

Plan for Neighbourhoods (PfN) - Bedworth Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 4th, 5pm, The Life Church

	Actions	Who
<p>1. Welcome and Opening Remarks Welcome, Introduction and Apologies. The Chair (Bill Basra) welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies: Julie Bromage- Vice Chair Maria Bailey - NBBC Cllr George Finch – Leader of WCC Mark Farmer - NBBC Jenni Northcote - NHS Aryan Bruzas - Nicholas Chamberlaine student</p> <p>List of Attendees: Bill Basra- Chair Rachel Taylor MP Satvir Dosanjh – MP's Office Richard Nedjati - NHS Lynda Greasley - Bedworth Society Paul Spencer – Local Business Owner Alison Thompson - WCAVA Cllr Stan Carvell – WCC Cllr Cllr Neil Garland – WCC Cllr Abby Kelwin - NBBC Jonathan White - NBBC Jeff Hunt - People in Action Owen Granfield - Remembrance committee Ken Whitehead - Remembrance committee Rev Dave Poultney Cllr Nicky King - WCC Pastor Danny Murphy – Life Church Gary Palmer- WCC Sue Tonks – Business Owner Jill Hancock - Harbour Centre/ Life Church Alison White - Admin support to Board</p>		
<p>2. Declaration of Interests</p> <p>Sent via email, hard copies also available.</p>	<p>To be completed and sent to Maria Bailey: maria.bailey@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk</p> <p>by September 19th.</p>	<p>ALL</p>

<p>3. Minutes of the Workshop held on 24th July 2025 and matters arising.</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a correct record. In terms of matters arising:</p> <p>Page 2:</p> <p>The MP had approached MHCLG in relation to an amendment of the boundaries to ensure inclusion of all NBBC Bedworth wards within the Project. This had been agreed by the relevant Minister.</p> <p>Land Registry checks: Have been distributed to all. Concerns raised as they are out of date.</p> <p>The Market Working Group had met and were progressing work around provision and costings.</p> <p>Agreed that Green corridor costings to link up green spaces from the Miners Welfare Park and the Town Centre plus the canal route would be supplied at the next meeting. Also agreed that consideration be given to requirements from Bedworth United Football Club.</p> <p>Page 3:</p> <p>Health Centre: RN confirmed that the proposal had been submitted.</p> <p>Further Education Provision – Agreed that MP would progress. Also noted that JB was exploring FE Dance Provision.</p> <p>Page 5:</p> <p>AOB: Participation of the civic Hall.</p> <p>Pursuant to the minutes, BB attempted to convene a meeting with the chair of Civic Hall. However matters had been superseded by the submission of legal proceedings which would now dictate future engagement.</p>	<p>Any queries regarding the land registry need to go to Abby</p> <p>Recirculate the Green Links proposal & costings</p> <p>Organise meeting with college/further education places.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>MB</p> <p>RT</p>
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4. WCC Update

GP gave the following update:

The fire station will continue to be used as it is for the foreseeable future.

There were no changes to the library planned but WCC were open to discussions on future uses for the space.

Kings House was currently operating at reduced presence and options were being considered for lettings.

The Crox was currently not being used and would require significant investment to bring the building back into use.

St Michael's Children and Family centre had indicated that there was a requirement for a central location that would enable the delivery of services to children, young people and families.

Safety – Accessing rooftops in the town centre is being looked at.

Bayton Road industrial estate – WCC do not own any property there.

Public transport improvement plan: The bus service real time information project will continue. There is scope to expand this to a wider area.

A discussion was held around Local Government Reorganisation and the impact that it would have in Bedworth. All agreed that there was a need for the statutory sector to work together and co-ordinate the usage of physical assets in a holistic manner that collectively delivered the best outcome for Bedworth and contributed towards the delivery of the vision for 2035.

It was requested that the works being conducted at the Old British Queen be investigated.

JH raised Congreve Walk and most property has a 99-year lease. RT responded that those leaseholders are committed to improving those buildings and are keen to be part of this project.

Share the plans for the bus service information plans

Statutory agencies to note

GP

JW

5. Health Update

RN advised there was no update at this time.

It was agreed that a meeting with RT, BB and representatives from the NHS would be a good move.

Organise a meeting with the NHS, RT & BB for October.

