Motherwell Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board Meeting Notes
Braidhurst High School
Friday 9 October 2026

Attendees: Cllr Andrew Duffy-Lawson (ADL), Pamela Nash MP (PN), Danielle Jarvie (DJ), Geraldine El Masrour (GM), Greg Kane (GK), Richard Bolton (RB), and John Mulholland (JM, Chair), Cllr David Robb (DR), Clare Adamson (CA) MSP

Apologies: Barry McCormack (BM), Lynn McFarlane (LM), Collette Donald (CD), Professor Christopher Moore (CM),

Observers: Pamela Humphries (PH), Kirsty Gray (KG), Chris Smart, Conor Lanigan (CL) (all North Lanarkshire Council). Cllr Kenny Duffy (KD) Grace Bremner (MHCLG)

Item	Summary	Actions
1	**Welcome & introductions** JM welcomed everyone to the Motherwell Pride in Place (PIP) neighbourhood board meeting. All attendees briefly introduced themselves. Grace Bremner from (MHCLG) Ministry for Housing, Communities & Local Government joined the meeting to observe progress to date and to advise on elements of the PIP.	All Points Noted
2	**Minutes of last meeting / matters arising** Accuracy of Previous Minutes were reviewed. JM proposed the previous board meeting minutes, all agreed that the minutes were accurate and therefore were approved by board. **Actions Arising** Discussion took place regarding demographic information. It was agreed that maintaining an action log would be beneficial to account for previous actions from agenda items 2 and 6. CL/KG agreed that an action log will be included with the next minutes. CL confirmed that the suggestions for particular groups to connect with raised at the last meeting, with all the groups contacted in relation to the Pride in Place Plan consultation. These groups included Lanarkshire Deaf Hub, VANL, Motherwell Community Board, local business networks/contacts. A lessons learned exercise from the Phase 1 Pride in Place area in Coatbridge and the Coatbridge Neighbourhood Board hasn't been completed yet. This will be presented to a board meeting early in the New Year.	All points noted CL/KG KG

3	**Community Engagement Update** An update report was presented on the results of the community engagement survey on the Pride in Place Plan emerging priorities, for further discussion and feedback from the board. It was highlighted that positive response numbers had been received to the survey, in both digital and paper formats. The survey results demonstrated strong levels of agreement with the emerging priority themes for change, providing endorsement for finalisation of the Priorities for Change for the Pride in Place Plan. The Chair noted the positive feedback and commended the work undertaken to date in relation to connecting with as many groups and organisations as possible.	All Points Noted
4	**Vision and Priorities for Change** A report was presented seeking the Board's approval for the proposed Vision and five Priorities for Change for the Motherwell Pride in Place Plan. The report follows on from a workshop held on 18 September, during which board members had the opportunity to discuss the emerging vision and priorities for change in detail and propose revisions to the wording. The report presented the final wording of the vision, and the five interconnected Priorities for Change which are as follows: 1. Health, Wellbeing and Opportunities for All 2. Inclusive and Connected Communities 3. A Safe and Attractive Town Centre and Vibrant Community Spaces 4. Opportunities for Children and Young People 5. Safe, Healthy and Welcoming Places Detail was provided within the report on the how evidence gathered from data and feedback from local people had shaped the priorities for change, key areas of focus within each priority and strategic alignment between the priorities with the Pride in Place Programme objectives; the Plan for North Lanarkshire; the current and emerging Motherwell Local Outcome Improvement Plan priorities. The board was satisfied with the report and its contents and approved the Vision and Priorities for Change as the foundations for the Motherwell Pride in Place Plan. Board members also agreed to the proposed change to the wording associated with Priority 1 – Health, Wellbeing and Opportunity for All, to give greater prominence to financial wellbeing and financial inclusion.	All Points Noted Paper Approved

