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Board Meeting Minutes	
Meeting: Date: Time: Location:	**Ein Rhyl / Our Rhyl Board** **Friday 27th March 2026** **3.00pm-5.00pm** **Rhyl Youth Club**

Board Member Attendees:	Craig Sparrow, Chair		Gill German, MP*		[Vacant,] MS	
	Cllr Jason McLellan		Cllr Barry Mellor*		Nadeem Ahmed*	
	Sue Nash		Julie Pierce		Emma Watling	
	Linzi Jones		Justin Bell		Leonie Wainwright	
	Jonathan Pico		Simon Keeting			
Advisory/ Support:	Peter James		Natalie Nolan		Tony Ward	
	Tom Barham		Janine Downing		Martin Williams	
	Programme Support					
Guest Speakers:	Cath Taylor		Andrews Williams		Young People Representatives	
Apologies:	Shown in red					

*Were available for the original meeting date.

1.	Welcome Apologies and Declaration of Interests Apologies were received from Gill German MP*, Cllr Barry Mellor*, Nadeem Ahmed*, Julie Pierce, Simon Keeting, Peter James (Advisory) and Natalie Nolan (Advisory). Due to the pre-election period, the MS position will remain vacant until after the elections. Cllr Jason McLellan declared an interest in relation to agenda item 7 and did not take part in the vote.	3.00pm 5 min
2.	Minutes from 5th December 2025 Board Meeting	5 min

	The Board Minutes from the 5th December Board meeting were submitted and confirmed as a correct record. The Chair reminded all Board Members that all meeting minutes are made publicly available on the Our Rhyl website.	
3.	Welcome to New Board Members & Introductions Following the Board recruitment, 7 new Board members were welcomed onto the Board. The new Board members are: Community: Justin Bell Community: Julie Pierce Community: Leonie Wainwright Community: Linzi Jones Community: Emma Watling Community: Jonathan Pico North Wales Police are now represented on the Board by: Community Policing Simon Keeting All Board members provided their introductions.	20 min
4.	**Presentation**: Youth Services following Youth Engagement Commission Denbighshire Youth Services, together with participant young people, presented the final report of their "What's Strong, Not Wrong" youth commission which reached approximately 300 young people. The Board was reminded that this youth engagement was commissioned by the Board last year to understand the needs and wants of young people in Rhyl. This information helped shape aspects of the Our Rhyl Plan. The Board watched a summary of the podcast: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBrXgKYjnro The young people in attendance stated that everyone really enjoyed the podcast process and young people had highlighted many strong things that they love about Rhyl. In focusing on what could make Rhyl stronger, they shared that there is a need for things to do for young people such as the youth centre being open more often. They informed the Board that, as part of the Youth Council, they will be meeting young people from Wrexham to hear more about the Wrexham youth zone proposal. The lack of things to do was also highlighted as a reason for some of the anti-social behaviour around town. Discussion also focused on the lack of jobs for young people with many shops in Rhyl closed down, it was difficult for young people to find Saturday/holiday jobs to gain experience and earn money. The young people asked Board Members	15 min

	what will happen next. The discussion then focused on needing to understand in more detail about the provision that could make a difference to young people and the best location for it. The Board explained some provisions might take time to happen but next steps may involve establishing an action group to work through such details. The Board asked if the young people would come back to present on their meeting with Wrexham. The Board expressed how impressed they were and thanked the young people for all their hard work and for attending the Board Meeting. The Board also expressed their thanks to all the Rhyl partner organisations that worked together with Denbighshire Youth Services on this engagement. **Action**: To invite the team back to present to the Board after their meeting with Wrexham. **Action**: To consider a youth action group.	
5.	**Approval**: Board Documents & Structure -Terms of Reference -Code of Conduct -Declaration of Interest Policy -Board Structure & Action Groups The Chair explain to the Board that, in line with new guidance that UK Government issued on 3rd December, the Our Rhyl governance documents have been updated. The Terms of Reference, Code of Conduct, Declaration of Interest Policy, Register of Interest form and the Declaration of Interest form were presented to the Board. The Board proposed and seconded the motion to approve and the approval of all the governance documents was unanimous. The Board structure was then discussed and Board members acknowledged that their representation was wider and could cover additional areas such as enterprise, fundraising, marketing, diversity and other demographics. The Board discussed the need for either a young person or an education representative, or both, to be on the Board and this will be taken forward. It was also raised that following the Senedd elections, there will be number of MS's representing the area and the Board will need to agree how to appoint one to fill the MS vacancy. The Board also raised the need to appoint a Vice-Chair, and all members were asked to consider nominating themselves for this role in the next Board meeting. A discussion also took place about having a Local	25 mins

