



Nelson Pride In Place Board
Number One Market Street
Friday 24th April 2026 at 9:15am

PRESENT MEMBERS

Claire Bennett (CB), In the Chair
Sajad Butt (SB),
Christine Blythe (CBly)
Jonathan Hinder (JH)
Asjad Mahmood (AM)
Karen Arciniega (KA)
Andrew Dewhusrt (AD)
Azhar Ali (AA)
Faraz Ahmed (FA)
Rob Grey (RG)
Mesam Ali (MA)

Positive Action in the Community
3B Systems
Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale CVS
Member of Parliament
Councillor
McDonald's Franchise Owner
East Lancs Learning Group
Lancashire County Council Councillor
Nelson Town Councillor
Lancashire Constabulary
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OFFICERS

Sue Rae (SR)
Iftikhar Bokhari (IB)
Phillip Spurr (PS)

Pendle Borough Council
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1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from, Dean Langton, Shahid Shabbir, Rauf Bashir Karen Spencer and Mevish Mahmood (MM).

2. Photographer

Pictures were taken of the board.

3. Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were noted:

- SB declared an interest in 3B Systems.
- CB Positive Action in the Community, Yes Hub and Pendle Food for All
- AD declared an interest Positive Action In the Community.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (13.03.26)

Were agreed as a true record.

5. Matters Arising

SR provided feedback from the recent Nelson Town Council meeting. The meeting was positive, and the following points were shared with the Council:

- An overview of the process used to select projects.
- Information on the next steps for selecting projects for Years 2–4.
- A request for the Town Council to work in partnership with Nelson Pride in Place to engage residents and support the dissemination of information.
- A request for the Town Council to consider providing match funding to support a small grants programme in the future.

IB proposed that he deliver a presentation to the next Board meeting outlining how Nelson Pride in Place aligns with Pendle Borough Council's Economic Growth policies and objectives. It was agreed that this item would be included on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

6. Updated Terms of Reference (sent with Agenda)

The updated Terms of Reference were agreed. It was noted that, in the absence of Dean Langton, Phillip Spurr or Iftikhar Bokhari would act as his representative.

7. Logo

SR explained that guidance had been received from MHCLG regarding the required use of the logo, including which elements could not be amended. It was agreed that the logo would fully reflect MHCLG requirements.

8. Project

a) Update- Agreed Projects

Report was circulated noting the projects that have been agreed with the amount of funding requested and the amount awarded.

It was agreed that, ahead of the next Board meeting, FA, CBly and SR would convene to discuss the potential scope and design of a small grants programme.

b) Remaining year 1 budget

SR reported that several organisations had approached her with project proposals that align with Nelson Pride in Place objectives. A discussion took place regarding whether, and how, any underspend could be allocated to support small projects. It was agreed that any such process must remain clear and transparent, in line with the approach taken during the previous funding round.

Next steps:

- Identify a timeline for a potential call for projects.
- Confirm the level of funding available.

c) Partnership working

SR sought guidance on how the Board could support community organisations and work collaboratively to secure additional funding. It was agreed that where support is provided, the Board must be clear about its role, obligations, and association with both the project and the organisation. It was further agreed that any requests for letters of support would require Board approval.

9. Launch

A discussion took place regarding the timing, location, and format of the programme launch event. It was agreed that (MM) would design and circulate a form to Board members to gather preferences and ideas for the event. (MM) will present the findings at the next Board meeting. Members will also be invited to volunteer to form a small events working group.

10. Place Standard Tool Feedback

(SR) provided an overview of the Place Standard Tool and shared feedback from the training she and (MM) had undertaken with Lancashire County Council. The Board was asked whether it was content for Nelson to be the first pilot area for Lancashire County Council to deliver the Place Standard Tool. The Board agreed that this was something they were happy to be involved in.

11. Summary of Workshop (sent with Agenda)

The summary of the workshop was noted, and (SB) thanked (SR) for the informative delivery.

12. Youth / Community (Town centre forum) subgroup process

A discussion took place regarding the need to establish new sub-groups within the town, noting that a number of established groups are already operating. The consensus was that it would first be necessary to identify any gaps. (MM) was tasked with reporting back at the next meeting on which existing groups may be suitable to act as sub-groups for Nelson Pride in Place.

13. Other Business (AOB)

Board member to note June Board meeting - date change 9.15am Friday 26th June

(SR) raised a funding request on behalf of (RB) seeking a contribution towards the Festival and Peace Walks. The Board advised that any request for funding should be made through the agreed application process.

A discussion took place regarding the meeting not being a public meeting, while the minutes are publicly available. The Board was reminded that meetings are not held in public because community representatives may not always be in a position where it is appropriate for them to be publicly scrutinised. The meeting format is designed to provide a safe and supportive environment in which members can share the views of the communities they represent openly and securely.

14. Date of Next Meetings

9.15am Friday 24th April

9.15am Friday 22nd May

9.15am Friday 26th June

9.15am Friday 17th July

9.15am Friday 14th August

9.15am Friday 11th September