

6th PURFLEET SEMINAR



25th June '93

INTRODUCTION

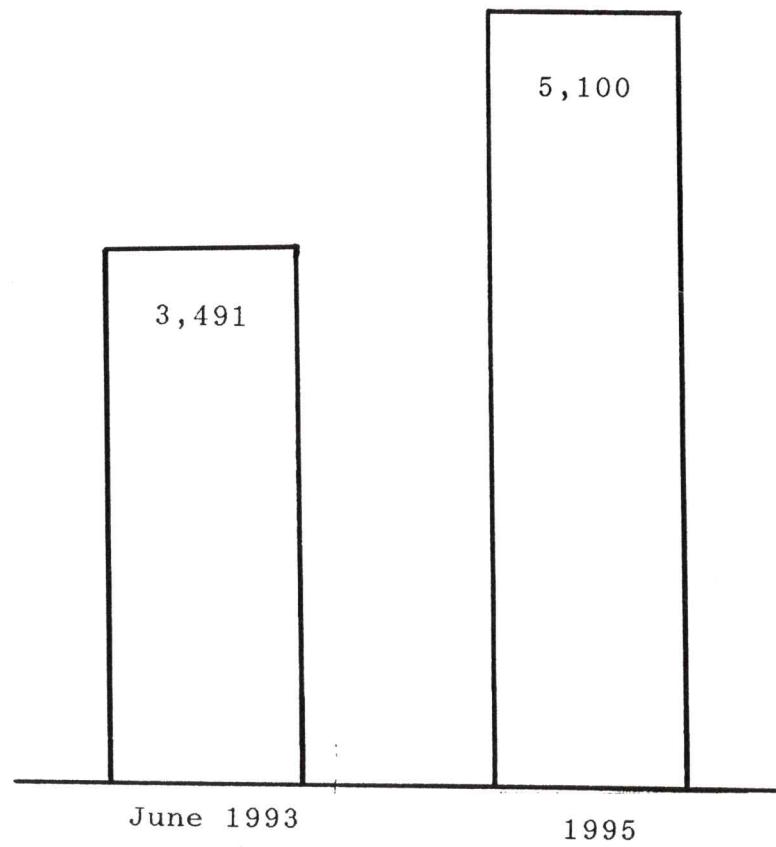
In this report we have attempted to record the changes that have taken place in the past year in Purfleet, and to identify some of the current concerns and possible solutions. As discussed at the seminar held in June.

It has been a very active year in Purfleet and therefore an appropriate time to take a tour of the area to witness the changes. Our thanks to Gwen Root for her guided tour which is recorded in the report. We would also like to thank Jon Bowman, Angela Colgrave, Donna Bannister and Celia Suppiah for the talks about Youth Provision, the Playgroup and the Community Mothers Initiative. Each of which represents positive progress.

This year we adopted a new approach by having a panel discussion session. The contribution of invited guests was greatly appreciated and hope that the section in the report is an accurate account of that discussion.

We would also like to thank everyone who attended the seminar for their contribution. The feedback we received was positive and it seems that we should keep holding these meetings. They are an opportunity to monitor developments and of working together in order to improve life in Purfleet.

POPULATION



POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS SINCE SEMINARS BEGAN

1. When we held the first Purfleet Seminar one of the main issues identified was the need for a Health Centre with a range of medical facilities. Despite costs having doubled, the new centre should open in 1994.
2. Minor Injuries Unit has opened and the Health Mobile has visited Purfleet on several occasions. Now have additional part-time health visitor.
3. We now have regular Thurrock Councillors' surgeries. Purfleet now has a voice in Thurrock.
4. MIND has initiated a working group to look at the mental health needs of Purfleet.
5. Major improvements to the Barrel Store including fire exit.
6. We now have a Police Home Beat Officer.
7. Regular Welfare rights advice sessions by DSS worker at FSU Drop-in on Thursday mornings
8. A successful estate action bid has allowed Thurrock Council to undertake Garrison Estate improvements.
9. Summer activities take place for children in Purfleet.
10. Positive changes in the Purfleet Primary School. More open and welcoming to parents. After school activities and toy library have begun. Sheila Britnall has produced a directory of what is available in Purfleet.
11. Some joint work by Police, Playgroup, School and FSU on bullying.
12. Uplands will soon have a new Community hall.
13. Got rid of the myth that cannot be a registered childminder on the Garrison Estate because of design of the accommodation.
14. Thurrock Council have opened an after school play centre for the 5 - 13 age group.
15. Good examples of positive residents action e.g:
 - GETRA
 - School bus campaign
 - TRAIL
 - Purfleet Women's Group.
 - Poppets Mother and Toddler Group.
 - New Mother and Toddler Group on Uplands Estate.
 - Children's Football Team.
 - Scouts, Cubs and Girl Guides Groups

