Bradeley, Chell Heath and Fegg Hayes Neighbourhood Board Minutes (2)

Thursday 12th November 2026, 6-8pm

The Hub @ ST6

Attendees

Board: Patrick Shanahan (Chair), David Williams MP, Councillor Gurmeet Singh-Kallar, Jean Davies, Jim Gibson, Stephen Pitchford, Sophia James, Clare Buchanan, Becky Wallbanks, Carla Needham, Will Turner, Cath Mullins, Dawn Lee, Linda Taylor, Jeff Walker

MP's Office: Dan Mazhar

SOTCC: Vicki Gwynne, Nyasha Exton

Keele University: Carolyn Chew-Graham

Apologies: Rachel Shuter

Welcome and Mental Health Research Unit

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Carolyn to the Board as part of the Mental Health Research Unit. Carolyn explained the 5-year programme work that Keele University, University of Birmingham and Kings College are doing jointly around mental health research for adults. She highlighted the gap in research conducted in the North-West Midlands and how this would be a fundamental point of interest for the Research Unit.

Carolyn discussed the 4 core research programmes themes:

- Survey and and data linkage
- Aging Mental Health
- Mental and Physical Health co-morbidity
- Complex Emotional Needs

(See slides for further detail)

Board members expressed interest in being involved with the research as well as assisting with linking in with existing programmes such as those partaking in Aging Well in Whitfield.

Board members also discussed areas that they felt should be considered in the research including the role of medication and advocacy.

Carolyn discussed the Impact Accelerator Unit and their ability to track the impact of the Pride in Place programme giving the Board clear data on the impact of any interventions that are put in place. The Chair highlighted the significance of having clear

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data that demonstrated impact and the benefits of this for match-funding opportunities.

A board member asked if data was available that detailed more information about the population in the area such as how many carers were in the area.

Action NE and MP's Office: Find data around carers in the local population.

Governance

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and ratified by the group without any amendments. Board members were asked to declare any conflicts of interest against the agenda items. No conflicts were declared.

Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct

The Board reviewed the draft Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct documents. Amendments were recommended to both draft documents. The amendments will be made and circulated to the Board for final approval.

Action NE: Circulate amended documents for Board review and approval.

The Register of Interest forms were given to Board Members to complete and return to the next Board meeting.

Action All: Complete register of interest forms.

Quick Wins

The Chair raised the proposal for the Neighbourhood Board to supplement the Pride in Place Impact Fund to fund the installation of railings on Chell Heath Road outside Burnwood School. The cost of 234m would be £34,164 and the Board would need to input £19,164 to the allocated amount from the Pride in Place Impact Fund.

The Board discussed various issues surrounding Chell Heath Road and safety. Issues were raised with speeding on the road and the need to address this.

The current cameras in place were identified as ASB cameras therefore not monitoring the traffic.

A board member raised that it was important to consider long term solutions and address mindset change. This could be achieved by approached such as "Walk to school" incentives which would address multiple issues while encouraging positive behaviour change.

The Chair highlighted that the productive discussions would feed into a working group specifically around Chell Heath Road Safety where the issues brought forward could be further discussed and tackled.

The Board voted on the proposal.

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Decision: The Board voted unanimously to contribute £19,164 to the cost of the railings installation.

The Chair asked the Board to consider ideas around Christmas to bring to the next meeting for discussion.

Action: Board members to bring Christmas activity ideas and costs to the next Board meeting.

AOB

The Chair discussed arrangements for the Board's attendance at a Port Vale Match on Saturday 14th November.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 26th November, 6pm-8pm. Location tbc.

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