



Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board Meeting

Date: Friday 18th September 2026
Time: 10am – 1pm
Location: @TheGrange

Attendees:

Name	Organisation:
Sarah Lindsay	Chair of the Neighbourhood Board
Luke Hollowell	Groundwork
Mike Coole	@theGrange
Kathryn Benson, Cllr	Blackpool Council
Adrian Hoyle, Cllr	Blackpool Council
John Boughton, Cllr	Blackpool Council
Helen Moyes	Boundary Primary School
Sarah Dunn	Layton Primary School
Amy Butler	Empowerment
Amie Rutherford	Layton Institute / AVR
Mark Walmsley	Forward Project / Layton Together
Emma Lund	Christ the King Catholic Academy

Apologies:

Chris Webb	Blackpool South MP
Gillian Campbell, Cllr	Blackpool Council
Jessica Jones	Present Poster
Danielle Spencer	The Boathouse Youth
Josh Fowler	The Boathouse Youth

No apologies received:

Lorraine Bambrook	Resident of Grange Park
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Also in attendance:

Amber Archer, Digital Communications Officer, Office of Chris Webb MP
Kate Atherton, Executive Assistant, Office of Chris Webb MP (Minutes)

Item	Agenda	Action(s)
1.	<u>Welcome and Chair's Update</u> Sarah Lindsey (SL) welcomed everyone to the third neighbourhood board meeting.	

	Apologies given and noted. SL explained that the meeting room today has been set up encourage & facilitate discussion / questions. The meeting will consist of two parts: - Part One – Neighbourhood Board Part Two – Board Workshop	
2.	<u>Our journey so far – Chairs update</u> SL reflected on the PiP journey to date- have come a long way since SL applied to be chair. Wednesday 16th September – engagement event, excellent turn out. The event was scheduled 10am – 12noon however the event ran till 3pm to accommodate everyone wanting to engage. SL attended a PiP Conference in London – great opportunity to speak with other chairs. NEET challenges was a topic across constituencies. SL shared how one board had decided to use all the 20m to fund a STEM centre. There were lots of different ideas and approaches. - Community Voices Fund (CVF) Luke Howell (LH) confirmed that the Community Voices Fund has been awarded to 14 organisations (list to be added by Chair – as details not available on day for minutes) CVF is accessible to everyone. - Community engagement & evidence gathered Mike Coole (MC) mentioned that Chirag from Fylde Coast Hindu Society received money from the fund and has run with it. 25th September they are holding a festival to celebrate Ganesh on Kingscote Park. Another organisation in receipt of the CVF, Lifetime of Wisdom (podcast cycling around Blackpool in a rickshaw). They are working with care homes taking residents through areas and asking questions about the community. PiP website – designed by 'we manage web'. The Executive Board agreed to sign up the design company for another 12 months.	
3.	<u>Programme Manager Update:</u> SL confirmed interviews to be held on Friday 25th September. They are four candidates who have been selected for interview. All candidates bring different skill sets to the table. On successful appointment it is hope that the PM will be in place within the next few months dependent on their notice period. Confirmed the CAB will host the PM and an SLA is being drawn up.	
4.	<u>Communications & Social Media – Luke Howell</u> LH shared that currently there have been 16K views and the site has 144 followers. The plan is to interview CVF successful applicants on camera to share on socials.	