INFORMATION UPDATES

Update on Youth Provision Presented by Jon Bowman

Jon began by saying last year's seminar served as an introduction to the area. Therefore it was a good time to reflect on what has been achieved over the year in terms of opportunities for young people on the estate:

1. Two Youth Workers, Jon and Maria have been on the estate for the whole year. Last summer they organised two days per week activity project where young people were involved in various activities e.g. swimming, mountain biking, climbing, canoeing and visits to other youth groups.

Young people also involved in planning, fundraising and running three residential weekends. Two at the Warren Outdoor Pursuits Centre and one in North Wales. Jon said the level of activity and contact reflects the amount of hours in the area. They now have four Youth Workers rather than two at the beginning of the year. The year is ending positively with a group of young people going to Germany for two weeks.

The Youth Workers have used FSU bungalow which Jon said has been invaluable in their work, and thanked FSU for that and all their support.

2. Following last year's seminar a working party was also set up to look at Youth Provision on the Estate. Group included local Councillors, Thurrock Council, Community Representatives, the Police and the Youth Service (but no young people). They looked at the possibility of using the Magazine Store as a base but this was rejected as the building was unsuitable. Group has recently been examining the possibility of using a flat on the estate, as suggested at last year's seminar, to provide a focus for young people. Thurrock Council have resolved use of the flat and rent, and the flat should be available by Christmas 1993.



Update

The opening of the flat will be delayed until 1994, but will still be happening.

PLAYGROUP

Presented by Angela Colgrave

From September 1993 the playgroup will be based at Purfleet School, which is seen as a positive move, developing stronger links between the school and the playgroup. Angela described what work had been done so far and what had to be completed by September.

The demountable cabin where they are moving to was in a state of disrepair. New sinks and toilets have been installed and the Thurrock College have completed most of the woodwork. The demountable will have access for children with walking disabilities.

Angela said that the move was self funding. The playgroup had no money originally. Some local parents did the plans and through contracts with local industry they got some things done free of at reduced rates.

A lot of companies have given generously but they still need flooring and a second hand lawn mower, which Julia offered. Angela also made a request for volunteers to do some painting over the next couple of weeks.

The playgroup will now be open nine sessions each week, four full days and one morning only. Angela said that although families are moving away because of the Garrison

Estate redevelopment, more will soon be moving back so they will need the extra two sessions. Two members of staff are leaving so they also have to recruit two more qualified staff.

A lot of hard work has gone into the move and the playgroup staff and Alison should be congratulated for their achievements.

The Playgroup had a successful opening on 8th September 1993.

SUNNYDAYS PLAYGROUP

Purfleet County Primary School
Tankhill Road
Purfleet
Essex

TEL: 0708 869360

Community Mothers Programme in Purfleet

Presented by Celia Suppiah, Community Mothers Programme Co-ordinator and Donna Bannister, Community Mother.

This is an innovative community development initiative, funded by Thameside Community Healthcare, where carefully selected local mothers offer informal monthly support visits to other parents living in Purfleet who are facing various difficulties in coping with parenthood. Two community mothers living in Purfleet have now completed their training and are ready to start visiting.