	Authority Senior Officer representative on the Board instead of as an advisor, as is currently the case. The Board proposed and seconded the motion to approve the Board structure and the approval was unanimous. The Board also conditionally approved the appointment of the Local Authority Senior Officer representative as a Board Member subject to further clarity from MHCLG and other places as to their approach. **Action**: To further consider the young person and / or education vacancy and mechanism to fill the vacant MS role. **Action**: To gain further clarity from MHCLG and other places regarding the Local Authority Senior Officer representative appointment as a Board Member. A discussion on the establishment of action groups was presented. It was acknowledged that this was presented in the 5th December 2025 meeting but relevant for discussion again given the new Board Members. The Board discussed that the role of future action groups needed to be clear but that they are an important part of the Board's work to ensure the Board is accessible and relatable to Rhyl's residents, businesses and communities. Ideas for potential action groups were discussed such as the business sector, sustainability and youth. **Action**: The Board unanimously agreed to revisit the creation of action groups following additional community engagement and increased resourcing.	
6.	**Discussion**: Ongoing Community Engagement & Stakeholders With the new Board Members in place, and the commitment to ongoing community engagement throughout this funding programme, there will be additional engagement undertaken over the summer months. The Chair explained that this will be supplemented to the Our Rhyl Plan, given the Board has changed considerably since the Plan was submitted in November 2025. All changes since November will be documented to ensure conditions are met and to ensure the Plan fully reflects the new community-led Board Members and their input and engagement ideas. The Board discussed joining family fun days over the May bank holiday weekend, participating in Dragon's Den style school activities to gain ideas and feedback, joining designated celebration days, summer fayres, as well as creating engaging content that could be displayed in Doctor and Dentist waiting rooms, cinemas including QR codes for further engagement and to also engage with Windfarms to ensure opportunities and collaborations are fully explored.	25 mins

	The Board acknowledged that additional programme resource will be required to facilitate the above ideas.	
7.	**Approval**: Resourcing The Chair explained that for the Board to function and the programme to develop into the delivery of projects, appropriate resourcing is necessary. It was proposed that the programme should have 1 FTE Programme Manager, 1 FTE Project Officer, Secretariat and a provision for 0.2 FTE finance provision to undertake the requirements of the Accountable Body unless this can be accommodated in the prior mentioned roles. This will be funded from the remaining capacity funding and then from the revenue portion of the Pride in Place (PiP) delivery funding. This is in line with Government guidance. It was also explained that in recent discussions with MHCLG, the preference was expressed to keep the roles closely aligned with the Accountable Body in the early years of this programme. The Board was reminded that the current support is provided by a 0.5 FTE Programme Manager who is hosted by the Local Authority, who is the designated Accountable Body. It was noted that this arrangement was in line with other PiP places in Wales, but not all. It was explained that once the Board decide on where to host the roles, costings for the roles can be obtained. The Board were informed that the Local Authority would agree to hosting the roles, if that is what the Board decide. An alternative proposal was then presented by DVSC. It was acknowledged that the proposal was not too dissimilar to that already discussed and an alternative host, Brighter Futures, had already been presented to the Board in December 2025. DVSC discussed areas where DVSC could also support. The Board proposed and seconded the motion to approve the proposed resourcing and for DCC to act as host and to explore where DVSC could also help support. The approval was unanimous. **Action**: To provide the Board with the role costings once available from DCC's HR and DVSC.	15 mins
8.	AOB	10 mins
9.	Date of next meeting: Online Board Meeting on 24 April 2026, 4-5pm Meeting Close	 5.10pm