



Minutes of the Connected Coast Board for Mablethorpe and Skegness held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Meeting held via Zoom.

Attendees	Position	Initials
Chris Baron	Chair	CB
Claire Draper	Vice Chair and Mellors Group	CD
Paula Finlayson	Sustainable Direction	PF
Deborah Campbell	Environment Agency	DC
Justin Brown	Lincolnshire County Council	JB
Jacqui Bunce	Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group	JBu
Ivan Annibal	Rose Regeneration	IA
Adrian Clarke	TEC Partnership	AC
James Brindle	Magna Vitae	JBr
Mick Lazarus	HM Government (DLUHC)	ML
Cllr Steve Kirk	Portfolio Holder for Coastal Economy, ELDC	SK
Kirsty James	National Trust	KJ
Cllr Craig Leyland	Leader of East Lindsey District Council	CllrCL
Cllr A Tye	Skegness Town Council	CllrAT
Ann Hardy	TEC Partnership	AH
Andrew Goudie	TEC Partnership	AG
Pat Doody	GLLEP	PD
Cllr Adrian Benjamin	Mablethorpe & Sutton on Sea Town Council	AB
Liz Burnley	Lincolnshire County Council	LB
Adrian Sibley	East Lindsey District Council	AS
John Latham	University of Lincoln	JL
Robert Caudwell	Association of Drainage Boards	RC
Cllr Colin Davie	Lincolnshire County Council	CD
Caroline Killeavy	YMCA Lincolnshire	CK
Kate Parnell	East Midlands Railway (part attendance for presentation)	KP
Surita Mengri	East Midlands Railway (part attendance for presentation)	SM
<b>Support Officers in Attendance</b>		
Jon Burgess	Economic Growth, ELDC	JBur
Samantha Benson	Economic Growth, ELDC	SB
Martin Kay	Economic Growth, ELDC	MK
Tim Sampson	Economic Growth, ELDC	TS

Item	Action
<b>1. Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence</b>	<b>CB</b>
CB welcomed the Board to today's meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded from Ruth Carver, Louise Ransberry, Justin Brown, Freddie Chambers and Lydia Rusling.	
CB welcomed the recent announcement that new national investment is expected to be coming into Skegness from Travelodge, which represents a strong and encouraging	

	<p>commitment from the private sector to invest in the Lincolnshire coast on the back of the work being delivered via the Towns Fund Investment Plans.</p> <p>It was noted that the Skegness Gateway presentation will be deferred to the February meeting following the January meeting being moved from RAMCO offices to online.</p> <p>MK confirmed the Audit report will soon be ready for circulation.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b>	<b>ALL</b>
	No declarations of interest.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of Board Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>ALL</b>
	<p>No amendments, with all other relevant matters arising covered under the agenda.</p> <p>MK confirmed there have only been 12 Skills Audits returned. CB asked that all members please do their best to return these asap. PD confirmed that the scoring part of the skills audit is quick to complete and would still provide helpful information to return.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Business Case: Skegness Learning Campus</b>	<b>AC</b>
	<p>AC Introduced Ann Hardy and Andrew Goudie. Ann is the new CEO of the TEC Partnership, replacing Gill Alton.</p> <p>AC gave a presentation on the Skegness Learning Campus business case which was welcomed by the Board Members as an exciting project.</p> <p>Discussion included acknowledgement of the potential to deliver better connectivity and links to the Mablethorpe catchment and TIP projects, the need to ensure effective collaboration of provision with other learning providers, the ongoing importance of community/stakeholder engagement and the opportunities to embrace new methods of delivery to ensure widespread learner engagement and progression.</p> <p>AC confirmed aim is for tender for works to be completed in November/December, with works to start early next year.</p> <p>The Board fully supported the Business Case with no objections.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Business Case: Railway Station</b>	<b>KP</b>
	<p>KP gave a presentation on Railway Station which was welcomed by the Board Members as another important investment with a well-developed and considered business case.</p> <p>Discussion focussed on ensuring links with local transport plans, the proposed use of retail space and communal waiting areas. It was noted that the tender works package has progressed to Pre-Qualifying Questionnaire (PQQ) stage which will include consideration of planning compliance, sustainability and local labour/suppliers.</p> <p>The Board fully supported the Business Case with no objections.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Terms of Reference</b>	
	MK confirmed he has completed the terms of reference. Comments have been received from PD and SK in advance of the meeting. No other amendments suggested with the Board happy to approve the Terms provided.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Communications and Engagement Update</b>	
	CD welcomed and praised the toolkit which has been produced, with all previous timelines met for its development and circulation. The Board agreed that it provided a clear and helpful set of tools, principles and examples of good practice to promote the	

	<p>Towns Fund projects. It was noted that the website is being updated and progress to be made in spreading positive news about the Towns Fund.</p> <p>Job specification has now been completed for the Project Co-ordinator role and will be advertised shortly. Once someone is in place for the role, there will be a real push on communicating the positive messages/process to members of the public.</p> <p>More positive communication needed on Sutton on Sea Colonnade project to counter local misinformation.</p> <p>CB made the Board aware that there is a media tour happening next Wednesday on the new Police Training Centre in Skegness.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Risk Register, Programme Update and Financial Report</b>	
	<p>IA gave an update on the Risk Register and Programme.</p> <p>JBur confirmed that Pygott and Crone will be providing a report to the Council this week on the marketing exercise for the Skegness Foreshore. Further update to be provided at the February meeting. Interest received across all lots, but level of commercial interest was adversely affected by the Omicron wave.</p> <p>IA confirmed that technical issues are now resolved on the Colonnade project. The Section 30 agreement is the only element still to be resolved, however officers are confident this will be agreed by the end of March.</p> <p>Leisure and Learning Hub will require a decision from the Executive Board on any subsidy. Running costs of the pool will need to be considered. CllrCL confirmed this can be considered in swift order by the Executive Board, which will give a clear indication of the Council's intent within the final business case.</p> <p>Pre application advice has been advised by the EA for the Campus for Future Living project. DC confirmed she has the team lined up to deal with this as soon as it is received.</p> <p>IA has now had detailed meetings with the site owners for the Mobi Hub project, the architect is now working on the comments raised through these meetings.</p> <p>TS confirmed there has been no money in or out since the last Board. The Council is looking to finalise the funding agreement for project sponsors, so that money can be released to projects over the next few weeks. Two more completed business cases will be forwarded to Government this week.</p> <p>IA/ML confirmed that the 5% CDEL allocation must be fully committed by the end of March 2022. ML indicated that separate discussions would be needed relatively quickly if further re-profiling of expenditure across the TIP project was required.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Any other Business</b>	
	<p>CB summarised the five key points of the meeting as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importance of the new terms of reference – especially the ambassadorial role around helping to communicate project successes and progress effectively.</li> <li>• The importance of linking education and business, especially within the service sector with office and new space for start-up businesses a significant part of helping the local economy grow.</li> <li>• Value engineering of projects - Board Members need to know asap about any changes which materially alter the specification of TIP projects (e.g. in terms of</li> </ul>	

	<p>reduced services or floor space). Crucial to Board Member's role as ambassadors that updates are shared promptly, outside of Board meetings if necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly comms action plan is important and we must all keep on top of this.</li> <li>• Where we make existing buildings redundant through new provision/investment under the Towns Fund, we must ensure we think intelligently and collectively about the best alternative use for those existing facilities.</li> </ul>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	<p>25<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Venue to be confirmed.</p> <p>Items for the agenda will include Business Cases on the Sutton on Sea Colonnade and a briefing on the Skegness Gateway.</p>	