5	**Draft Investment Plan Report** A report was presented updating the Board on the 4-year PIP investment plan process which guides development of indicative funding allocation for 2026/27 to 2029/30. The investment plan funding allocated is approximately £6.13m over the next four years. The funding allocation split is 63% Capital and 37% Revenue. £273,462k of capacity funding has already been received and is available for the Board to allocate and spend during 2026/27 on some of the projects identified in the Draft investment Plan.	All Points Noted
6	**Discussion on Draft Investment Plan** Draft project ideas for the initial 4-year Investment Plan were presented, with these drawn from the investment plan workshop held with the Board on 18 September and other stakeholder meetings. A discussion was held on the draft project ideas with board members encouraged to input into both individual project ideas (for both capital and revenue funding), focus areas and locations and the approach of either having a longer list of individual projects or an element of grouping individual projects under broader project headings to enable flexibility at this early stage. GB highlighted that the investment plan is a living, evolving document and that the project allocations and headings can be subject to change over the four-year period as project development work is undertaken and to accommodate new opportunities that may emerge which align with the priorities for change within the plan. A number of points were raised by board members which will be incorporated into a final draft of the initial 4-year Investment Plan, to be circulated to board members ahead of the next board meeting on 30th October 2026. Key points raised included: • The importance of early feasibility work including investigation of ground conditions for some of the target areas highlighted for improvement. The council may already have access to historical information which can assist with this. • The opportunity for intergenerational activities and benefits from some of the initiatives • The importance of considering long term maintenance arrangements and how to ensure investment is sustainable • Opportunities to consider developing a local trust model to assist with ongoing management of upgraded spaces • The importance of understanding existing local interest in developing or improving some of the spaces highlighted as projects and ensuring action is coordinated	All points noted

	• Broadening some project headings to enable grouping of a number of project ideas under these headings to allow for greater flexibility to respond to opportunities There was a discussion on potential quick-win capital projects, with investment in new seating in the town centre and environmental improvements in Forgewood, drawing on the outcomes of a recent photography project run by Forgewood Housing co-op highlighted as good opportunities to make early visual impacts. Photographs from the project to be shared with the NLC project team. GK provided an overview of proposals and ideas to redevelop spaces within Braidhurst High School to both enhance learning outcomes for school pupils and create more opportunities for community use, which received general support. Discussion on the Investment Plan projects closed with a suggestion for a smaller number of broad project headings to be developed for capital funding interventions, focussing on key areas in North Motherwell (community spaces and facilities improvement); Forgewood (improvements to facilities at Braidhurst High School including for community use) and Motherwell town centre (improving safety, attractiveness, accessibility; new uses). A discussion was also held on the capacity funding budget and the opportunity to use funding available to allocate now towards supporting a Motherwell town centre Christmas Event proposal put forward on behalf of Motherwell Shopping Centre. The board agreed that the event would provide a good opportunity to launch the Pride in Place Programme in Motherwell and agreed a budget allocation of up to £30,000 to enable key orders to be placed in time. A report providing more detail on the event and an outline of the budget proposals was requested to be provided to a future board meeting. A general discussion was held on the opportunity to run events and use funding to support youth work and carry out more engagement with young people. An overall review of activities for young people already taking place within the area was highlighted as an important step to help understanding of where there are additional opportunities. In summing up the discussion, the Chair requested that the NLC project officers circulate the information presented relating to the draft plan to all board members for review ahead of the next board meeting	RB CL/KG KG/CL CL
7	**Any other current business**	

	PN discussed the board membership and suggested that additional board members be sought from the African community and a young person's representative. It was suggested that advertising via the schools could address assist to recruit a candidate. PN highlighted the need to engage with all secondary schools and not just Braidhurst High. CL confirmed that he had meet with Head teachers and School Cluster leads and discussed this issue. Going forward our engagement and project delivery with schools will include Our Lady's HS, Dalziel HS as well as Braidhurst. GB advised that other PIP boards had created Youth Subgroups which was well received and could be another great way to connect with another demographic within the PIP boundary. JM closed the meeting and thanked all for joining. **Date of next Board meeting 30th October 2026**	All Points Noted All to note