The Community mothers aim to empower local parents, enabling them to gain more self-confidence and find solutions to their own difficulties. The community mothers have faced some of the same difficulties as the mothers that they visit and therefore have an insight and "street credibility" that the professionals can't claim.

The work of the community mothers is monitored and facilitated by the health visiting service, but the relationship with their mums is strictly confidential and they do not report back to anyone "official". The community mothers receive ongoing training in the use of the Child Development Programme, developed by the Early Childhood Development Unit, Bristol University. This is a structured but non-prescriptive visiting programme

involving the use of illustrated cartoons to be shared with parents. These cover every area of parenting including nutrition, health, language, early education, social and cognitive development and general issues (such as mothers self-esteem). The highly significant effects of the Child Development Programme have been extensively researched.

The Community Mothers Programme offers monthly support and encouragement to parents with more than one child under five. Parents having their first baby will soon be offered this monthly support visiting by a health visitor doing the Child Development Programme. This First Parent Visiting programme and the Community Mothers Programme will operate side by side so as to offer all parents living in Purfleet the opportunity to do the Child Development Programme.

Celia thanked all the people working in Purfleet who have helped her to set up this programme by putting forward the names of local mothers whom they felt might make suitable community mothers. Without this commitment, the programme could not have started. News about the programme often reaches parents by word of mouth.

Any parent who would like to contact a community mother, can 'phone 0375 843241 and leave a message for Celia or Donna. Alternatively, they can leave a message giving their name and address at Purfleet Clinic or Thurrock Family Service Unit.

TOUR OR PURFLEET - GIVEN BY GWEN ROOT

Play Area between Garrison Estate and River Thames

This is little used as many parents are wary of letting their children use the facilities because they are out of sight in the woods and close to the area by the Thames, used by outsiders and visitors to the river front.

Magazine Store, Centurion Way

The Magazine Store was last used by Thurrock Council for storage. It is in a derelict condition. At the moment a few groups are interested in the possibility of restoration and putting the premises to use.

Barrel Store, Centurion Way

The Barrel Store is currently used by the Playgroup and the after school club for 5 - 12 year olds. It is staffed by two workers and is open 4 to 6 pm term time and 6 hours a day in school holidays. This is provided by Thurrock Council. The inside of the property has been completely renovated but it is still not used to its full potential.

Empty Properties, Centurion Way

The properties are dangerous as much of the glass is broken. Although it is not safe many children are using it as a play area.

The Bungalows, Centurion Way

Doctors, FSU and the Clinic at present occupy four of the bungalows. FSU will be moving to purpose built accommodation in the new year. The other services, including the Minor Injuries Unit will be relocated to the Health Centre.

Courtyards, Centurion Way

When work on the estate is finished courtyards will be created in the spaces left from demolition. These will be landscaped and will include play equipment for the younger children.

Shops and Play Area, Garrison

The play area, although in an open space is not well maintained. People tend to use it as a dog kennel while shopping. The weeds are overgrown and have many hidden dangers e.g. glass etc. Youths use the precinct as a central point to meet and socialise. Customers feel intimidated by their sheer presence. The youths are moved on by the police but reform in other areas causing a displacement problem.

There is now a Post Office and Pharmacy on the estate and the other shops include a reasonably priced butchers, a take-away food shop and Forbouys newsagent, off license and general store. In the car park there is a recycling centre.

Chieftan Drive

The maisonettes now have a secure entry system with intercoms and improved lighting.

Mardyke Estate

The only community facility is a Doctors' surgery. There are no play facilities for children. From posters displayed in the windows it was clear that the community is united with a fighting spirit against the Channel Rail Link that will come within a stones throw of their homes.

School

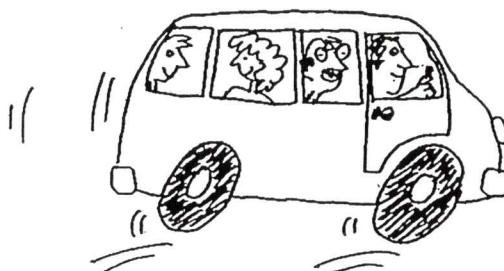
Purfleet school caters for infant and junior pupils and will also be home to the playgroup from September. The Health Centre will built on the waste land adjacent to the school. The school has installed a "kissing gate" to their field to allow for out of hours use.

