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Platt Bridge & Spring View Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of meeting held on: Monday 5th October 2026 at 5pm
Venue**:** St Nathaniel's Church, Church Road, Platt Bridge, Wigan, WN2 3TB

Attendance

Neighbourhood Board Members	Observers/Support Staff
Lisa Jane Aldred – Chair (LJA) Cllr Martyn Smethurst (MS) Claire Burnham (CB) Norman Prior (NP) David Baxter (DB) Sue Hughes (SH) Nigel Geary (NG) Tracy Sheppard (TS) John Pendlebury (JP) Guy Lambert (GL)	Ben Gosling (BG) Stephanie Dermott – Secretariat (SD)

1.	**Welcome and Introductions** The Chair (LJA) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were given for new board member, GL.
2.	**Apologies for Absence** Secretariat declared that there had been two apologies for absence: Rt Hon Andy Burnham Eunice Smethurst
3.	**Minutes from Previous Meeting** The minutes of the previous meeting on Monday 14th September were approved.

4.	**Declarations of Interest** The Chair asked Board members if they have any declarations of interest related to any items within the agenda. No declarations were raised.
5.	**Board Membership** The board discussed inviting other partner organisations to the board to add capacity. A decision was made to invite a representative of Wigan Borough Community First to attend meetings as a non-voting board member.
6.	**Terms of Reference** The board reviewed member comments and proposed amendments to the draft Terms of Reference. **ACTION:** Secretariat to prepare a revised draft for consideration and approval at a future meeting.
7.	**Pride in Place Boundary** LJA advised that MHCLG has not yet approved the proposed boundary amendment. **ACTION:** Secretariat to follow up with MHCLG. *JP exited the meeting at 18:23*
8.	**Community Engagement** LJA emphasised the need to commence community engagement activity as a priority. It was proposed that funding be allocated to support engagement in each area within the Pride in Place boundary (Platt Bridge, Spring View, Bamfurlong), with allocations reflection the size and needs of each area. LJA invited board members to submit proposals for community engagement activities within their respective areas. **ACTION:** Board members to develop proposals for community engagement ahead of the next meeting. MS suggested working in partnership with existing community groups that are planning and delivering Christmas community events, using these

	opportunities to engage with residents and gather feedback. The board that local events provide an effective platform for community engagement. LJA highlighted the need to clarify the consultation elements that should be required for any funding provided for community engagement activities. CB spoke about developing a framework for consulting with communities. NG emphasised the importance of ensuring that local businesses are also included within engagement activities. The Board agreed that community engagement and the identification of potential quick wins would form the primary focus of the next meeting.
9.	**Communications** LJA proposed establishing social media channels to engage residents and share Pride in Place updates. The Board endorsed the proposal and agreed to discuss further at a future meeting.
10.	**AOB** NG noted the continued need for a secure platform for sharing Board documents. **Action:** Secretariat to follow up with the IT department.
11.	**Date of next meeting** - Monday 12th October at 5pm

The meeting concluded at 18:36pm