

Wecock Neighbourhood Management Board

14th July 2026

18:30-20:00 The Acorn Centre

Attendees

Ann Waters (Co-chair)	Acorn Community Centre, Chair of Trustees
Marie Hattersley (Co-chair)	Acorn Community Centre, Trustee Portsmouth City Council, housing officer
William Mansfield	MP Staff/Parliamentary Aide representing Rt Hon Suella Braverman MP
Cllr Jason Gillen	Havant Borough Council, Ward Councillor for Hart Plain
Andy Kennedy	Y Services for Young People, Chair of Trustees
John Colman	Resident, Community Champion
Lou Alden	The Cowplain School, Community Champion
Pauline Stainsby	The Cowplain School, Resilience Centre worker
Scott Elliott	Acorn Community Centre, Community Champion
Sharon Peckham	Hart Plain Infant School, Headteacher
Simon Waters	Resident, Community Champion
Siobhain McCurrach	Healthwatch Hampshire, Area Director (filling in for Sayda De Maurier)

Apologies

Caroline Hellier	Resident, Community Champion
Dominique Hodgson	Resident, Community Champion
Sarah Goodwin	Motiv8, Head of Safeguarding and Compliance

Observers

Richard Jones	Havant Borough Council, Pride in Place lead
Sara Rowe	Havant Borough Council, Regeneration Officer
William Bentley	Havant Borough Council, Pride in Place Support Officer

Minutes

ITEM	TITLE
1	Welcome and Introductions Co-Chairs Ann and Marie welcomed everyone and explained the meeting agenda Board Members and representatives from Havant Borough Council all introduced themselves.
2	Programme Overview • Funding Profile • Key deadlines Richard gave a quick overview of the Pride in Place Programme, expanding on the 10-year investment from central government of up to £20 million Richard explained the role of HBC to the board members: • To establish a Neighbourhood Board to lead on the engagement, planning and delivery of the programme, until such time as a formalised local community organisation can take over, with support and delivery being fully moved out to the community level by the end of Year 3 • As the Accountable Body, HBC receive PiP money, manage it, comply with regulations (such as procurement, subsidy control, first line of assurance, etc.), and sending returns to central government • HBC is here to support and offer advice to the Board but not to dictate where the money will be sent Richard outlines a brief timeline of the funding profile: • HBC already received £150k capacity funding to hire 2 dedicated staff, along with a small amount of capital for “quick wins” later in the year and revenue funding to support the programme • The capital increases around Year 4 significantly • As part of the PiP Programme, 5% of funds are to be spent by Year 4, and 50% are to be spent by Year 7 Richard advised the board against securing additional funding by borrowing, due to potential issues which could arise from a change in central government over the course of the programme. Richard highlighted the current focus on engagement, and encourages Board members to make use of their local contacts – he recommended for them to focus on what is celebrated about the Wecock area, in order to open conversation as to what additions could make a positive difference. He then reminded the board of important upcoming deadlines: • The board creation and boundary change are to be finalised by Friday 17th of July • A Pride in Place funding plan must be in place by Saturday 28th of November ACTION: HBC – Send round the funding profile to Board members along with meeting minutes
3	Discuss and adopt governing documents • Terms of reference • Register of interest • Code of conduct

