meeting.

Attendance: 20 of which 8-committee members present. Meeting Quorate.