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Platt Bridge & Spring View Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of meeting held on: Monday 19th October 2026 at 5pm
Venue**:** St Nathaniel's Church, Church Road, Platt Bridge, Wigan, WN2 3TB

Attendance

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

1.	**Welcome and Introductions** The Chair (LJA) welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	**Apologies for Absence** Secretariat declared that there had been three apologies for absence: Rt Hon Andy Burnham Tracy Sheppard Guy Lambert
3.	**Minutes from Previous Meeting** The minutes of the previous meeting on Monday 5th October 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.	**Christmas Fund** LJA outlined a proposal to provide a financial contribution to community groups delivering Christmas events, with the aim of using these events as an opportunity to engage residents and raise awareness of Pride in Place. The Board agreed to allocate funding, with grant recipients required to acknowledge Pride in Place support through the inclusion of the Pride in Place logo, a "Supported by Pride in Place" statement, and QR code to the Pride in Place online survey within event publicity and materials. The Board also discussed opportunities to promote the Pride in Place survey at other existing community events through the distribution of promotional leaflets. **ACTION:** Secretariat to develop a new leaflet incorporating a QR code linking directly to the Pride in Place survey.
6.	**Terms of Reference** Secretariat presented a revised draft of the board Terms of Reference for consideration. The Board voted unanimously to formally adopt the Terms of Reference. Board members subsequently signed the document to confirm its adoption. *DB entered the meeting at 17:37*.
7.	**Deputy Chair** LJA advised that nominations had been received for the position of Deputy Chair and informed the Board that she would take time to consider the nominations before making an appointment.
8.	**Pride in Place Boundary** LJA presented a visual summary outlining the rationale for the Pride in Place boundary. The Board discussed the importance of clearly communicating which areas fall within the Pride in Place boundary, including Bamfurlong and Bryn Gates, as well as clarifying ways in which areas outside the boundary can still be involved. MS suggested the development of a labelled map to support this messaging.

	The Board agreed that additional visual materials should be developed to support communications and engagement with local residents. **Action:** Secretariat to circulate the draft boundary rationale poster to Board members for comment.
9.	**Quick Wins** LJA invited the Board to consider ideas for potential quick win projects that could deliver early, visible improvements within the Pride in Place area. SH highlighted the need for a feasibility study to explore opportunities relating to the community centre and the wider site on which it is located. MS raised the condition of the Neville Street play area, noting that improvements had been identified as a priority. NP also highlighted feedback from residents regarding the need for a park in Bamfurlong. CB suggested inviting the Council's property team to a future meeting to provide an overview of existing assets and projects within the area, including the community centre site. LJA proposed establishing a formal process for the consideration and approval of quick win projects. The Board emphasised the importance of ensuring that projects are informed by community survey feedback, allowing residents to see that their views are being acted upon. **ACTION:** Chair and Secretariat to develop a process for identifying and approving quick win projects. MS asked how all previous existing and new data would be collected and analysed. Secretariat explained that information gathered from existing consultation activity, council data and community feedback, stakeholder engagement, networking activity and Board discussions would be collated and analysed to inform both quick win projects and the development of the 10-year neighbourhood plan. **ACTION:** Board members to share any existing consultation data with the Secretariat and Chair. LJA proposed holding an event after the Board's first year to reflect on achievements and progress made to date. ES suggested developing a visual map to provide a clearer overview of activity across the neighbourhood. *JP exited the meeting at 18:22*.

	NG and LJA discussed opportunities to secure match funding for larger projects. DB highlighted the potential for existing legacy projects to feed into Pride in Place objectives. LJA emphasised the importance of using community feedback and existing evidence to inform priorities, demonstrate tangible action, and build trust, while broadening engagement with residents not previously involved.
10.	**AOB** <u>October Monitoring Submission</u> The Secretariat provided an update on the October monitoring submission and advised that it was due for submission by the end of October. The Board confirmed it was satisfied with the content of the report and approved the submission. *SH exited the meeting at 18:39.* <u>MHCLG Attendance at Future Meeting</u> CB advised that MHCLG had expressed an interest in attending a future Board meeting. The Board welcomed the proposal and approved the invitation. <u>Community Engagement – Spring View</u> LJA informed the Board that the previously identified consultant was unavailable to support community engagement in Spring View during December, and that alternative options were being explored.
11.	**Date of next meeting** Monday 2nd November at 5pm

The meeting concluded at 18:59