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Greenlands and Woodrow Neighbourhood Board

Minutes, Decisions Taken and Action Points

Date:	Tuesday, 20 October 2026
Time:	18:01 – 18:56
Venue:	Greenlands Business Centre
Attendees:	Pete Martin – Chair of the Neighbourhood Board Rich Field Zhane Campbell Cllr Jane Spilsbury Chris Roberts – by Teams Elaine Whitfield Rachael Compton-Wylie Rosanne Walton Emma Hatton – arrived at 18:45
Apologies:	Chris Bloore MP
Other attendees:	Georgina Harris, Economic Growth Manager – Business and Skills, Redditch Borough Council Chante Wildman, MHCLG Georgina Hutton, Pride in Place Officer – Redditch Borough Council

MINUTES	
1.	Welcome and introductions The chair welcomed the board and introduced Chante Wildman from MHCLG who has taken over from Beatrice. Pete has given Chante a tour of the Pride in Place area and brought her up to date. Pete informed the board that Kelly has resigned from the board due to a change in circumstances. Thanks given to Kelly for her involvement.
2.	Minutes of last meeting Minutes of last meeting were approved.
3.	Declaration of Interests None were declared.

4.	<u>Working group meetings for the development of the 4 year neighbourhood plan and 10 year vision</u> Genecon will be here after the board meeting. A series of meeting will be set up with them to draft the plan and vision. Meetings will be kept separate to the board meetings. All members welcome to attend and take part in the working group. Questions that will be included in the plan are available on MHCLG website.
5.	<u>Meet the Board event</u> Thanks given to Elaine for her hard work in organising the event. More volunteers welcome to attend on the Friday/Saturday. Peer researchers will also be in attendance.
6.	<u>Governance Arrangements</u> Terms of Reference. Vote taken to approve. Reminder given to everyone to return their signed copies of the conflict of interest policy and code of conduct.
7.	<u>Mid-year monitoring return to MHCLG</u> The 6 monthly return to MHCLG was shared and includes expenditure which left the account by 30 September.
9.	<u>AOB</u> <u>Small grant funding</u> Chris has kindly developed an application process. This will be presented to the board once RBC have confirmed it is compliant with the fund. There will be 2 levels. 1. The first application type will be for projects up to £250 for residents and community organisations to put on events/activities for the community or kick start an idea. The application process should be relatively simple. 2. Second application type proposal up to £5,000 which will request more information about regulations and support. All applications will be considered on their own merit and reviewed by the board to ensure they comply with the plan. The aim of the application process is to enable the board to get some projects up and running whilst allowing the community to be empowered and to see there is a positive start. There are lots of good suggestions and ideas are coming through which could align with the plan. Suggestion made that there would be small group of approximately 5 board members reviewing applications and making the decisions. Everyone on the board can encourage applicants to complete the forms and assist them with that. Feedback should be provided to applicants which aren't approved to enable them to reconsider their approach and reapply thereby ensuring it a

	positive process. More information will be shared about the application processes at the next meeting. Pete and Rachel have visited Beyond Barriers separately. Rachel provided an overview from her visit. The community engagement highlighted that there is a gap in 16-24 year olds. Beyond Barriers help to bridge that gap by providing support with CV's, help with training and suggestion different options to young people and helping them reach out to employers. Beyond Barriers recently organised a jumble sale at the Hub which was very well supported and busy. Pete and Chris R attending public health meeting online. A wellbeing project has started in the community. Pete's had a conversation with Inspire who provide drug and alcohol support and work with Maggs. The Board look forward to receiving their proposal once the application route has been agreed. Discussions took place regarding the formal route for proposals. Rich suggests a simple form to show proposal, estimated cost and to check safeguarding. That will enable to board to understand their vision. Need to consider any potential risks with all projects. Discussion was held regarding other potential projects which could be supported. Jane invited WCC Councillor Josh Robinson to Woodrow who confirmed under his tenure that no libraries in Worcestershire will be closed. Spoke broadly about regeneration and to make sure the library was considered as part of that. It's been recognised that the planters in Woodrow Centre are full of weeds and persons under the influence of alcohol are sleeping on benches. Rich is looking into costings for replacement planters and benches which could improve the look and feel of the centre. Rich will liaise with the community safety team to make sure proposals comply with 'secure by design' strategy. A noticeboard could be useful in Woodrow centre due to shutters on shops being down when the premises are closed there is nowhere for community information to be viewed. RBC to be involved as it relates to council property.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING
18:00 on Tuesday, 17 November 2026.

DECISIONS TAKEN	
1.	Proposal to agree minutes of last meeting (22/9/26): Proposer – Jane Spilsbury Seconder – Elaine Whitfield In favour – 8, against – 0, abstentions – 0.
2.	Proposal to approve the Terms of Reference: Proposer – Pete Martin Seconder – Rosanne Walton

	In favour – 8, against – 0, abstentions – 0

ACTION POINTS	
1.	RBC to confirm who is still to sign the code of conduct and conflict of interest policy
2.	RBC to gather quotes for a noticeboard in Woodrow centre and to ensure it meets required standards eg lockable.