	LH noted that a majority of CVF successors have been using AI's help to generate posters. Everyone understands this is a cheap, easy and quick way. It does not endorse the PiP brand. A discussion took place regarding the advantages & disadvantages of AI. Whether a template could be used. Others suggested being very strict when using AI. Produces a non-AI vibe. Canva workshops possibility was a suggestion. VOTE: Should The Board promote Community Voices Fund businesses / organisations by reposting on PiP site story only rather than on PiP feed. Yes: Unanimous / No: none / Abstains: none	
5.	<u>Community Update – Mike Coole</u> 46 organisations applied for the CVF – 14 were successful. Papers distributed prior to meeting for review. Ongoing engagement required with residents to determine how / where the money should be spent. MC needs the help of Neighbourhood Board to go out and engage with residents to find this information.	
6.	<u>Shared Board Drive</u> SL shared the idea of having a shared board drive where all documents for meetings etc could be accessed. Along with community engagements documents. KA, accountable body, raised the issue of GDPR. Must be stored safely.	
7.	<u>Empowerment Proposal:</u> Amy from Healthwatch was asked to temporarily leave the meeting whilst the board discussed the Empowerment proposal. KA, as the accountable body, made the following points: Demonstrate correct procurements - MHCLG want a clear process to be demonstrated. Think about the size of the organisation, does it line up with the amount of money on the table. Is the council already funding the said organisation. These questions are helpful in determining if the board will be getting a return on their investment / right size and scale of investment. Does the organisation have a capacity to hit the ground running. Does not require employ extra staff etc. Engagement with residents who do not readily engage. This could be due to several reasons. These individuals should be targeted. The proposal distributed prior to meeting was reviewed. It was agreed to add the following to the empowerment proposal: • Full breakdown of the 60k / how it would be allocated. • 2 named members of staff who would be working on the engagement. • Make clear the number of hours staff would carry out engagement - 30hrs	SL to add specific details to

	per week for 48 weeks per year (dedicated time etc) VOTE: Are the board happy to proceed with the proposal; to include specific details outlined above? Yes: 9 / No: none / Abstains: none	proposal.
8.	<u>Board Meetings & Forward Programme:</u> SL raised the frequency of the Board meetings. SL suggested meetings going forward would take place monthly and could be hybrid. VOTE: Everyone happy with monthly / hybrid meetings Yes: Unanimous / No: none / Abstains: none The window for submitting the investment plan has been extended by MHCLG to 30 November 2026 to February 2027. The board must decide when to submit, noting that the money will not be realised until submitted. A long discussion took place looking at advantages / disadvantages of the different submission dates. Adian Hoyle (AH) raised the question if the board was mature enough. SL felt the board are not at the level of engagement she would like to be at. Other PiP chairs are looking at Blackpool. LH questioned if submission should be held off until the Programme Manager was appointed and in position. It was confirmed that this would make no difference. The investment plan to be shared by SL – broad 4-year; live plan. KA as the accountable body wanted to make the board aware that: • The 4-year plan should be solid and sound. • Submitting 30 November 2026 – funds would be realised early 2027. • Submitting later up to Feb 2027 – no current timeline for the release of funds. • Extending the deadline - no commitment re: tranche of funding will be released • Political situation VOTE: Are the Board happy to submit by the 30 November 2026 Yes: 7 / No: 3 / Abstains: none	SL
9.	<u>Board Workshop – Part Two</u> Amy Rutherford & John Boughton left the meeting – apologies received. <u>Where we are now (evidence & engagement overview)</u> SL asked everyone to write on a card something which: • Stand out • Surprised me • Need more attention Everyone was invited to put their answers on to the board. SL highlighted a few comments the board had come up with. Stand out; Passion of residents. Surprised me; the amount of work already done. Needs more attention; how to engage further.	

	SL to collate information into actions for evidence and decide who should be responsible.	SL
10.	<u>Our Role as a Neighbourhood Board (what can we bring to Pride in Place)</u> LH handed out cards in the shape of people and asked everyone to write, 'What can the Board bring?' under the titles of • People • Places • Knowledge • Opportunities • Time Strong aspects identified: know the communities well; good links with children & young people; good connections. Aspects lacking were identified as: understanding the health & well-being; engagement with diverse communities; how to reach disenfranchised residents; weekend engagement. SL to collate information into actions for evidence. Decide who should be responsible.	SL
11.	<u>Strengthening Community Voice</u> Not discussed.	
12.	<u>Our Engagement & Events Calendar</u> Not discussed.	
13.	<u>Our communities & next steps</u> SL requested that members email to give feedback regarding the meeting held today. Please email comments regarding the new format.	All
	<u>Any other business</u> Mark Walmsley (MW) mentioned Livingwell. MC expressed that this winter will be difficult for residents. He suggested pooling any resources. Additional support for heating and food will be essential. MC mentioned PiP funds will be supporting freezer food. End of meeting.	