School Crossing

Pam Fish the lollipop woman is on duty mornings and afternoons, but there is still concern about the speeds that some vehicles reach in the area.

Royal Hotel

The hotel does not really cater for the residents of the area. Many people feel that it is a restaurant first with no real facility as a local pub.



St. Stephen's Church, London Road

The church is jointly used by the Church of England and the Roman Catholic faiths. The church itself was never built so all the services are held in the hall. Consideration to building on the vacant land at the front of the hall has been explored but no firm decisions have been made.

Industry

Industry dominates much of London road with Alderguild Limited taking over vacant premises. Powell Duffryn who deal mainly in the petroleum industry have a large rambling complex throughout the Purfleet area.

Snooker Hall, London Road

Thurrock Council have given permission for an Old British Rail building to be converted into a licensed snooker hall for the over eighteens.

Railway

Residents on the Garrison and Mardyke estates are in a "landlock" situation when the barriers are closed. British Rail run no trains from Purfleet on Sundays. Daily services are half hourly. The car park is

for season ticket holders. Commuters use surrounding roads for parking causing obstruction to other traffic although for a £1 per day parking is available at Powell Duffryn.

Purfleet Recreation Ground, London Road

Many children use this facility, although it is unsure for how long as the land is let on a short term lease.

The Village

The village has lost its convenience store since the Post Office was relocated to the Garrison Estate. The only shops left are the Newsagent and the Hairdressers.

Fairview

Fairview are now building more homes on the new estate in front of Beacon Hill. These consist of bed sits to 3 bed houses. The company places many restrictions on the residents eg no washing is to be hung outside. There are no facilities for children. Displaced vehicles use the main road for parking causing congestion and pavement parking makes it hazardous for children going to school. Most residents are first time buyers moving out from the East End and are commuters.

London Road

The Baptist Church will be opening a youth club in September. Esso car park is no longer used. It was up for sale, but has been taken off the market because of the proposed rail link.

Car Fax as those who have read the book or seen the film by Bram Stoker will know was Dracula's Purfleet base. The only shop in the area is now closed. The old Purfleet Clinic is now used by the Cubs and Beavers and is the official Scout Hut.

Jesmond Road/High House

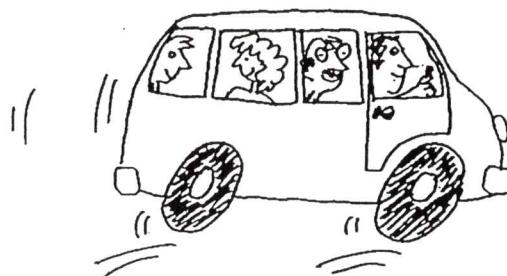
Jesmond Road is served by the park beside High House. The park is in good condition with picnic tables. There are no signs of abuse, but it is a little used facility.

Village/London Road

Opposite Van Den Burgh's is a pit being filled with seconds and miss-shapes by Thermalite and harbouring many dangers for the young people of the area.

Watts Wood/New Community Hall

This is a new housing estate consisting of an assortment of accommodation. It is directly opposite a deep pit filled with water presenting a danger during the hot weather as children use it as a swimming pool. The only facility the estate has is a post box and the community hall given to the estate by the developers. The hall is not yet in use. The Fondu Club is being relocated to one half of the new hall. The clinic and the luncheon club hope to relocate to the new hall but are waiting for the rent to be set. A mother and toddler group should be up and running soon but have no premises. It is hoped that some free sessions can be arranged with the management committee although the concern is that high fees will put the hall out of the reach of local clubs and residents.



Uplands Estate

The estate share facilities with Watts Wood, including a play area which serves both estates. They have no shops and are not served well by the local bus service.

Camp Site, A13

Opposite the Circus Tavern through the gate is a site being developed for Scout Camp.