RT

<p>6. Life Church Plans</p> <p>Pastor Danny welcomed all to the venue and in addition to outlining a history of the Church also introduced a video on the proposed plans for the Life Church. The meeting were also informed of work that it conducted at the Harbour Centre.</p> <p>The plans were revealed as follows:</p> <p>Phase 1 £3.5 million is needed for the main auditorium. £1 million has already been raised and the other £2.5 million will be raised via a loan.</p> <p>Phase 2 for the family centre which includes a youth program, nursery, SEND facilities. Costs equated to £1.6 million.</p> <p>Phase 3 is the emotional health and wellbeing centre. £2 million is needed for this phase.</p> <p>Funds permitting it was envisaged that the whole project could be completed within a year.</p>		
<p>7. Branding, Consultation and Communications Update (NBBC and WCAVA)</p> <p>A. Branding (NBBC)</p> <p>In the absence of a clear consensus it was agreed that the Chair be authorised to finalise the logo with the inclusion of the following symbols: Water Tower, Miners Wheel, Almshouses.</p> <p>B. Community Event including Fountain (NBBC)</p> <p>Event date: Sat 25th, which is the first weekend of half term.</p> <p>AT advised that the steering groups had met and had determined the timescales were achievable. Entertainers, fair rides, food and drink stalls had been sourced.</p> <p>Costs would be in the region of £10k and would be claimed from the Capacity Fund as it related to the consultation.</p> <p>In relation to the fountain, this was being surveyed and would be the subject of separate costs.</p> <p>The desirability of a calendar of events was discussed (such as marking the 300th anniversary of the Old Meeting Hall) and comparative examples elsewhere were cited including Atherstone, Hinckley and Rugby. The merits of being a BID area were also discussed as was the role of parking.</p>	<p>Logo to be finalised by September 19th</p> <p>Further information to be shared</p>	<p>BB</p> <p>NBB C/WC AVA</p> <p>BB/J W</p>

<p>AT advised as part of the consultation, a website will be built which could be used for advertising events.</p> <p>RT raised the idea of getting the businesses of Bedworth together for a one-off event in the first instance and then perhaps look at regular meetings to discuss their thoughts.</p> <p>C. Consultation including MHCLG Zen City work (WCAVA)</p> <p>AT advised that the Zen City had been commissioned by MHCLG to undertake e-consultation with residents. The report had been circulated in advance. Any local consultation would ensure that it did not duplicate the work already undertaken.</p> <p>Interim results would be submitted in October 2025</p> <p>D: Business event</p> <p>Discussed previously in 7.B</p>	<p>Business Meeting to be arranged via MP's office</p>	<p>RT</p>
<p>8. Key Requirements by 28th November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Consultation b. 10 year Regeneration Plan c. 4 Year Investment Plan <p>AK advised the requirements for the 28th November are a 10 year regeneration strategy and 4 investment plan. Whilst the former would be a high level document the latter would need to be more detailed.</p> <p>In light of capacity and expertise issues it was agreed that a consultant would be commissioned to draft the Regeneration Strategy.</p>	<p>WCC/NBBC and Chair to Co-Ordinate</p>	
<p>9. Clarification of Resources to meet requirements before 28th November 2025 and during implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. NBBC Support b. WCC Support c. Capacity Fund <p>This item was deferred and would be considered at the next meeting.</p>		

<p>10. MHCLG Funding Profile (NBBC)</p> <p>AK advised that funding was phased and shared a schedule of payments. Projects, therefore, would require prioritisation.</p>	<p>Recirculate the funding schedule.</p>	<p>AW</p>
<p>11. Update on Key Proposals discussed at workshop and new ideas (ALL)</p> <p>OG – Cemetery Update:</p> <p>Assistance required to cost the works required and implementation likely in time for November 2026. Currently being costed</p> <p>OG: Road signs</p> <p>WCC Councillors present have indicated that they are happy to explore and fund this.</p> <p>DP: HSBC and Barclays- repurpose. These building could be repurposed into a facility for children, families and young people with community spaces. However assistance required to survey and establish costings. The need for co-design was also emphasised.</p>	<p>BB to follow up</p>	
<p>12. Future Meetings 9/10/25, 30/10/25, 13/11/25</p> <p>Next meeting: 9th October: 5 – 7pm Thursday at The Old Meeting Church.</p>		