Harpurhey South and Monsall Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board

Minutes

Date and Time: 15 September 2026 18:00-19:30

Location: Manchester Youth Zone

Chair: Tom Woodcock

Secretariat: Sally Coates, MCC Neighbourhood Project Lead

Board Members:

[Resident names redacted from published document – 5 attended]

Paula Appleby – Vice Chair

Observers and other attendees:

Dave Godfery – Harpurhey Councillor

Sarah Pope - MHCLG

Apologies:

Pat Karney - Harpurhey Councillor

Jasmine Dar - Moston Councillor

Apologies received from two resident board members – names redacted.

Agenda Items:

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

The chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and introductions were made.

Apologies received:

Councillor Pat Karney

Councillor Jasmine Dar

2. Declarations of Interest

Board members had nothing to declare.

3. Minutes and actions of the previous meeting – matters arising

The board agreed that the minutes are a true reflection of the last board meeting.

Tom briefly discussed the training and needs assessment and Sally explained she will be looking at the results with colleague to see what training can be offered based on board members responses. Board members discussed IT access and proposed that each board member be issued with an iPad/android tablet to enable members to access documents electronically. Board members also discussed that this would support with ongoing community engagement.

The chair asked board members in attendance whether they agree to spending some capacity funding to purchase tablets. A vote was taken and all agreed.

Decision

Tablets to be purchased to support board activity.

Action – Sally to explore options for tablets and bring back to the next board meeting.

4. Updates

Tom shared the remuneration policy with board members and outlined the information within it. Both Tom and Paula explained that they do not wish to receive money as board members and have asked that we explore the opportunity to make a charitable donation to local organisations.

Sally expressed that charitable donations are not needed as funding can be allocated to projects/local organisations as part of the ongoing Pride in Place work.

Tom explained that the board will need to find a local group or organisation that is willing to manage the remuneration claims process and make payments to board members. Tom offered both Harpurhey Neighbourhood Project and Manchester Youth Zone as suggestions. Paula added to suggest that if one organisation agrees to be the fiscal host, then the other could host the board meetings and this supports both organisations. All board members agreed that this is a good approach.

Tom confirmed that he will speak with Harpurhey Neighbourhood project regarding being a fiscal host. Sally expressed that she is happy to support with this conversation.

Action – Tom to speak with Harpurhey Neighbourhood Project regarding being a fiscal host.

5. **Feedback from Walkabouts**

The chair introduced a conversation regarding the two walkabouts that some board members attended recently.

Chrissie expressed that the Queens park walkabout was a nice evening involving some of the friends of Queens Park, explaining that people were able to see the potential for spaces within the park. She went on to say that the park has some assets but needs an injection of resources to bring it to its full potential. Tom added he noticed that there aren't any benches or toilets and that these types of things would make a big difference to the park and to those who use it. Matt added that additional lighting would improve the area and safety.

Paula contributed to the discussion by suggesting that it would be beneficial to understand what planned capital investment the council has for the park across the next 5 to 10 years so that work isn't duplicated or funded by Pride in Place when it should be delivered through the Council's investment programme.

As Paula mentioned capital investment, Sally contributed that she is exploring opportunities for training to help board members to understand the difference between Capital and Revenue budgets, to enable them to contribute to conversations around spending more confidently as the programme progresses.

Tom advised that he had met with the North Neighbourhood team strategic lead who had made links to the Live Well programme and other investment opportunities and explained that as a board they should start to think about how these programmes and Pride in Place can complement each other.

Matt contributed to conversation by expressing that he feels there are potential green space assets near Halliford Road that could be developed to improve the look and feel of the area for residents. Subtain offered further input around this explaining that there is a 5-side football pitch that isn't fit for purpose and so there are opportunities to make improvements for residents to use these spaces. Board members discussed how areas could be upgraded to improve the look and feel of the area and support people to take part in more outdoor activity in a safe, clean environment.

Tom asked whether board members would like to carry out some more walkabouts in the Pride in Place area. The board agreed that they'd like to do a walk around the monsall part of the area. They agreed that this will take place on Friday 25th at 6pm and those that want to attend should meet at the Monsall tram stop. Sally will send out a calendar invite for this.

Action – Sally to send a calendar invite.

6. Draft Plan Priorities

Tom explained that it would be useful to start thinking about establishing subgroups. Sally contributed that these could sit in line with the priorities for the regeneration plan.

The board discussed what the priorities for the regeneration plan should be and agreed on;

- Community Safety
- Better maintained parks and public spaces
- Cleaner Streets and Neighbourhoods
- Improving opportunities for children and young people

Amber expressed that she would like to be part of a subgroup for improving opportunities for Children and Young People, as did Subtain and Matt. Subtain expressed that it would be brilliant if Pride in Place could support more opportunities for young people to take part in play and sport. The chair asked that they get together outside of the board meeting to come up with a proposal to support ongoing engagement that can be included in the regeneration plan.

Subtain asked whether there was an opportunity for the board to buy merchandise such as jumpers/jackets with Pride in Place branding to support engagement and advertising of the programme. Chrissie suggested this could be an opportunity to get young people involved in the programme by asking them to design a Pride in Place logo that could be displayed on leaflets and t-shirts etc. Everybody agreed that this was a great idea.

Tom then went on to ask which board members would like to be involved in supporting or developing a community safety subgroup. Paula, Christine and Amber all volunteered for this. This subgroup will also focus on cleaner streets and neighbourhoods too.

Tom and Chrissie confirmed that they would like to work as part of a better maintained parks and public spaces subgroup.

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7. **Feedback from PiP Chairs Summit**

Tom provided brief feedback regarding the PiP chairs summit explaining that this was an event that involved over 300 local authority Pride in Place areas. Tom said that the event was a good opportunity to see plans for other areas and to take part in some workshops, as well as viewing case studies from phase 1 Pride in Place areas. Tom shared a write-up from the day for board members to read. Tom explained that some of the regeneration plans from other areas will useful in helping to picture what should go into the Harpurhey South and Monsall PiP plan and so Sally offered to share some plans. Tom asked that Sally share the Chadderton Pride in Place plan.

Action – Sally to share the Chadderton Pride in Place regeneration plan with board members.

8. **A.O.B**

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

29th September 2026