Rail Link

Most of the industry alongside the A13 will disappear if the Channel Link follows the proposed route taking employment from the area.

Aveley School

The school caters for the education of most of the 11 plus age group from the Purfleet area.

Rifle Range Crossing

Much time is wasted by residents trying to get in or out of Purfleet sitting at the barriers. The Rifle Range is owned by The Ministry of Defence and is still in use. Concern is often expressed about the bridge over the Mardyke and the way the road narrows.

The Spider

A playing field beside the Garrison estate, is to be marked out as two five-a-side pitches with netball and volleyball equipment supplied by Thurrock Council.

Burger Bar, Tank Hill Road

Lorries parking to use the burger bar obstruct the vision of children from the Mardyke estate crossing to use the shops, play equipment etc.

Special thanks to Harris Coaches for providing transport for the tour.

PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION

AFTERNOON PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION

Invited Panel Members

1. Dot Coker - General Secretary Thurrock Council for Voluntary Services
2. Richard Coxell - Principle Officer for Services to Children under 12, Thurrock Social Services Department
3. Peter Jessops - Area Youth Officer, South West Essex.
4. Tony Porter - Chief Education Officer, South West Essex.
5. Michael Todd - Superintendant, Essex Police
6. Claire Trencher - Locality Manager, Thameside Health Authority

Summary of Main Discussion Points

Youth Provision

It has been agreed that a flat will be made available for young people. Peter stated that the Youth Service have a commitment to Purfleet, and to working with Thurrock Council and Voluntary Organisations to meet the needs of the area.

Jon Bowman has been appointed to the Senior Youth Worker post in Thurrock from September where he will be supported by two full-time Youth Workers. It will be Jon's responsibility to inform Peter of the level of staffing required in order to use the flat to its full potential.

In the first instance paid workers will run the flat. Although this will eventually be done by a combination of youth workers and volunteers. The primary focus will be for young people in Purfleet, and it is hoped that voluntary and statutory organisation whose focus is on young people will use the flat. There may also be provision for occasional bookings as a one-off for other groups to meet in, as this is a potential means to raise money through hire charges.

In response to a claim that some equipment belonging to the Tenants was removed by the Youth Service, Peter suggested that an audit be carried out. If it has inadvertently been removed and relocated to the Aveley centre, it will be returned.

Under Five Provision

Playgroup:

Angela Colgrave raised the point that there is nothing in the area for under fives except for the playgroup. Richard Coxell replied that Social Services have appointed an Under Eights Officer whose brief is to look at unmet needs such as playgroups and childminders. Richard suggested that we contact Wendy Crossland.

Tony Porter added that Education fund grants to the PPA, and that if a member of the PPA it is possible to apply for reduced rates on County Council Premises. Money is put aside each year to help playgroups.

Nursery Provision

Tony Porter stated that the County Council have never put a lot of money into nursery provision across all Essex, but now there is a different commitment at county level due to the political changes.

Money is still limited, not least because the County Council is controlled by central government constraints. The Labour and Liberal Democrat Parties are now having to work together. In their election manifestoes both were in agreement that it is a priority as soon as they can to put more money into primary education generally and to target as far as possible the under fives. They are also hoping to be able to assist schools to take children in the year they are five, not the term they are five.

Tony said there is a commitment to improve nursery and under five education across the county not by putting resources all in one place, but by targeting various areas of the County. Suggested now is the time to put forward views and proposals whereby Purfleet has priority for the funding, so when money becomes available we are at the front of the queue. We are not guaranteed to get money but proposals are there to be considered.

Purfleet Play Centre

Concerns were expressed about the future of the centre as the staff are on temporary contracts, and about safety in relation to staffing levels. Particularly concerned that averaging 50 children per session and with the good weather and only two workers, one would have to be inside and the other outside.

Senan Walsh responded that he was delighted that 50 or so kids were coming along which is more than they have coming to other play centres and that it justifies the need was here.

