



**Minutes of the Immingham & Highbrough Neighbourhood Board meeting,
Immingham Town Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pelham Road, Immingham.**

on Friday 5th June 10am.

Present –

Board - A Hopkins (Chair), E Norton (Vice Chair), M Vickers MP, C Jacobs (sub), M Cullum, Cllr K Swinburn, , K Brown, Cllr D Christie, D Watson, J Cunningham, Reverend Canon J Donn, E McKenna, Cllr Dulcia Wilding, M Donner, M Burnett, K Gowing, J Sallabank (sub).

Attendees - A Boudjabeur, S Hunt, J Stinson, F Mossop, M Smith, J Snell, T Knight.

Apologies –

Cllr Blake Russell

Supt. Doug Blackwood – Claire Jacobs representing

Polly Bancroft – Jack Sallabank representing

1. Welcome & Introductions

Pride in Place Board – Member Introductions

Andy Hopkins – Independent Chair

Experienced in local authority, currently serving as Director of Operations at Immingham Town Council.

Elaine Norton – Vice Chair

Local resident, Project Manager for One Voice, with experience in community engagement.

Spencer Hunt – Assistant Director, North East Lincolnshire Council

Brings previous experience from Pride in Place Phase 1 and a background in local government leadership.

Reverend Canon Julie Donn

Based at St Andrew's Church, Immingham, with significant involvement in community support.

Michelle Donner

Representative from Oasis Academy Immingham, providing expertise in education and youth engagement.

Emily McKenna

Representative from Lincolnshire Housing Partnership, contributing housing and community expertise.

Councillor David Christie – Immingham Town Council

Local councillor with community involvement and experience in entertainment and public engagement.

Councillor Karen Swinburn – North East Lincolnshire Council

Local councillor with a strong background in community work and public service.

Councillor Dulcia Wilding – Habrough Parish Council

Experienced in local government and community representation.

Jenny Stinson – North East Lincolnshire Council

Lead Officer for the Immingham Town Plan, supporting regeneration initiatives.

Jack Sallabank

Representative from Grimsby Town Football Club, bringing experience in community engagement through sport.

Martin Vickers MP – Member of Parliament for Brigg and Immingham

Over 26 years' experience in local government and public service.

Katie Brown – Director of Adults, Housing and Communities, North East Lincolnshire Council

Provides strategic leadership across adult services, housing and community development.

Kevin Gowing – One Voice / Resident

Chair of One Voice and an active community representative.

Claire Jacobs – Humberside Police

Represents neighbourhood policing and community safety priorities.

Jill Cunningham – Resident

Experience in the NHS and youth work through her involvement with Acorn Youth.

David Watson – Bert Boyden Community Centre / Resident

Director of ARCH and Immingham Town Councillor with 25 years of service.

Max Burnett – Associated British Ports

Public Affairs Manager with a focus on enhancing and promoting the area's maritime heritage.

Malcolm Cullum – Resident / Heritage Representative.
Immingham Town Councillor with 27 years of service and founder of the Tin Bungalow Heritage Centre.

Amil Boudjabeur – Senior Policy Advisor
Specialises in local growth, communities and devolution policy.

Freddy Mossop, Mike Smith and Joshua Snell – Treasury
Representatives supporting the Pride in Place Fund.

Tracey Knight – Immingham Town Council
Responsible for meeting minutes.

2. Declarations of interest –

None.

3. MHCLG- Pride in Place Programme Introduction

Pride in Place Immingham and Habrough is a ten-year programme that provides a valuable opportunity to make a lasting and positive difference to the local area.

The Board's role is to ensure that projects reflect the priorities and needs of local people. This can be achieved through a range of community engagement activities, including public consultation events, workshops, and visits to existing community groups. Engaging with residents of all ages and backgrounds helps ensure that local voices are heard and that projects are shaped by the people they are intended to benefit.

By actively listening to the community and encouraging participation, the programme can deliver meaningful improvements that support the long-term wellbeing and aspirations of Immingham and Habrough residents.

Amir offered his teams help and support to the board and recommended looking at some quick win projects.

Deadline Dates: 17.07.26 Formal Boundary Submission.

29.11.26 Submission of the Pride in Place ten year vision plan.

29.11.26 Four year investment plan.

4. Board Terms of Reference and Assured Framework sign off

The Board approved the Terms of Reference and Assurance Framework, confirmed membership, and agreed to formally sign and adopt the documents.

5. Board membership & Boundary Submission to MHCLG (consideration to extend the Boundary)

The Board discussed the possibility of extending the boundary to include Stallingborough. Some members supported the proposal; however, concerns were raised that doing so could result in reduced funding for Immingham and Habrough. Other members pointed out that Stallingborough should be included because it forms part of the geographical ward. Following discussion, the Board voted by majority to include Stallingborough within the boundary.

6. Immingham Town Council Plan Presentation

Jenny Stinson of North East Lincolnshire Council presented the Town Plan, which was commissioned to gather the views of local residents on the future of Immingham. The initiative was launched on 25 April 2025 and sought to understand what people value most about living in the town, as well as what improvements they would like to see.

Residents of all ages were invited to share their opinions and ideas through a range of community engagement events. Feedback highlighted that many residents enjoy living in Immingham because of its strong sense of community. However, there was also a feeling that the town has been neglected over time.

Key issues identified included a lack of shops, banks, concerns around community safety and policing, limited youth provision, the need for upgrades to parks and open spaces.

The Board agreed that the Town Plan provides a positive starting point for developing future projects and initiatives to address the priorities raised by residents.

7. Immingham & Habrough Co-ordinator Proposal

The Board discussed the appointment of a Co-ordinator role. The primary purpose of the role would be to engage and work closely with the Board to help deliver agreed projects and objectives.

The Board agreed to begin the recruitment process for the position, initially offering a fixed-term contract of two to three years, with the possibility of an extension. It was further agreed that Oasis Academy Immingham would act as the host organisation for the appointment and would liaise with the Chair on the draft job description.

8. Community Engagement – next steps

The Board discussed the next steps for community engagement.

- It was decided that Our Future be invited to attend a future meeting to talk to the board.
- It was agreed that a sport and leisure strategy could be developed.
- A town meeting has been arranged for Friday 19 June at 7:00 pm to address issues relating to policing and anti-social behaviour within the community.
- The Board discussed holding a community launch event to provide residents with an opportunity to meet Board members, promote positive engagement, and address negative perceptions.
- It was suggested that board meetings will be held on a fortnightly basis, rotating between the three different areas to encourage wider community participation and accessibility.

9. Communications & Branding

The Board discussed the importance of developing a clear communications strategy to engage with residents and keep them informed about the Board's work and activities.

The following suggestions were made:

- Develop a communications strategy to improve resident engagement and awareness.
- Create a Facebook page to provide regular updates and share information with the community.
- Establish a dedicated website to serve as a central source of information and resources.
- Work closely with the Communications team at North East Lincolnshire Council to access support and guidance.
- Arrange for a group photograph of Board members.

Next meeting – Friday 19th June, 5pm. Civic Centre Council Chamber. Future meetings will be held at various locations