Believe in Bedworth Board Thursday 8th October 2026 at 09:00am Venue: Bedworth United Football Club				
Name		**Role**	**Attended**	**Apologies**
Bill Basra (BB)		Independent Chair	X	
Julie Bromage (JB)		Deputy/Sub Chair	X	
Alex Parsons – Moore (APM)		Nicholas Chamberlaine		X
Alison Thompson (AT)		WCAVA	X	
Rev. Dave Poultney (DP)		All Saints CofE	X	
Cllr George Finch (GF)		Elected Member – WCC		X
Jake Groves		WCC		X
Gill Hancock (GH)		Harbour Centre		X
Jeff Hunt (JH)		BB People in Action	X	
Lynda Greasley (LG)		The Bedworth Society	X	
Rachel Taylor MP (RT)		MP	X	
Sue Tonks (ST)		Federation of Small Businesses	X	
Also in Attendance				
Marina Kitchen (MK)		Believe in Bedworth	X	
Satvir Dosanjh (SD)		Rachel Taylor MP Office	X	
Sandy Johal		NBBC Officer	X	
Abby Kelwin (AK)		NBBC Officer		X
Alison White (AW)		Believe in Bedworth	X	
Nicky Jones (NJ)		Believe in Bedworth	X	
1.	**Welcome, Introduction and Apologies**			BB
	The Chair (BB) welcomed attendees and opened the meeting. Apologies were noted.			
2.	**Declaration of Interests**			BB
	BB reminded everyone of the need to complete the: Trustee Declaration Form and Register of Interest Form by the end of October 2026.			
3.	**Minutes of last meeting held on 8th June 2026**			BB
	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.			
4.	**Action Tracker**			BB
	It was noted that all previous actions were reflected within the current agenda.			
5.	**Governance**			
	BB acknowledged the work of the last 18 months and the need for the streamlined board to oversee the delivery phase over the first 4 years till March 2030. All were asked to familiarise themselves with TOR and particularly the values that needed to be demonstrated by Board Members. Particular attention was given to the principles of confidentiality and collective responsibility. **ACTION:** Agreed that previous Board Members would be thanked for their contribution (BB)			

	a) Theme Groups These would be developed after establishment of the Assembly and Panel.	
	b) Legal Incorporation BB and MK are meeting with the CDA on 28th October 2026 to discuss the steps to legal incorporation which would be consistent with other Pride in Place areas.	
6.	**Finance**	
	BiB Finance Update MK gave a detailed breakdown of the finances which had been provided with the agenda. The Board discussed: • Renovation of Market – Capital investment in the market was noted. There was a general consensus that if BiB were investing in NBBC spaces a discussion was required as to the principle of apportionment in relation to any income that was generated as a result (such as rent). **ACTION:** RT to approach NBBC. • Work on the Harbour Centre toilets had been completed and it was acknowledged that we needed to celebrate successes and ensure that public were aware of projects that had been completed and where the funding had come from. **ACTION:** BIB TEAM - Pride in Place plaque required.	MK
	NBBC Capacity Fund and PiP Impact Fund Update Due to the absence of Cllr Groves and Cllr Finch no update from NBBC was given. In their absence the key areas discussed were: a) Confirmation of fund apportionment for Bedworth b) What consultation had been undertaken in relation to the £1.5 million? c) The extent to which consultation already undertake via BIB had been taken into account? d) The subsequent rationale for the projects that were being proposed and how they might fit into the overall vision that NBBC have for Bedworth? BB declared an interest under this item as one of the areas proposed to benefit from PIPIF funding was BRANCAB premises at Congreve Walk. However BB also confirmed that no consultation had been undertaken with BRANCAB in relation to the proposed works to the premises. **ACTION-**RT to raise matter with NBBC and seek clarification from MHCLG	