In terms of staffing levels Senan said these are affected by local government finance which is very tightly controlled. Thurrock Council have looked at staffing in other centres and have reduced staffing levels from three to two, over the past six months. If staff at the play centre are put under continuous problems because of numbers then they would have to look at staffing levels again.

Thurrock Council's rules at the moment, because they are reviewing staffing, is that they are only putting people on temporary contracts. In the fullness of time Senan said he was certain these will become full time. Purfleet play centre is not under threat. Senan guaranteed that the play centre is here, and here to stay.

Senan stated that it is the normal practice in other play centres to change the hours and staffing levels during holiday periods. Tend to move staff around and open for longer periods of time.

In response to questions, Senan said that the play centre staff are trained in first aid but could not comment on the procedures followed when a child is injured. Sandy raised the example where a child was injured but was not taken home or to the minor injuries unit.

Senan said there would be no problem in having a 'phone put into the Barrel Store as this would only be a small cost. If a 'phone was installed and was repeatedly damaged then it would no longer be a cheap exercise as BT demand a damage deposit.

Thurrock Council

Val Lydiyard said the Council are achieving so much because they have had external consultants assessing what Tenants want and by making officers and staff aware of what changes are going on. The council are also appointing staff to work specifically with the community. Start of benefits and changes are emerging and they are looking for residents' views across the borough. Val added that Thurrock are working towards a one tier local government system.

New "Care" Centre

In response to a request for an update on the new health centre, Steve McKenna provided the following information.

Steve said he preferred to call it a "Care Centre" not Health Centre as it will be an integrated building with Social Services, Health and Thurrock Council. In terms of delay Steve said they have a very tight project management timescale. Outlining planning permission has been obtained and they have just submitted plans for full planning permission. They hope to know results of planning by end of July. It will

then go out to tender beginning of August and will take 40 weeks to build from September. So expected completion date is now July 1994.

Steve said that £500,000 had been awarded by the Regional Health Authority but there is a shortfall of funds at the moment. They need additional funds and are looking to possible options. A decision has to be made by the end of July but Steve stressed that he has a commitment to the centre. He wants to see it happen and so do others and is keeping his fingers crossed that they don't have to scale it down.

Claire Trencher added the planning group were impressed by the work the architects have done. Everything that they have asked for within reason has been agreed too. Repeated that it is hoped that it will not have to be scaled down and hoping that the centre will take them forward for the next 20/30 years.

Jo pointed out that it is expected the population will rise by 1500 over the next year as a result of various housing developments and this will create pressure on services.

There was a lot of discussion around problems with traffic particularly in relation to speed. The issues are divided into separate headings for simplicity:

Tank Hill Road:

As in previous years, concerns were expressed about the siting of the speed signs on Tank Hill Road. It was pointed out that it is legal to pass the entrance to the estates at 60 mph and that there has been major accidents on Tank Hill Road. Sue Denham raised the issue of the recent accident in Rainham where a child was killed. Bet Noakes added that it has been said for the past 17 years that something has to be done about Tank Hill Road, and should not have to wait, like in Rainham, for someone to be killed before something is done.

Questions were also raised about the new "Care Centre" being sited on Tank Hill Road, and what plans for a crossing or a system exist to make the road safer for residents.

In response to questions why not simply move the sign a lot further back Michael Todd said that it cannot be done without changing the law or regulations. Added that where the 30 mph sign is, is exactly where it should be.

One possible way round it would be to have warning signs saying that 30 mph area is coming up and that most people do respond in advance to this. Michael also said the Traffic Liaison Officer could do a survey and his research could add strength to support whether it would be a good idea to move the signs. Requested that John Lane (Traffic Liaison Officer) do this.

With reference to the Care Centre, Steve assured the meeting that adequate parking arrangements are included. Steve and Jack Hawthorne are also hoping to meet the Chairperson of the Highways Committee to see what can be done as it is a concern to them.

Bill Fouch added that the Road Safety Group have taken these points up with John Lane who will be researching into the issues of the siting of the sign and road crossing.

Pam Fish (School Crossing Woman) expressed concerns regarding the putting in of islands on the central reservation so that people can cross half way. She felt that with the speed of traffic on the road together with the bend this would make her job impossible.

