Pride In Place Neighbourhood Board

Minutes

Date and Time: 03 November 2026 10-11:30

Location: Benchill Community Centre

Chair: Karen Wilson, Vice Chair

Secretariat: Sally Coates, Neighbourhood Project Lead MCC

Board Members:

[Resident names redacted from published document - 5 were in attendance]

Sarah Woolley, Vice Chair

Emma Taylor, Councillor for Sharston

Observers and other attendees:

Nicole Banus, Mike Kane MPs office

Apologies:

Eamonn O'Neal, Chair

Sam Lynch, Councillor for Northenden

Mike Kane, MP

Astrid Johnson, Councillor for Woodhouse Park

Agenda Items:

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

Karen welcomed board members to the meeting and provided apologies from Eamonn, Sam, Mike, Astrid and a resident board member.

2. Declarations of Interest

Board members did not have any conflicts of interest to declare for this meeting.

3. Minutes and actions of the Previous Meeting – Matters Arising

Minutes were confirmed to be an accurate record of the previous meeting.

Cllr Taylor advised Wythenshawe Community Media (WCM) have approached her for a meeting and updated board members to let them know that she has spoken with them. She has explained that the board will keep in contact with WCM and that conversations can be picked up to discuss how WCM can support Pride in Place, when the board is ready.

4. Engagement Day Feedback

The board members that were able to attend the engagement day all expressed that they felt the event went well with approximately 110 people engaging in Pride in Place conversations on the day.

Duncan confirmed that feedback has been captured and shared with the board in the whats app group. Karen asked whether there was any feedback that the board needed to consider in terms of the regeneration plan priorities and whether anything needed to change. Duncan explained that the feedback generally aligns with the regeneration plan priorities that the board has selected.

Sarah again thanked Sally and Sharon (MCC) for all their support in arranging and setting up the event on the day.

Sally confirmed she had spoken with the photographer who will pull out the images that he thinks look best from the day so that the board can use these for future communications with residents. She explained that she'd also asked him whether he can create a file with all images in and send them over so that board members can see how many pictures he had taken to decide whether they would like to use him for future events. Eddie added that the photographer has asked for feedback to hear how the board felt he did on the day and whether he met their brief.

The board agreed that there were some lessons learned from this event and that it would be a good idea to capture these to improve organisation for future events.

One suggestion was that the board should agree engagement questions/ways to engage in advance of the event. Duncan had arrived to the engagement session and produced questions/feedback opportunities on the day which were successful but with more planning this can be even better.

It was also noted that communication throughout planning and organising can be improved – a music provider had arrived to the event but board members in attendance did not know they had been booked and so some confusion was caused. This was resolved on the day and worked out well but with better communication small hiccups like that can be avoided.

Board members also recognised that residents were unable to determine who was a board member at the engagement event and who wasn't and so this may have reduced the level of engagement in questions and obtaining feedback. It was suggested that merchandise, such as jackets with Pride in Place printed on them, could enable board members to stand out and support residents to identify a board member and take part in conversations.

Karen also noted that for future events, it would be sensible to have a project plan that board members can follow. This will enable efficient organising of events that will support the board to replicate engagement sessions and implement improvements as the programme progresses.

Duncan asked whether there was the opportunity for media training to take place as he feels this would benefit board members when they are being interviewed or are speaking publicly about Pride in Place at future events. Sally explained that there had previously been a training needs assessment shared with board members and that this could be added to that. She also explained that once the regen plan is submitted, the board will be able to focus future board meetings around one specific topic to allow for these types of conversations to take place in more detail and to give the space and time for board members to discuss options and make decisions.

Action – Sally to reshare the link to the training needs assessment with Duncan.

5. **Theory of Change workshop – 45 minutes**

A decision was made not to run the Theory of Change workshop during this meeting to allow for as much time as possible for the board to go through the regeneration plan together.

6. **Regeneration Plan**

Karen led discussion regarding the regeneration plan, breaking down the ley points for each priority.

The conversation regarding the regeneration plan was not captured in the minutes.

7. **AOB**

Eddie advised that during the meeting he obtained a quote for Pride in Place jackets. The quote is £35 per jacket. Conversation regarding this can be picked up at a future meeting.

Eddie also advised he was meeting with a company later in the day to discuss a social media offer and further information regarding this would be shared at the next board meeting.

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8. **Date of Next Meeting**