Barry Plan for Neighbourhoods Board Meeting
Wednesday 29 October 3pm-5pm
Memo Arts Centre, Gladstone Road, Barry

Present: David Stevens (DS); Fay Blakeley (FB); Cllr Lis Burnett (LB); Shirley Hodges (SH); Matt Blumberg (MBg); Sarah Cutting (SC); Ch.Supt. Marc Attwell (MA)

Apologies: Jane Hutt, Kanishka Narayan, Cllr Bronwen Brooks, Innes Robinson
In attendance: Natalie Nolan (NN); Marcus Goldsworthy (MG); Phil Chappell (PC); Mererid Velios (MV); Matt Bowmer (MB); Lauren Collins (LC); Joe Castle (JC)

1. Welcome and Apologies
The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Apologies for absence were noted.

2. Notes from Previous Meeting
No amendments requested.

3. **Board name**
Since the Plan for Neighbourhoods programme has been re-branded as Pride in Place by UK Govt, DS asked whether the name of the Board needed to change. It was agreed that since so much work went into communicating and publicising 'Barry Plan for Neighbourhoods' over the summer/autumn that the Board would stick with Plan for Neighbourhoods for now and move to dropping 'Plan for', so becoming 'Barry Neighbourhoods Board'.

3. New Staff
- Sarah Cutting was introduced as the Senior Community Development Officer for Barry Plan for Neighbourhoods and had started in the role that week.
- Lauren Collins was introduced as the Finance and Monitoring Officer for Barry Plan for Neighbourhoods, who had started in the role on the 6th October.
- MV also reported that Alex Francis had been appointed as Regeneration Officer and would be attending the Welcome event, but officially starting in her new role on the 10th November.

4. Update from Action Groups
MV gave an update for the Action Groups' first meetings. Barry Together discussed auditing public spaces and facilities to assess the current infrastructure. Barry Thriving Communities also started discussing ideas but there was a disappointing turnout. Vibrant Barry, Safer Barry and Barry Futures all had a promising first meeting. There were discussions in some groups around independence from the Council and how collaborative projects would work.

5. Welcome event schedule
DS ran through the schedule for the Welcome event and delegated tasks to other members of the Board.

6. Matrices and prioritisation
- The draft matrix focused on the listed interventions. NN explained that the UK Govt team will help with creating a business case for off-menu projects if there is evidence of need. The various criteria were discussed. Long-term, sustainable projects that leave a legacy were considered very important. Ability to draw in match-funding also key.
  Action: MV and SC to refine the matrix further
- DS suggested that each action group prioritise the projects that they want to put forward to the Board and create a portfolio of projects. LB said that the Board would consider which projects are more likely to deliver the shared vision. NN said that there needed to be a clear vision that each

action group understood they had to work towards. MV noted there are the five objectives that the Board agreed, which were considered when deciding on each action group theme.

- There was a discussion around projects creating revenue that could feed back into the project. Could the Board continue after 10 years? Forming a CIC or CIO was discussed and NN said that community asset transfer would fit under the theme 'Take back control'.
  Action: MV and DS to investigate options for constituting the Board

7. Council governance structure for Placemaking

- PC explained how the Welsh Government has encouraged every town to develop a Placemaking Plan following the principles of the Wales Placemaking Charter. The Placemaking Plan for Barry is almost completed. An overarching Vale Board has been set up and separate town boards (including representatives from the Town Councils) with responsibility for delivering their town Plan. Delivering the Plan will require funding from various sources. Shared Prosperity Funding is finishing this year and its replacement is still being discussed. There is the new Pride in Place (PiP) Impact Fund which must be spent this financial year and next and a prioritisation list is being prepared by the Council.
- MV and SC will need to provide information to the action groups on which projects the Council is taking forward with the PiP Impact funding. There needs to be a mechanism by which to share with the Board and action groups (through the PfN staff team) what new initiatives are taking place in other departments e.g. Education. Concern raised about SPF ending leaving some organisations having to let go of staff, only to re-hire later when a new funding scheme starts. This is wasting resources.

8. Date of Next Meeting

21st November – not a full agenda, meeting focused on the Regeneration plan.