7	**Projects 2026 – 2030**	
a)	**Project Updates – Existing Projects**	
	Brighter Bedworth Murals: Work has started and feedback has been positive. Further specific mentioned were: • Savers had been approached. The manager advised that no funding is available for external renovations but will raise the matter with senior management. RT mentioned that the Council own the Freehold – therefore permission was not required from the long-term leaseholder. • Toolbox had ordered paint to improve the exterior of its premises. • NBBC was installing new bins and street furniture after Christmas	
	Cemetery Work: The heritage certificate had been completed, and the next step was to appoint an architect .	
	Community Events: Key feedback from the community in relation to events has been enhancing town over Christmas. Accordingly, the following was outlined: • **Christmas 2026:** ○ **Ice Skating Rink** – The rink will be installed on 26 November, launched on 27 November and followed by an après-ski event on 28 November. It will close on 6 December **ACTION:** Clear "Jims Records" Unit to accommodate the skate hire **ACTION:** BIB Team to forward the event dates and details. ○ **12ft Christmas tree in the market**. This will stay after Ice Rink has gone. ○ **Window Painting** – art trail in the town centre. ▪ Polar Express to be painted on the GET Bookshop window. They have also asked if we could replace the old signage ▪ Window painting to be offered as a prize at the business quiz ○ **Accessible Sleigh:** Concerns that this may prevent casual traders from operating in the market. Looking at options to position it so this would not be a problem. ○ **12 Days of Christmas:** events to be confirmed. **ACTION**: The Board discussed charging a nominal fee for the ice rink. As there is no facility to collect cash, Eventbrite and SumUp will be explored. Other activity reported by MK was: • **Business Quiz – 23rd October 2026** ○ Brief presentation from BB &MK regarding Radios. Aim is to encourage engagement from the town centre businesses. **ACTION:** BIB TEAM - Invitations to be sent to all Board members, asking them to attend and represent the Board • **Dinosaur Trail – August 2027** ○ Dinosaur trail and Dino dig for the Bedworth Big Weekend August 2027	

	Fountain Regeneration A fuller update would be given at the December board meeting.	
	Market Development Discussed in detail under Finance Update.	
	Units 2 and 4 (BiB Hub) The Council had completed its survey and Believe in Bedworth would now need to commission architects and surveyors to mutually agree the valuation with NBBC. Ongoing security issues were reported to the Board including people being on the roof and entering the building.	
	Youth Opportunities The completed audit shows a discrepancy between police data and reports of antisocial behaviour Next step will be to send this to the Police **ACTION** – MK to send to police.	
b)	**Proposals – New Projects**	
	Tidying Bedworth MK advised that the finance report contained an error: the cost should be £1,000, not £8,000. The proposal emanated from community feedback in relation to the Cemetery and to address perceptions of neglect and deterioration and the resultant effects that this had on crime and anti-social behaviour. The proposal sought to address this through a community-based approach that would also increase chances of sustainability. **ACTION:** Project Approved. MK to implement.	
	Heritage Project MK advised that after a recent tour of the Almshouses and the Heritage Centre Freddie Toye of Toye Kenning Spencer was very impressed. They are currently looking at utilising the right-hand side of their building to build a café and heritage display of some of their pieces. During discussions it had emerged that TKS have 300 years of memorabilia etc which needs to be catalogued. The project proposal requested the employment of a curator which would be tri-funded by the Nicholas Chamberlaine Foundation, TKS and Believe in Bedworth. This Tri-Funding would allow for the application of an Arts fund grant. This in turn would enable the Bedworth Society to archive its extensive collection which also included editions of the Bedworth Echo. **ACTION:** Project Approved. MK to implement.	
	Radios – Business Case Due to current provision not being fit for purpose the proposed project sought the acquisition of 20 radios which be connected to the police and CCTV team. The initial investment would be continued in future years via subscriptions and would be a foundation of establishing a town centre network that would work with the Board on a collective vision of regenerating the town centre and establishing Bedworth as a town to do business in. The proposal also included measures to more accurately capture footfall.	

	ACTION: Project Approved. MK to implement having regard to AT comments in relation to ownership and data-protection and also to clarify whether WCC already have a footfall counter.	
8.	**Community Engagement/Events**	
	An update was given on events held and forthcoming events. In respect of the latter it was agreed that an email would be sent with further details to all Board Members.	
9.	**Any other Business**	
	Headshots and Bio Board members were asked to submit a headshot and short biography for the website.	
	Christmas Meal It was suggested that Board members attend a Christmas lunch after the next meeting	
10.	**Date of Next Meeting** 7th December 2026 – BRANCAB 1st Floor, Congreve Walk. Bedworth	