Speed:

David Jackson said that the most effective system was speed lumps as this physically stops traffic. Michael disagreed about their effectiveness saying that through his experience individuals attempt to avoid them, which creates rat runs elsewhere as humps cannot be put into every road. Also stated that they were unpopular with local residents who have to cross them several times a day.

David responded that they slow people down and that is what they are there for. He added that if you had sleeping policemen on Tank Hill Road, individuals could not go anywhere else and that speed restrictions, lumps and width restrictions all help.

Jo Bill stated that lumps may not be a popular option but children's safety has to be paramount. There is a school at the moment, plus with new centre more people will have to cross the road.

Senan said Thurrock Council has gained a lot of experience over the past years about effective measures such as road narrowing to experimenting with lumps, and that the Council and Police Traffic Management Officer will be looking for best solution and will not wait until someone is killed.

Speed Radar Guns:

The police have been training Neighbourhood Beat Officers to use radar guns as each is responsible for their own area. In the two weeks prior to the seminar there were six visits by Traffic Police to Purfleet with the result that numerous people were caught for speeding. A point Alison received complaints about!!

Michael stated that the purpose was not to catch loads of people for speeding as this clogs up their system. The police are aiming to be visual in order to encourage drivers to slow down. Michael said that this is an area in which the Police have done a lot and that they want it to act as a deterrent.

Heavy Goods Vehicles:

A greater police presence was requested as there is a problem with the volume of H.G.V.s in the area.

In London Road West Thurrock the Council and the Police spoke to local haulage firms asking them not to use London Road wherever possible and received a very good response. Both Senan and Michael suggested that something similar could be tried here.

Michael added that weight restrictions could be put up but that unless you catch people as they go through they can be almost unenforceable.

General Comments:

Bill Fouch raised a concern that the problem with the traffic committee meetings is that things go through and are not listened to properly. Michael disagreed, saying that he has to prioritise his resources, which are limited. He sets priorities for Officers in terms of crimes to target from community meetings and allocates accordingly. Michael said that he has to concentrate on response policy as laid down for him, that when not doing this he has Officers on patrol and that traffic is a priority.

SLOW DOWN!
CHILDREN CROSSING!

Uplands Hall

Reference was made to the morning tour and the new Uplands Community Hall. There is a fear that the centre will not be used to its full capacity because the pricing structures will prevent this.

Senan responded that the Council do not have a scale of charges for halls. That when a new hall is built the first thing they seek to do is form a management committee and hand the management of the hall over to the committee. The committee decide the pricing structure and what use the centre is put to. Senan said that of the 32/33 halls they have in Thurrock they have a balanced structure, charging high for hire of hall for parties, weddings etc., and use this to subsidise activities for community groups, youth groups and groups for the elderly.

The Council will advertise in the press when they will be having a public meeting and Senan said to watch out for this as that is when the committee will be formed. He added that if anyone wanted to be involved in the committee not to worry about being thrown in at the deep end as they will get support from the Council and probably from other management committees of community halls regarding pricing structures.

Barrel Store

In response to a question Senan said that from time to time management committees fall apart for a variety of reasons and if there is not a management committee the Council take over for a short period of time. This has happened for the second time with the Barrel Store. Senan invited people who want to be involved in managing the Barrel Store to come forward.

It was pointed out to Senan that the Barrel Store is not big enough, so that is why it is not used.

Val Lydiyard said that she has had a lot of discussions with the Tenants Association and has spoken to Pauline Nash. This is no problem having the Barrel Store for activities as long as people are willing to take responsibility for it. People that the council will accept. If residents can get events running and prove it not big enough, then they can consult, push and petition for something bigger. Val said she could also see the other side of the argument put by officers that it is a resource under used. However with Val in post liaising with tenants something could get done on a small scale, then prove need something larger.

