

Purfleet on Thames Community Forum.
Minutes of open meeting held on 26th July 2011.
Venue Mulberry Complex.

- 1, John welcomed everybody to the meeting.
- 2, apologies,
Ama, Stephane and Tim were unable to attend.
- 3, Minutes for the 31st of may were read and agreed.
- 4, Matters arising.
Gareth queried the following points.
Reason for cancelling Junes meeting,
Reason for cancelling the Big Lunch
Closure of new North Road.

John answers as follows, the June meeting was cancelled due to the group being unable to secure a venue. The big lunch was cancelled due to the group being unable to have a meeting where all members involved could get together to finalise arrangement and it was felt that the few who did attend could not commit those who didn't attend so firm arrangement could not be made. Finally John had written to the council regarding the closure of New North Rd which had been confirmed and noted by the council. Confirmation as to the outcome has yet to be received.

There were no other matters raised.

- 5, No guest speaker was scheduled, but we did have a guest.
Fiona Sibley from UCL had request to come along to ask members their thoughts regarding the RSPB complex.

Fiona outlined that she was doing a paper on the RSPB and the benefits to the community.

There followed a lengthy discussion where all members had the opportunity to put their thoughts across. The consensus of opinion was that the facility was of great benefit to the surrounding area. It was also noted that there is a lot of anger felt by local people that Purfleet is not recognised as the owner area for this venue.

On this subject the following points were raised.

This project was part funded by Thurrock Development Corporation. It is built on Purfleet Rifle Range.

Most important the RSPB is in Purfleet and not Rainham.

6, John informed that Deemus had been nominated for a Civic award and had been shortlisted this being an achievement on its own. The award ceremony was to be held on the 30th September all are invited the tickets being £37.50 each. Seven member requested tickets, it was agreed by the group that John would order and pay for the tickets with forum funds and repay the forum prior to the function.

7, as there was no other business John thanked all for attending and also announce that the date for the next meeting should be the 27th September with the venue to be arranged.