

Purfleet on Thames Community Forum

Minutes for public meeting held on 1st June 2009.

1, The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and for the benefit of new attendees gave a brief outline on what the forum is all about.

2 mins of last meeting were agreed. Matters arising were deferred for later in the meeting.

3 Allison Campbell gave a brief update on the meeting she had attended at Purfleet Primary School. The meeting had been called to bring many agencies together to help solve the problem of antisocial behaviour and vandalism by a small number of fairly young children who caused extensive damage to the school. The situation is delicate so information is limited at this time.

4 PCSO Tutor Macdonald Neife outlined a project that he has been working on in other areas.

The idea is simple, reward good kids with outings etc then hopefully the not so good kids will follow suite. He wants to move away from the old idea of treating bad kids in the hope that the perks will make them better because in a lot of cases this doesn't happen. Kids are nominated from local schools and clubs etc. The general principals were supported by the group as something we would want to be involved with in gaining outside funding etc.

5 matters arising & any other business.

Derick Fergie from the Uplands est. stated that he had had a meeting with Steve Starr from Thurrock Council with regard to sprucing up the estate with replacing trees and putting in some flower beds etc. It would appear that because the council now had the roundabout at Meads/Circus Tavern to look after there were no funds available to spruce up existing areas.

JR reminded that the next meeting was the 29th June and closed meeting.