



Pride In Place Neighbourhood Board

Minutes

Date and Time: 22nd September 2026 10:00 – 12:00

Location: Benchill Community Centre

Chair: Eamonn O'Neal

Secretariat: Sally Coates, MCC Neighbourhood Project Lead

Board Members:

[Resident names redacted from published document]

Karen Wilson, Vice Chair

Sarah Woolley, Vice Chair

Emma Taylor, Councillor for Sharston

Mike Kane, MP

Observers and other attendees:

Nicole Banas, Mike Kane MPs office

Brian Pemberton, MCC Neighbourhood Project Lead

Sharon Summers, MCC Neighbourhood Community Development Officer

Apologies:

Astrid Johnson, Councillor for Woodhouse Park

Councillor Sam Lynch

Apologies received from two residents

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Eamonn welcomed attendees and explained that today's meeting would run as a workshop with the aim of the board selecting and agreeing priority areas of work for the regeneration plan.

Apologies received:

Councillor Sam Lynch

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 an accurate record of the last meeting.

Eamonn asked the small grants subgroup for an update. The group explained that they're keen to launch a small grants programme as quickly as possible. Eamonn and Sally explained that before that can happen, a due diligence process needs to take place with a potential fiscal host. There is also a need to ascertain whether a tendering process will be required to select a fiscal host.

The board also need to think about the application process, grant criteria and selection process. The subgroup understood this.

Eamonn asked Karen for an update from the youth subgroup. Karen shared feedback from their meeting on 21st September explaining that there was lots of useful conversation. Karen went on to explain that she is meeting with Young Manchester to discuss plans for youth engagement and to hear from them about what they feel this could look like. She is also approaching other organisations to gather further information.

Eamonn then asked Councillor Taylor for an update regarding communications and plans for developing a website. Councillor Taylor advised that she has received lots of proposals as part of the tendering process to select a web designer and that she has shared the quotes with the rest of the board to review. She also explained that the board would like to appoint a photographer to capture images of the celebration event. This conversation will be explored further.

Eamonn explained that the bulk of the meeting will focus on a workshop to review engagement information and select priorities.

4. Priorities workshop

Sharon presented information to the board to share some engagement data and to highlight some key findings with the board.

Eamonn asked the board to think about the priorities selected at the workshop meeting that took place on 23rd July and to sense check these to decide whether these will be the priorities that go into the regeneration plan.

The board then broke out into smaller groups to discuss. These conversations are not captured in the minutes due to the workshop style nature of this part of the meeting.



Eamonn allowed approximately 45 minutes of discussion to take place before asking the groups to feedback.

It was agreed by all board members that the priorities for the regeneration plan would be;

- Improving the public realm – this might include but isn't limited to, green spaces, walking and cycling routes and watercourses
- Investment in Community Assets – this could be both improving existing assets and developing new assets
- Bringing People Together by Improving the Community Social and Cultural Offer – this will support building community cohesion and may have links to public realm work
- Jobs, Skills and Connectivity – improving access to opportunities supporting to reduce the number of young people not in education, employment or training.

5. AOB

6. Date of Next Meeting

5th October 2026