PRIDE IN PLACE NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD MEETING

22nd July 2026

14:00 – 15:00pm

MINUTES

Present	Apologies
Board Members	
Paul Gray (PG) –Chair	Geraint Williams
MP Gerald Jones (GJ)	Rob Davies
Sharon Richards (SR)	Craig Flynn
Matthew Lewis	Ellis Cooper
Daniel Jones	Simon Evans
Councillor David Jones (DJ)	
Karen Courts (KC)	
Elizabeth Bedford (EB)	
Zoe Thomas	
Cllr Brent Carter	
Board Advisors	
Ellis Cooper (EC)	
Laura Willcox (LW)	
Paul Lewis (PL)	
Tanya Edwards (TE)	
Joanne Davies (JD)	
Stephen Jones (SJ)	

Items Discussed

Welcome and Apologies
JD updated on apologies for absence.

Declarations of Interest

Elizabeth Bedford noted that she has submitted an EOI

Minutes & Actions of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were checked for accuracy and approved.

Actions from last time:

- PG suggested inviting RB to future meeting
- Draft and circulate revised ToR and options paper re.revised structure of workstream groups
- JD send all project docs to Natalie
- LW to circulate video
- JD to circulate meeting dates
- Board and officers asked to share video
- TE to review minutes and include suggestions around permitted investment and community ambassadors to include in E&C plan.
- TE to review current EOI in line with suggestion of a simple application for engagement funds
- TE to contact GJ and SR to include E&C event into planned funding days
- TE to review existing alignment with programmes such as Merthyr Together and Marmot Place and how they relate to current plan

Covered for accuracy, All approved. JD mentioned that all actions from last time have been completed except for the digital options paper and Ryan Barry attending a meeting but they will be presented in future meetings as and when appropropriate.

Dashboard/Programme Update

JD updated on MS ongoing issue from last time, we haven't heard anything back from UK Gov yet, from an engagement perspective, TE has been engaging with a wide range of organisations, 33 EOI's have been sent out. There has been an eclectic mix of organisations submitting so far, we will keep you updated, we are expecting o be oversubscribed. Discussed next board meeting, on speaking to internal colleagues, request made by JD to rearrange the future planned meetings for one in September and one in November. GJ asked about the process when an EOI comes in, JD explained about light touch due diligence and then an application form is issued. With turnaround

between EOI and due diligence checks currently being a week and then application sent out soon after. GJ elaborated and asked about panel scoring, and who will sit on the panel and asked that we ensure there is fair and transparent process, PG assured GJ that this will be further discussed and considered as part of the later agenda item. JD explained that anyone who submitted would not sit on the scoring panel. ZT explained that one of the benefits that we have mechanisms set up within the local authority, ensuring complete transparency. Using a lessons learnt approach we now have a really robust model that can be of benefit, as far as due diligence we now have a grants policy which will be adhered to throughout. We can also signpost organisations that are unsuccessful to offer a wrap around style of support.

Adoption of Engagement & Communication plan

TE updated on the feedback and amendments that have been made and members of the board voiced thanks and offered feedback on a well written, well considered plan. Plan went forward for formal adoption. Vote was unanimous and plan was unanimously accepted. JD requested that we work on it going through design in order to be public facing, board agreed.

Workstream group configuration

JD updated on the options paper that was sent out and explained what had previously been requested. JD thanked members who have replied but noted that some board members are sitting on some of the same groups and there are still gaps, JD asked that people nominate themselves now or by the 24th July. PG clarified that we have had some but still have gaps, TE mentioned the need for recruitment. PG mentioned that we use the same approach as before that we have a core and then they can co opt people in and opened this up for further discussion, GJ mentioned he hasn't put himself forward due to the restrictions he has with MP responsibilities, JD mentioned the possibility of pursuing this with a more detailed paper in the future. PG explained that we collate what we have so far, give until close of play on the 24th and then proceed from there.

Terms of Reference review

PG asked JD if she had received any changes, JD brought the new ToR onto the screen and went through the changes including change of name, percentage of membership figures, Quorate numbers has been amended and brought down from 7 to 5 due to the board becoming smaller. JD mentioned that this may change as part of the annual review. JD mentioned the membership and that people can be co opted and that the board reserves the right to complete a public call. JD offered this as a future option and papers can be drawn up but today the main priority is to formally adopt the new ToR. PG mentioned section 4 he asked that 3rd sector representatives should be added along with community representatives. GJ reiterated this point and JD will make the necessary changes. PG put it to the vote. ToR was passed unanimously.

A.O.B

JD raised a recent query from Cyfarthfa Castle and had questioned why the castle wasn't included and JD has responded accordingly explaining the rationale that was used by UK.Gov. PG explained that this is a watching brief and ZT explained about the key criteria and while we can consider extension of the boundaries we already have a large area to cover and the potential for setting a precedent for other excluded areas. PL updated that he has had a strategic meeting for Merthyr Together last week, and the panel determined how much of an overlap there was between this and PIPP and re iterated the need to ensure there is no overlap and how we align the 3 projects and avoiding duplication and several potential unnecessary meetings. Sarah King is looking o set up a state of the nations style get together to determine best next steps. PG spoke on this favourably and actively supports an effective methodology would be hugely beneficial.

Date of Next Meeting

Looking for a date in September but this needs to be clarified between PG and JD and PG suggested we try and use the college.

Actions:

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