East Thames Corridor Developments

Senan added that local authorities do not have the money to spend but that they are able to get developers to put something into the community in order to get planning permission. As part of the East Thames Corridor Development there will be a lot of developments around Purfleet. This will present the Council with lots of opportunities to push for new community centres saying they have got the people with the experience of managing centres who need a new hall. It is important therefore to get it going now by using the Barrel Store.

Voluntary Sector

Dot said she hoped that the voluntary sector will have some space in the "Care Centre". Open Door, MIND, Victim Support Scheme, Rape Crisis and Incest Support Line and Counselling Service would possibly be interested in providing a satellite service given the accommodation and if they can use it. If they are to be offered space Dot said it is best that this is done as soon as possible.

Steve McKenna confirmed that the plans do incorporate space for voluntary organisations. Dot said that she would like to be involved and added that each agency would have to come down and ascertain the need for their service in Purfleet.

THOSE PRESENT

Francoise Allen - FSU
Joan August - Education
Royston Bainbridge - Resident
Donna Bannister - Community Mothers Scheme
Julie Barr - Tenants Association
Jo Bill - Health Visitor
Jon Bowman - Youth Service
Philip Brazier - CPN
Phil Brownlow - Youth Service
Alison Campbell - Police
Sean Cochrane - Resident
Angela Colgrave - Playgroup
Julia Crathorn - St. Stephen's Church
Lisa Crouch - Thurrock Council
Sue Denham - Clinic
Kelly Dove - Resident
Carol Fairbrass - Resident
Pam Fist - School Crossing Woman
Angela Flack - Playgroup
Pat Foltynie - Health Authority
William Fouch - Baptist Church/Road Safety
Michelle Giddons - Community Mothers Scheme
Alan Gosling - PRAG
Nicky Green - Resident
Alma Grendale - Education, Special Needs
Joan Hendar - Education
David Jackson - Purfleet Primary School
Julie Jackson - Essex Family Health Service
Val Lydiyard - Thurrock Council
Sister Mary Lyons - Grays Convent
Kathy MacKenzie - Open Door
Steve McKenna - Health Authority
Betty Noakes - Tenants Association
Gwen Root - Tenants Association
Sean Russel - Cubs/Purfleet Football Team
Ian Rydings - Thurrock Council

Mick Smith - Thurrock Council
Gladys Smith - Education Service
Sheryl Stanford - Playgroup
Celia Suppiah - Community Mothers Scheme
Jackie Turner - Playgroup
Debbe Weekes - Resident/FSU
Ted Welsh - FSU
Sandra West - SERICL
Steve Yates - Neighbourhood Watch
Sylvia Yates - Home School Link

Invited Guests

Dot Coker - Thurrock CVS
Richard Coxell - Social Services
Peter Jessops - Youth Service
Tony Porter - Education
Michael Todd - Police
Claire Trencher - Health
Senan Walsh - Thurrock Council

Apologies:

Alan Asplin - School Governor
Cllr. Gordon Barton - Ward Councillor
Mrs. Brown - TRAIL
G. Collins - Health
Cllr. G. Hawkins - Ward Councillor
Mrs. Morris - Resident
Andrew MacKinlary - Member of Parliament
Mrs. Norris - Resident
Faye Swanson - Health
Peter Turner - Social Services

PROGRAMME

9.30 am Coffee and Registration
9.45 am Chairperson's Welcome
Introductions
10.00 am Information Update.
Snapshot of Postive Development
Playgroup Move to New Site
Youth Provision
10.30 am Tour of Purfleet
11.45 am LUNCH
1.00 pm Communitiy Mother Scheme
1.30 pm Panel Discussion
2.45 pm Action List for 1993/94
3.00 pm Summary and Chairperson's
closing comments.

Postscript

Received letters from Michael and Dot.

1. Michael wrote to Thurrock Council regarding speed limit signs on Tank Hill Road. Thurrock Council responded confirming the speed signs are programmed for re-siting this year.
2. Dot has contacted Voluntary Organisations who have expressed enthusiasm for exploring the possibility of providing satelite services from the new care building. Dot also wanted to emphasise that the CVS would like to be involved in discussions regarding voluntary sector presence in the centre.

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