

Wecock Neighbourhood Management Board**17th September 2026****18:00 to 19:30 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
Cllr Jason Gillen	Havant Borough Council, Ward Councillor for Hart Plain
John Colman	Resident, Community Champion
Revd Kate Macfarlane	Hart Plain Church
Sarah Goodwin	Motiv8, Head of Safeguarding and Compliance
Sayda De Maurier	Healthwatch Hampshire, Engagement Officer
Scott Elliott	Acorn Community Centre, Community Champion
Simon Waters	Resident, Acorn Community Centre, Community Champion

Apologies

Andy Kennedy	Y Services for Young People, Chair of Trustees
Caroline Hellier	Resident, Community Champion
Dominique Hodgson	Resident, Community Champion
Lou Alden	The Cowplain School, Community Champion
Pauline Stainsby	The Cowplain School, Resilience Centre worker
Sharon Peckham	Hart Plain Infant School, Headteacher
William Mansfield	MP Staff/Parliamentary Aide representing Rt Hon Suella Braverman MP

Observers

Richard Jones	Havant Borough Council, Pride in Place lead
Emma Dovener	Havant Borough Council, Pride in Place Coordinator
Sara Rowe	Havant Borough Council, Regeneration Officer

Agenda

ITEM	
1	Welcome AW and MH welcomed everyone and explained the meeting agenda. Apologies were received from AK, CH, DH, LA, PS, SP and WM.
2	Minutes of the last meeting All board members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting on 26/08/26. The minutes were declared accurate and agreed.
3	Actions AW and MH ran through the action list from the meeting on 26/08/26. The completed actions were as follows: • Investigate advertising on “Next Door” app for events advertising – MH • Speak to in-house Antisocial Behaviour Officers about helping to increase presence in Wecock – RJ • Share information about “Efficacy training” to other Board members (via Board WhatsApp) – SP • Complete more in-depth data analysis and then send round to Board members to help inform future engagement activities (specifics) – WB • Set up stakeholder mapping workshop for two weeks’ time – ED • Members should create a list of local connections in order to help identify stakeholders in the area – ALL • Establish a schedule of agendas for future meetings to give further structure to the Programme – ED, AW and MH • Enquire with the Housing Team about housing mapping for Wecock – RJ and ED AW, SW, SE meeting HCC today to investigate widening the badminton provision to children as well as adults JG, MH also following up on ASB issues on the estate. ED/RJ - Spoken to housing team, they will provide list of major landlords and housing providers within the boundary
4	HBC Role Clarity RJ provided some clarity around the role of HBC and the four staff that are working on the programme, there are two distinct roles: 1. Accountable body • RJ is the overall programme lead providing the link with senior HBC leaders and ministry officers. He can offer support with establishing value for money on projects and business case development as well as third party appraisal of project proposals • SR will support with programme management and develop the systems to support the board and the programme behind the scenes. She’ll also support RJ with monitoring and reporting and can offer project management advice to the board. • HBC can also offer support from other teams such as finance and legal as required by the board.

	2. Board and Programme Support • ED's role is to support the board generally but specifically with the development of the plan, advocating for the board with HBC and within wider stakeholder networks. She can help with developing project ideas as well as with the programme of engagement. • WB will provide the secretariat for the board, offer general project support and development and help with event/meeting logistics. It was highlighted that a mechanism for disseminating information from MHCLG events and webinars was required as the board and particularly the chairs are still receiving too many emails and invites to meetings and webinars with too short notice. ACTION: RJ/ED – Feedback to MHCLG regarding emails and late notice.
5	Timeline for Pride in Place Plan development ED shared a proposed timeline working back from the plan deadline of 30th November: • September ○ Plan outline/framework available [COMPLETED] ○ 10/09 Network mapping [COMPLETED] ○ Engagement builds ○ 28/09 start inputting info into Plan outline • October ○ Engagement continues ○ Data examination ○ 16/10 Board priorities/vision ○ First draft of Plan content • November ○ Second draft of Plan content ○ Draft of Plan design ○ Headline investment plan draft ○ 30/11 DEADLINE (subject to MHCLG extension) The board discussed the need for a communication strategy to help with disseminating good news stories, sharing progress and inviting people to get involved. The board also discussed a need for an easy way to share files and work on documents together. HBC uses Sharepoint but is unable to share externally at the moment. The discussion then moved on to the engagement that is required before the plan is developed and they began to map it out month by month. ED shared a basic two-page survey template that can be used to record conversations in the community or as a discussion prompt. HBC are happy to collate and analyse responses. There are existing lunch and warm clubs at the Acorn and Hart Plain Church on Wednesdays and the Board also has a list of contact details from Festival attendees who could be invited to discussions or future events. ED also noted that she has already arranged meetings with NEETs from the Youth Hub that live in the area as well as a group of young carers. Discussion then moved to talk about a visioning event in October. A date of Friday 16th October 6-7:30pm was decided on and the board agreed that food and a crèche should be included. The board also noted some other potential events that could be used to have conversations with residents including a drop-in for Halloween on 31st October, the Acorn Centre AGM on 4th November, a ladies group on 13th November (AW/MH are attending), and an upcoming curry and games night at the Acorn Centre.

