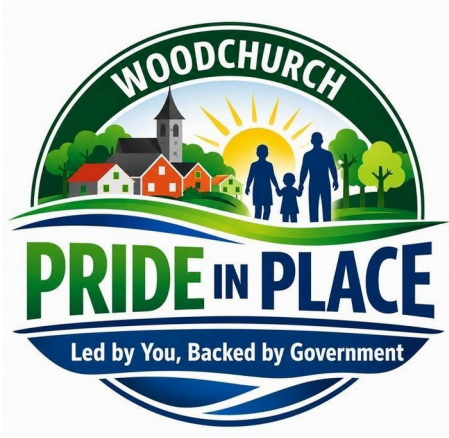




WOODCHURCH PRIDE IN PLACE NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

MEETING AGENDA

Date	Tuesday 1 September 2026
Time	Pre-meeting Q&A: 5:30pm - 6:00pm Formal meeting: 6:00pm
Venue	Woodchurch Methodist Church, Pemberton Road, Woodchurch

PRE-MEETING Q&A SESSION

An initial Question and Answer session with Karl from MHCLG and representatives from Wirral Council will take place before the formal Board meeting.

This will provide Board members with an opportunity to seek clarification on the Pride in Place programme, programme guidance, governance, delivery arrangements and any other matters requiring clarification.

FORMAL BOARD MEETING

1. Welcome and Apologies

- Welcome from the Chair.
- Record apologies received.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes and Actions

- Review and approve the minutes of the previous Board meeting.
- Review outstanding actions from the previous meeting.

Accountable Body Costs

Following an action from the previous Board meeting, a breakdown of Wirral Council's Accountable Body costs/fee was requested.

Further information and clarification has subsequently been requested in relation to a number of items contained within the cost breakdown.

Matthew Patrick to provide an update following his meeting with Wirral Council and give the Board further information on:

- The breakdown of Accountable Body costs.
- Any additional clarification received from Wirral Council.
- The purpose and basis of individual costs where further explanation was requested.
- Any matters that remain outstanding or require further clarification from the Council.
- Any next steps for consideration by the Board.

3. Hoole Road Shops - Update

Brief discussion following the meeting attended by Jennifer Allinson and Julie Mayes with Libby Eastley to seek further clarification regarding Hoole Road shops.

To discuss:

- Any information or clarification received.
- The anticipated next stages.
- The possibility of Woodchurch Pride in Place assisting with community engagement and consultation when wider discussions about Hoole Road shops begin.
- How the Board can ensure residents and local businesses have meaningful opportunities to contribute their views.

4. Community Engagement Update

Board members to provide a brief update on engagement undertaken since the previous meeting.

To include:

- How much community engagement each member has undertaken.
- Conversations with residents, organisations, businesses and other stakeholders.
- Feedback collected.
- How members are currently promoting Woodchurch Pride in Place.
- Opportunities to widen engagement across the estate.
- Identifying groups or areas that may require additional outreach.

5. Key Themes - Board Member Feedback

Review the Key Theme sheets provided to Board members following the previous meeting.

To discuss:

- Feedback submitted by Board members.
- Any suggested additions or amendments.
- Whether the themes continue to reflect the priorities being raised through community engagement.
- How the themes will inform the developing 10-Year Woodchurch Vision Plan.

6. Children and Young People - Proposed Woodchurch Youth Forum

Discuss the possibility of establishing a Woodchurch Youth Forum to begin structured engagement with children and young people and provide them with a meaningful voice within Pride in Place.

Discussion to consider:

- Purpose of the Youth Forum.
- Appropriate age groups.
- How young people would be recruited and engaged.

- How to reach young people who may not normally participate in formal consultation.
- Links with schools, youth organisations and community groups.
- How feedback from the Youth Forum could be presented to the Neighbourhood Board.
- Opportunities for young people to help shape future youth facilities, activities and investment.
- How the Forum could contribute evidence to the 10-Year Vision Plan.

7. Employment and Opportunity - Proposed Woodchurch Jobs Fayre

Advance the proposal for a Woodchurch Jobs Fayre.

To discuss:

- Purpose and proposed format.
- Potential employers, training providers and apprenticeship organisations.
- Employment and skills support.
- Potential venue and timing.
- Opportunities for residents of different ages.
- Promotion and community engagement.
- Agree who will lead and coordinate the Jobs Fayre on behalf of Woodchurch Pride in Place.
- Identify Board members and partners who can support delivery.

8. Potential Woodchurch Pride in Place Community Space

Discuss the possibility of securing a dedicated unit or office/community space for Woodchurch Pride in Place.

The potential space could provide a visible, accessible location where residents can:

- Visit during regular opening hours.
- Find out about Pride in Place.
- Share ideas and provide feedback.
- Complete surveys and consultations.
- Receive information about projects and investment.
- Get involved in volunteering and community activities.

The space could also provide wider community benefit through:

- Training and skills sessions.
- Community outreach.
- Advice and information services.
- Visiting partner organisations.
- Health and wellbeing outreach.
- Meetings and community support engagement.
- Digital access and support.

Discussion to consider possible locations, affordability, management, staffing/volunteering arrangements and how the space could complement future longer-term proposals.

9. Gulliver's World Family Day - Feedback

Discuss the successful free family day out to Gulliver's World on Wednesday 26 August 2026, attended by approximately 225 people and families.

To include:

- Feedback received from families.
- Survey responses collected.
- Community impact.
- Accessibility and inclusion.

- Lessons for future community activities.
- How feedback can contribute to the Woodchurch Vision Plan.

10. Older Residents - Community Day Out

Agree the next steps for a dedicated day out for older Woodchurch residents.

Proposal to include:

- Day trip.
- Fish and chips.
- Entertainment.
- Opportunities for social connection and informal community feedback.

ACTION

Agree a suitable date and involve June Richards in the planning and engagement.

11. Holy Cross Church Grounds - Grass Cutting

Possible discussion regarding the grass-cutting arrangements for the grounds of Holy Cross Church.

To discuss:

- The current condition and maintenance needs of the church grounds.
- Existing responsibility for grass cutting and grounds maintenance.
- Any concerns raised by residents, the church or other local stakeholders.
- Whether Woodchurch Pride in Place may be able to support or help coordinate a suitable way forward.
- Any further information, permissions or costs that may need to be established.
- Agree any next steps or actions arising from the discussion.

12. Woodchurch 10-Year Vision Plan

Progress update on the development of the Woodchurch Pride in Place 10-Year Vision Plan.

To include:

- Community engagement evidence.
- Demographic and deprivation data.
- Health and wellbeing evidence.
- Youth priorities.
- Employment and skills.
- Community safety.
- Parks and green spaces.
- Financial support and basic needs.
- Potential future community and leisure provision.
- Alignment with NHS, housing, public health and wider local strategies.

Vision Plan Submission Timescale

The Board to discuss the current timescale for submission of the 10-Year Vision Plan.

It is understood that a number of other areas may also be considering or seeking additional time to complete their plans. The Board believes that the current submission timescale may not provide sufficient time to complete the level of community engagement, evidence gathering, consultation and development required for a robust 10-Year Vision.

To discuss:

- Whether the Board should formally seek an extension to the Vision Plan submission deadline.

- The reasons supporting a request for additional time.
- The need to ensure the final Vision is genuinely community-led and supported by sufficient evidence.
- Whether further clarification can be sought from MHCLG during the pre-meeting Q&A.
- Any implications for the development of the four-year Investment Plan.
- Agree any action required following the discussion.

13. Any Other Business

Items raised by Board members.

14. Date of Next Meeting

To be agreed.