Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board

Seacombe

Minutes (DRAFT)

Date: 9th October 2026
Time: 2pm
Location: The Soccer Dome
Chair: Becky Biddulph

In Attendance (Board)

Becky Biddulph
Jacob Shardey
Yang Liu
Scott Lowe
Paul McGovern
Christine Parker
Matthew Houghton
Angela Eagle MP
Mark Fleming
Cath Jones
Cllr Paul Stuart

Apologies

Sarah Martingel
Brian Kilbride
Rachel Bennett
Jamie Lee Carter

In attendance (non-board)

Kate Pierce (Wirral Council)
Chris (Wirral Mindset)
Bridget Frear

Agenda Item	Actions
1. Welcome and Apologies Becky welcomed the Board. Apologies received from Sarah Martingel, Brian Kilbride and Rachel Bennett	
2. Declarations of Interest No decorations of interest were made.	

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3. Meeting minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2026 were approved as a true record of the meeting.	
4. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations Board members nominated Becky for Chair and Paul S for Vice Chair. No further nominations were received, and both appointments were approved by the Board.	
5. Board Role Allocation Further roles and responsibilities will emerge organically as the Board progresses, particularly in response to legal, financial and governance requirements.	
6. Terms of Reference The Council Legal Team raised several queries regarding the Terms of Reference. Kate worked with Paul S and Bridget to clarify ambiguities and revise sections of the document. The updated version was circulated to the Board ahead of the meeting and approved by the meeting.	
7. Community Engagement **Community Event** The engagement spreadsheet and report have been emailed to Board members. Yang's and Sarah's engagement data is still awaited. Gaps were identified in feedback from young people, older residents, businesses, men and ethnic minority communities. Concerns were also raised about visitors to the area potentially influencing the data. MHCLG will advise if further engagement with hard-to-reach groups is required. The initial survey aimed to identify community priorities to inform the programme, with engagement continuing and evolving through future stages. The community event attracted 927 attendees, with only one person providing negative feedback. The Board discussed potentially holding a larger event annually. **Quick Wins and Emerging Themes** Percy Park and adjoining land. Cleaner safer streets. Extend the Seacombe lights cover up St Pauls Road and Borough Road. Christmas hampers and toys to hard-to-reach families and isolated elderly. **Ethnic Minority Outreach** Wirral Change held five workshops in August and organised an event for the Mid-Autumn Chinese Festival. An additional event was planned for October at Wirral Environmental Network (WEN), aimed at Middle Eastern residents. Challenges were noted with translating the survey, as questions do not always translate directly and require explanation to residents to ensure they are understood. **Mosque Engagement** Scott has contacted Shueys, who will distribute 40 surveys at Friday prayers. The aim is to arrange a further engagement event with the mosque to overcome language barriers and ensure the community has the opportunity to contribute their views.	Kate to investigate what land is owned by Wirral Council within the PiPP area. Yang to provide further updates at the next Board meeting. Scott to provide further update at the next Board meeting.

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8. Pride in Place Plan Paul McGovern has made a great start on the plan. Community engagement data will be incorporated, with a draft expected to be circulated to Board members by mid-next week. Board members are asked to provide feedback and suggestions. Karl has provided helpful guidance and agreed to review the plan before submission by the 30 November deadline. A mission statement and key priorities need to be finalised. Past and present photographs are also needed to help illustrate the plan. Further consideration is required on how economic development, and skills training should be addressed within the report, and at what stage these aspects need to be covered. MHCLG wants to understand the process of community engagement, including how residents have been consulted and their feedback gathered. Once the plan is agreed and signed off, work will begin on timetabling its delivery.	
9. External Communications Jacob updated the Board on progress with communications across social media platforms. Facebook has achieved 40,000 engagements. New content and ideas are needed to maintain engagement and showcase Seacombe. Suggestions included hosting a Q&A session and sharing a photograph of Percy Park to encourage discussion and get conversations started. The Board discussed the setting up of a wordpress website and 2 to 3 email addresses. Several board members will have access to update the website with content	Content for posts to be sent to Jacob. Mark to organise wordpress and give Becky and Paul S access
10. Finances The Board received an update on programme management and accountable body costs. Angela Eagle MP has received a response from MHCLG, which will be circulated to the Board. The Council is required to justify its costs to MHCLG following engagement with the Board. MHCLG may mediate if necessary. The Board acknowledged that there will be costs associated with the Local Authority acting as the accountable body and administering the programme. However, transparency is needed regarding how these costs are calculated, what they cover and the value for money they provide.	Bridget to circulate email from MHCLG
11. October Monitoring Report Report circulated to Board ahead of meeting. No questions were asked in relation to its content. Report is to be submitted every 6 months	Kate to submit by 29th October
12. Youth Board Some Board members meet with Seline, whom is the Engagement Lead at Wirral Council and involved in establishing the Wirral Youth Parliament. She shared her experience and advice on effective youth engagement. Key priorities identified by the Youth Parliament include access to opportunities, ensuring young people feel heard, and mental health.	

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The Board discussed the importance of young people leading the process, with appropriate support, and developing an approach around their needs and preferred settings. Seline offered to support the development of youth representation, potentially using the Lundy model, and recommended informal get-togethers in places where young people feel comfortable. The Board agreed to take time to develop a meaningful approach with young people, rather than for them, and to reconsider the term "Youth Board". The aim is to have a more developed approach in place by summer 2027. In the meantime, a meeting will be arranged with Lilly, who has valuable insight into life in Seacombe and around 10 years' experience with the Youth Parliament, to help shape the next steps. Scott suggested "Next-Gen Seacombe" as a potential name.	Bridget to invite Lilly to Board meeting in new year
13. AOB Hype are looking space to deliver youth activities in Seacombe. They currently deliver activities in Liscard. Looking ofr space with potential.	
14. Date of next meeting 13 November 2027 at the Allendale	Bridget to run a poll with Board members for preferred time

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