	Ann and Marie gave printed copies of the draft Terms of Reference, Register of Interest and Code of Conduct to members to have a brief read through. Members were encouraged to sign the Register of Interests and hand it to the HBC representatives at the end of the meeting if possible. ACTION: ALL – Read and suggest changes to the Terms of Reference, Register of Interests and Code of Conduct by next meeting. ACTION: HBC – Add place for Board members to sign Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct for next meeting
4	Boundary Change • Option to extend boundaries Ann and Marie asked Board members to look at printed copies of the current Wecock boundary (as outlined by the Office of National Statistics), and to suggest any amendments. Proposals were made to extend the boundary to cover the whole of Robin Gardens and Oaklands Grove. All were in agreement to these changes. Marie said she would look into whether they wanted to expand the boundary further. HBC clarified some details about the current boundaries and how it was calculated using the ONS mapping, as some members were confused with how the boundary had been calculated.
5	AOB Members were encouraged to be creative in how they engage with people, and to ask residents to focus on the positives of the Wecock area when giving their answers for what could be improved. Also emphasised finding ways of coming up with lists of local issues other than asking people to “give me a list”. Members were encouraged to engage with local residents and to get a picture of life in Wecock, and to think on how they can help young people to achieve the skills they aspire to. It was suggested that when running engagement activities, the focus should be on the long-term impacts and changes which residents want so to see, such as asking people to picture Wecock in 10 years’ time, and to explain what they envision has changed for the Wecock community and area in this ideal future. Consideration was given on how to engage with members of the community who are underrepresented both in local discussion and on the board itself, with the elderly being identified as one of the less represented groups. There was a discussion on which methods could be used to collect evidence and data from engagement activities, such as using Microsoft forms and recording conversations with residents. Members brought up that some residents felt as though previous projects, namely the Wecock Big Local project, didn’t go anywhere, and it was stressed that local people must be able feel the impact of the project. Several ideas were suggested in order to achieve this:

- Focus on sharing good stories in the community, and celebrating the impact (such as the completion of the Pheonix skate park, towards the end of the Big Local project)
- Local people must be kept updated if they are being asked for their feedback – this includes if there is no news to report on
- Social media can be used to see patterns of people's concerns and issues, allowing the Board to generate ideas and "zones" of areas to improve on

The planning of events to raise awareness for the PiP Programme was discussed.

Ann, Marie and Andy explained the feedback questionnaire which they handed out to local children who had volunteered for a Litter-pick and BBQ event organised by the Acorn Centre. They found that none of the young people did anything outside of the Wecock area except to visit family, and that most local children either went to the Acorn Centre or participated in after-school activities.

Ann and Marie mentioned the summer festival they are organising for the 21st of August – the event will have live music from local people, eye-catching activities, and will be a good opportunity to spread awareness of the PiP Programme in the Wecock area.

Some initial ideas for regeneration were discussed, such as tending to and utilising small green areas which have come into disrepair across the estate – the Board plans to use some to mee community needs and others for environmental needs, but both will require community feedback as part of the decision-making process.

Ann and Marie brought up the £3-4 million of funding for the Place Partnership programme, which will overlap with Pride in Place a lot, and so with the extra funding they hope to make further improvements to the Wecock area.

Some ideas were then discussed regarding future Board policies, and ways of spreading awareness across the community passively.

Policies clarifying equalities, data protection and safeguarding for the Board were suggested, and HBC offered to use their own policies as a template from which to construct the Board's policies.

Suggestions were made on how members of the Board and people involved with the PiP scheme could identify themselves within the community, such as:

- Window stickers for houses and cars
- Lanyards
- Identifying badges

The Board also discussed setting up an online forum on which members can communicate and coordinate ideas between meetings.

ACTION: ALL – Members should consider their local connections and how to engage with these to come up with initial ideas for what would help families and the community to thrive

ACTION: Andy – Send engagement data from the study that Y services for Young People conducted on Hayling regarding young people to other Board members for consideration

ACTION: HBC – Send the PiP engagement toolkit to Board members

ACTION: Sayda/Siobhan (Healthwatch) – Healthwatch will provide some stakeholder mapping and a critique of the engagement toolkit

	ACTION: Jason (and maybe John) – Going door-to-to raise awareness for the PiP Programme ACTION: John and HBC – Set up PiP Wecock website and QR code for people to scan, along with a feedback database ACTION: ALL – Think about what questions to ask for engagement ACTION: Marie - Set up a WhatsApp group for Board members to discuss ideas
6	Date and time of next meeting The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th July, 6pm, at the Acorn Centre Up until the November deadline, the Board will aim to meet every two weeks. After the deadline meetings may move forward on a once-a-month basis, but this will be confirmed nearer the time

Action list

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Set up PiP Wecock website and QR code for people to scan, along with a feedback database	John Colman and Havant Borough Council
Think about what questions to ask for engagement	All Board members
Set up a WhatsApp group for Board members to discuss ideas	Marie Hattersley