	The board then had a more general discussion about health statistics that SDM had circulated to the board and concerns around the high levels of depression and poor mental health. ED noted that she has reached out to social prescribers that work in the community and it was suggested that the pharmacy on Milton Road might also be prepared to talk about their general idea of health in the area or have some data around common ailments and patterns of behaviour they are noticing. The discussion moved on to mental health in young people and what PiP could add to alternative provision already offered by schools. They also talked about homeschooling families and what is on offer for them, the success of the Forest School and Apex Centre style vocational training for the young people that miss out on formal education. DECISION – Board agreed for HBC Communications Team to lead on a branding and communication strategy for the Wecock Pride in Place Programme ACTION: ED – Discuss a communication strategy with the HBC communications team to start to develop what it might look like. ACTION: ED/WB – Investigate with HBC digital team options for filesharing between board members. ACTION: AW – Set up visiting the foodbank. ACTION: AW – Contact Lily to ask for her feedback from the festival and forward it to ED. ACTION: ED – Arrange to visit Lunch and Warm clubs ACTION: JC – Produce a flyer for the Visioning Event ACTION: SE – Talk to the nursery about providing a crèche for the Visioning Event
6	Feedback from 10/09/26 workshop ACTION: ED – Circulate the output from the 10/09/26 workshop
7	Finance overview RJ discussed funding profile for Leigh Park Pride in place, outlining the following for the Board: • Total available funding over the 10-year timeframe • The money which has been received from MHCLG so far • How much money has been spent on the PiP Programme in Wecock so far • What funds are currently available for the PiP Programme in Wecock RJ asked for volunteers for a finance subgroup that will, initially, propose a decision-making process for the board to spend funding and budget and monitor spend moving forward. JG and MH volunteered. Discussions had already taken place about the Pride in Place programme renting a dedicated room from The Acorn Centre to be a workspace, drop-in, for informal meetings and small-scale engagement. Those present agreed that it would be beneficial but that all members of the board should be polled in order to make that decision.

	ACTION: WB – Give the absent board members a chance to volunteer to join the finance subgroup if they wish. ACTION: WB – Send around a poll to invite members to vote on whether or not to hire a room for the first year of the programme. ACTION: SR – Meet with Nicola to look at room booking procedure and claiming costs incurred by the Acorn Centre. ACTION: WB – Add finance to future agendas as a standing item ACTION: RJ/WB – Set up finance sub-group
8	Branding and values ED explained that the HBC communications team are willing and able to create branding for the board. It was suggested that “Working for Wecock” should be added in as well as elements of the priorities coming out of the engagement. ACTION: ED – Formalise with the comms team and ask for timelines for getting branding completed. ACTION: ED – Send MHCLG branding guidelines to JC. ACTION: WB – Roll the section on values to the next agenda.
9	AOB AW/MH noted that they have set up a meeting with the Director of Housing at Portsmouth City Council and they will feedback afterwards. ACTION: ED – Circulate copies of the survey previously discussed.
10	Date and time of next meeting The next workshop session will be held on Thursday 1st October, from 18:00 to 19:30 at the Acorn Centre. The workshop will help to plan for the visioning event. The next full board meeting will be held on Thursday 15th October 18:00 to 19:30 at the Acorn Centre.

Decision Log

Decision made	Date
Board agreed for HBC Communications Team to lead on a branding exercise and communications strategy for the Wecock Pride in Place Programme	17/09/2026

Action Log

Action	
Set up PiP Wecock website and QR code for people to scan, along with a feedback database	John Colman and Havant Borough Council

Send Co-Chair biographies to John to put them on the Board's website (and member biographies, after obtaining consent)	William Bentley (Havant Borough Council)
Sign all three of the key Board documents no later than the 30 th of November	All remaining Board members
Have one-on-one discussions with everybody to help identify important community contacts and work out what each member can help with in the future	Emma Dovener and all Board members
Feedback to MHCLG regarding emails and late notice.	Richard Jones and Emma Dovener (Havant Borough Council)
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Investigate with HBC digital team options for filesharing between board members.	Emma Dovener and William Bentley (Havant Borough Council)
Set up visiting the foodbank.	Ann Waters
Contact Lily to ask for her feedback from the festival and forward it to ED.	Ann Waters
Arrange to visit Lunch and Warm clubs	Emma Dovener (Havant Borough Council)
Produce a flyer for the Visioning Event	John Colman
Talk to the nursery about providing a crèche for the Visioning Event	Scott Elliott
Circulate the output from the 10/09/26 workshop	Emma Dovener (Havant Borough Council)
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Send MHCLG branding guidelines to JC.	Emma Dovener (Havant Borough Council)
Roll the section on values to the next agenda.	William Bentley (Havant Borough Council)