



NELSON LONG TERM PLAN BOARD

Positive Action in the
Community Queen Street Colne

Friday, 8th November October 2024

at 11am

PRESENT

MEMBERS

Claire Bennett, In the Chair
Christine Blythe
Joel Feingold
Jonathan Hinder
Lisa O'Loughlin
Mike Nuttall
Inspector Rob Grey
Cllr Asjad Mahmood
Rose Rouse
County Councillor Ashley Sutcliffe

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Pendle Borough Council
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OFFICER

Phillip Spurr
Sandra Farnell

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1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Sajad Butt, Dr Irfan Chaudhary, Karen Spencer and Iftikhar Bokhari.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

4. Actions arising from the Minutes.

Claire Bennett has met with Oliver Ryan MP, and it's been agreed that Jonathan Hinder MP would attend the Board and feedback to Oliver Ryan MP.

5. Discussion on the October Budget

The Board discussed the positive development of the securing of the with the £20 million funding for the Long Term Town Plan. This would now include an additional capacity funding of £200K allocated for 2025/26 for the further development of plans. The programme delivery grant funding will now commence in FY 2026/27.

It was agreed that the additional capacity funding will support community engagement, providing an opportunity to leverage established platforms such as This Is Nelson.

The Board emphasised the importance of tangible activities to maintain momentum and visibility and discussed a variety of projects and methods to reach out into the harder to reach communities? E.g. mention of radio, and social media and word of mouth, visits, face to face etc.

Additionally, the Board agreed on the need for further mapping of these hard to reach communities and it was suggested that using some funds to support smaller groups that can aid in community engagement.

The appointment of a Community Development Worker was recommended, ideally with dual roles within both the Council and the community, to support engagement and bridge efforts between the Town Deal and the Long-Term Town Plan. This strategic position would help ensure a smooth transition and consistent communication, clarifying the distinct purposes of the Town Deal and Long-Term Plan.

To capitalize on town events for community engagement, the Board will also examine how existing projects within the Town Deal programme can be enriched and sustained to foster ongoing interest and support.

Action:

It was agreed that reports would be brought back to the next Board meeting on:

- A draft Job Description for a Community Development Worker type post
- A report to identify transition and communication strategies to bridge Town Deal projects with the Long-Term Town Plan, ensuring continuity.
- To map proposed projects identified so far within the Long Term Town Plan current themes and interventions for the Board to then identify those which could be worked on immediately and to help retain and build on current projects.

6. AOB

Claire Bennet advised the Board that a number of Board Members had not been able to attend recent meetings due to other commitments on Fridays. It was agreed that from January 2025 meetings would be scheduled on a variety of days to accommodate as many Board Members as possible.

Sandra Farnell advised the Board that an amended Terms of Reference was required due to several changes to Board Membership

Action:

- From January 2025 onwards invites to the Board meetings would include a variety of days.
- A revised Terms of Reference was to be reported to the next Board meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Friday 13th December, 10am Wilson Room, Town Hall, Nelson.