



Central Stockton and Portrack

Notes from the Board Meeting held on Tuesday 7 July 2026 at Dunedin House

	Agenda item	Actions
	Present	
	Michael Poole, Vice Lord-Lieutenant & PIP Board Chair (MP) Mark Miller, Stockton PC Vicar & Vice Chair of PIP Board (MM) Lucy Bentley, Corner House Youth Project (LB) Dan Smith representing Chris McDonald MP (DS) Alan O'Donoghue, Cleveland Police District Commander, Stockton (AD) Cllr Pauline Beall (PB) Cllr Paul Rowling (PR) Kelly Lannon, Willows Community Centre, Portrack (KL) Louise Lowes, independent business owner and BID co-ordinator (LL) Joan Wynn, resident of Trinity Gardens (JW) Tony Wedlake, Teesside Family Foundation (TW) Angela Corner, Thirteen Housing (AC) Sahida Ditta, Amal Project Teesside (SD) Tracy Roberts, Neighbourhood resident & Groundwork NE Tim Keith, Neighbourhood resident and Community Development Bradley Johnson, Yellow Box Marketing In attendance: Jane Edmonds, Assistant Director for Housing & Communities, SBC (JE) Vicky Japes, Head of Programme, Pride in Place, SBC (VJ)	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Chris McDonald MP – Dan Smith substituting. Brian Jones Tracey Carter SBC Matthew Ord, LV logistics (MO)	
2	Introductions	
	Introductions from all and welcome to new board members.	
3	Chair update	



	Michael updated that he is being invited to many regional and national PiP networks and being asked to speak about PiP and visit many community organisations. The role is larger than expected.	
4	Minutes and Progress on actions from previous meeting.	
	General discussion about the positive feel in the town centra at present. The positive impact and coverage of the opening of the Waterfront park. The positive atmosphere and community energy at the Eid Fusion event. Minutes of June 3rd meeting agreed. Actions from last meeting: VJ circulated the proposed boundary amendments. Item 5 on this agenda. Additional board members: Tim, Tracy and Brad all new members and welcomed to the meeting.	
5	Boundary Plan for submission to MHCLG	
	The original boundary plan and a proposed amended plan were circulated previously. Some comments were received, these were supportive of the proposed extension to include all of the Tilery estate and North Shore Academy. A range of comments about the southern and western boundaries. We are not permitted to remove any parts of the neighbourhood form the plan but can request to add additional areas if there is a sound rationale for it. Reminder that we are permitted to spend money outside the PiP boundary if the primary beneficiaries are from within the neighbourhood. Confirmed that we have to submit the proposed plan to MHCLG by 17 July. The Board agreed to request the extension to the north of the neighbourhood, and to the southern boundary, but to not pursue a boundary extension to the west of the neighbourhood. Copy of plan attached.  PIP propsed area v2.pdf	
6	Board Membership for submission to MHCLG	



	The names of all board members will be submitted to MHCLG by the 17 July Deadline.	VJ
7	Update on resident's feedback to date	
	VJ gave a brief slide update on the engagement that has been carried out to date, and some details of the feedback we have received.  7 July 26 presentation..pptx VJ to circulate a copy of the consultation questionnaire. Next phase of engagement will be to share what we have heard and check that is right and what people want us to do about it.	VJ
8	Workshop around the engagement feedback.	
	Key themes starting to emerge. Group activity to talk through the themes, what is already happening and how Pride in place can contribute. Write up of this session to be circulated	VJ
9	AOB / Comments	
	Members requested more information about the programme and a timeline of decision points and meetings. VJ to circulate. MP keen for the Central Stockton and Portrack Pride in Place programme to develop a name/ strapline. Members to share ideas. Information, publicity and social media – Board keen to have independent promotion of the work of the board and to raise awareness. Explore options for this.	VJ, ALL to read ALL VJ, MP with SBC
10	Date, Venue and agenda items for the Next Meeting	
	Try to move meetings around community venues. The Willows likely to be the venue for the next meeting in early August.	