Board Meeting Minutes	
Meeting: Date: Time: Location:	**Ein Rhyl / Our Rhyl Board** **Friday 23rd October 2026** **3.00pm-5.00pm** **Rhyl Youth Centre**

Board Member Attendees:	Craig Sparrow, Chair		Gill German, MP		Justin Bell, Vice-Chair		
	Cllr Brian Jones		Cllr Barry Mellor		Nadeem Ahmed		
	Sue Nash		Julie Pierce		Emma Watling		
	Linzi Jones		Jonathan Pico		Leonie Wainwright		
	Simon Keeting						
Advisory:	Peter James		Natalie Nolan		Tony Ward		
	Janine Downing		Martin Williams		Programme Support		
Invited:							
Apologies:	Shown in red						

1.	Welcome New Member Welcome Apologies and Declaration of Interests The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and introduced new board member Councillor Brian Jones. Councillor Jones is the Lead Member for Finance, Assets and Local Economy for Denbighshire County Council and will join the Board in this Lead Member capacity. A round-table introduction was undertaken to enable members to introduce themselves and their backgrounds. A number of apologies were noted. Due to the number of absences, it was agreed that the planned Interactive Board Workshop would be postponed to a future meeting to ensure maximum participation.	Chair	3.00pm 10 min

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	No Declarations of interest were made.		
2.	Minutes from 18th September 2026 Board Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2026 were approved.	Chair	5 min
3.	Chair's Update The Chair provided a summary of the recent Pride in Place event in Cardiff, where board representatives met members and chairs of other Welsh boards. The event provided useful networking opportunities and insight into the progress and challenges being experienced by other programmes. Three Board Members and one Board Advisor attended on behalf of Our Rhyl. The Chair also highlighted the need to strengthen communication with stakeholders and local Members of the Senedd to ensure board decisions and programme information are effectively disseminated. Work is ongoing to develop a communications approach. Rhyl (in the constituency of Clwyd), is now served by 6 Senedd Members: • Louise Emery (Reform UK) • Llyr Gruffydd (Plaid Cymru) Cabinet Minister for Rural Resilience and Sustainability • Becca Martin (Plaid Cymru) • Adrian Mason (Reform UK) • Darren Millar (Welsh Conservative Party) • Thomas Montgomery (Reform UK) Following the last meeting, a list of event ideas was shared. While Our Rhyl doesn't yet have delivery funding approved, it was suggested that the Chair and Vice-Chair could begin discussions with stakeholders. The Board were informed that Denbighshire Leisure (DLL) are the leaseholders for the Events Arena and the Board would need to work in partnership with them regarding any use of the Events Arena space.	Chair	15 min
4.	Stakeholders Information: Welsh Government Information Update A Welsh Government update was provided regarding town centre regeneration activity. Key points included: • The Minister with responsibility for local government, housing and planning has established a new Town Centre Taskforce as part of early ministerial commitments.	WG	10 min

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	• The Taskforce includes representatives with expertise in regeneration, housing, transport, data analysis, business improvement districts and town centre development. • The Taskforce will be considering key issues affecting town centres including: -Business rates -Planning -Housing -Empty properties -Wider regeneration priorities. • Welsh Government's Transforming Towns Programme remains active, with over £50 million allocated to regeneration activity. • Board members discussed the value of sharing findings from the extensive stakeholder engagement undertaken through the Our Rhyl programme to help inform the Taskforce's work. Action: To share the Our Rhyl plan with the Town Centre Taskforce.		
5.	Approval: Our Rhyl Plan and 4-year Investment Plan The Programme Manager presented the final sections of the Our Rhyl Plan and the accompanying Four-Year Investment Plan. Members were reminded that the majority of the plan had already been approved at the previous meeting and that the remaining sections reflected government requirements. The Investment Plan also included an additional funding allocation table setting out indicative expenditure across programme objectives. Members acknowledged the significant amount of work undertaken by officers and board members in developing the plan and recognised the extensive stakeholder engagement that had informed its content. The Board voted by majority to approve both the Our Rhyl Plan and the 4-year Investment Plan and its submission to UK Government. Action: Submit the approved Plan and 4-year Investment Plan to UK Government.	ProgM	10 min
6.	Approval: UK Government Monitoring Return (see page 2)	ProgM	5 min

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	The six-month monitoring return covering the period 1 April 2026 to 30 September 2026 was presented. Members were advised that: • The return forms part of the standard six-monthly reporting requirements. • Expenditure reported primarily related to programme support costs, communications/website and engagement materials. • As required, the Section 151 Officer at the Accountable Body (Denbighshire County Council) had approved the return. Clarification was provided that the monitoring return and its requested approval relates only to the expenditure between 1 April 2026 and 30 September 2026. The Board voted by majority to approve its submission to UK Government ahead of the deadline date. Action: To submit the Monitoring Return to UK Government.		
7.	Interactive Board Workshop The planned Interactive Board Workshop was postponed due to the number of apologies received. Action: Reschedule the Board Workshop for a future meeting.	DVSC	60 min
8.	AOB No additional items of business were raised.	Chair	5 min
9.	Date of next meeting: In-person meeting at Rhyl Youth Centre **Request to change from 4th December 2026, 3-5pm to 11th December 2026, 3-5pm** Members discussed changing the next Board meeting date from 4 December 2026 to 11 December 2026. There was general support for the revised date. Meeting Close	Chair	3.32pm

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