



Minutes of the Connected Coast Board for Mablethorpe and Skegness held on Friday, 25th February 2022
Meeting held via Zoom.

Attendees	Position	Initials
Chris Baron	Chair	CB
Deborah Campbell	Environment Agency	DC
Jacqui Bunce	Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group	JBu
Ivan Annibal	Rose Regeneration	IA
Cllr Steve Kirk	Portfolio Holder for Coastal Economy, ELDC	SK
Cllr L Leyland	Leader of East Lindsey District Council	CllrL
Cllr Adrian Benjamin	Mablethorpe & Sutton on Sea Town Council	AB
Adrian Sibley	East Lindsey District Council	AS
Claire Draper	Mellors Group	CD
John Latham	University of Lincoln	JL
Robert Caudwell	Association of Drainage Boards	RC
Cllr Colin Davie	Lincolnshire County Council	CD
Lydia Rusling	East Lindsey District Council	LR
John Henry Looney		JHL
Janet Stubbs	British Garden Centres	JS
Stephanie Dickinson	Matt Warman MP Office	SD
Julie Smith		JS
Jo Gilkes	Lincolnshire TEC	JG
Claire Hughes	Greater Lincolnshire LEP	CH
Justin Brown	Lincolnshire County Council	JB
Caroline Killeavey	YMCA	CK
Deborah Campbell	Environment Agency	DC
Sandra Wi		SW
Sue Bowser	For agenda item 10 – Skegness Gateway	SB
Stuart Robinson	For agenda item 10 – Skegness Gateway	SR
Robbie Doughty	For agenda item 10 – Skegness Gateway	RD
John Chapelle	For agenda item 10 – Skegness Gateway	JC
Emily Allison	For agenda item 10 – Skegness Gateway	EA
Support Officers in Attendance		
Martin Kay	Economic Growth, ELDC	MK
Tim Sampson	Economic Growth, ELDC	TS
Samantha Benson	Economic Growth, ELDC	SB
Jon Burgess	Economic Growth, ELDC	JBur
Nathan Bryant	Economic Growth, ELDC	NB

Item		Action
1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence	CB
	CB welcomed the Board to today's meeting and introduced Nathan Bryant. Apologies for absence were recorded from Michelle Sacks; James Brindle; Louise Ransberry; Freddie Chambers; Ruth Carver; Mick Lazarus and Pat Doody.	

2.	Declaration of Interest	ALL
	Caroline Killeavy declared an interest in Lincolnshire City Foundation as a trustee.	
3.	Minutes of Board Meeting held on 20th January 2022	ALL
	<p>The minutes from the last Connected Coast Board Meeting were approved. CB provided an update on the Skegness Foreshore (separate to the agenda item). It was confirmed that the Council will re-launch a marketing exercise for Foreshore lots in the summer, but the full business case will be progressed on the certainty of what can be delivered with the original cost envelope and match funding profile. There was no board objection to this approach.</p> <p>SK confirmed that the Skegness Lodge project remains a project commitment for the District Council to bring to fruition. The need for completion, return and use of the skills audit information was reiterated.</p> <p>LR confirmed that the Terms of Reference will be ratified by the Council's Executive Board in March 2022, then uploaded onto the Connected Coast website.</p>	
4.	Business Case: Sutton on Sea Colonnade	JBur
	<p>JBur provided a presentation on the Stage 2 Business Case for the Sutton on Sea Colonnade. It was noted that the Business Case has already been endorsed by ELDC's Executive Board and Connected Coast subgroup. It was confirmed that the Council are working to bring forward additional plans for the Broadway car park, with the opportunity to complete over the winter season in 2022/23 encouraged to demonstrate progress to the local community.</p> <p>JBu confirmed the on-site storyboards from last year will be reinstalled on site along with new updated information for the public to see. JHL recommended a follow up discussion to explore linking up the Colonnade investment to the potential to develop a local area renewable network for the Mablethorpe Area Investment Plan. Business case approved by the board with no objections.</p>	
5.	Risk Register, Programme Update and Financial Report	IA
	<p>IA provided an update on current project status and the draft business cases still required to come forward for approval, which create some immediate pressures and capacity pressure around resources for the core team to deliver. Overall good progress being made on programme development. Potential cost pressures were noted around the Campus for Future Living project and the need to ensure that value engineering does not undermine the potential investment. It was agreed that communications and public awareness and perception of the project/programme progress be added to the Risk Register.</p> <p>The need for appropriate mechanisms to capture programme level outcomes, beyond financial completion of projects was also noted and agreed. It was also acknowledged that the respective funding agreements, monitoring and evaluation plans and memorandum of understanding should include a requirement to pick up post project evaluation and shared learning across projects. It was agreed that the remaining six business cases will be circulated in draft format and split across two further meetings in March. At this time, there is no intention to seek a request on extending the deadline beyond the end of March 2022 for submission.</p>	
6.	Assurance Lincolnshire Audit	LR
	The Board welcomed the thorough examination provided by Assurance Lincolnshire and independent assurance given on the direction of travel for the Connected Coast programme delivery. It was agreed to bring back a further presentation on procurement to Board, linked to a number of recommendations in the final report.	

7.	Levelling Up Presentation	LR
	Board welcomed the presentation and agreed on the opportunity to build on existing established Towns Fund structures/relationships to maximise the impact of future Levelling Up investment into the Lincolnshire coast. LR to circulate report and set up separate Board discussion when further HM Government guidance becomes available.	
8.	Communications and Engagement Update (verbal update)	CD
	LR introduced Nathan Bryant who is providing additional interim PR, marketing and comms support for Boston, Skegness and Mablethorpe Town Deals. NB gave a presentation summarising his experience and thoughts on enhancing communications across all available platforms and channels. MK to circulate Nathan’s contact details ahead of another presentation to Board on opportunities to increase PR support.	
9.	Governance Assurance (verbal update)	LR
	LR confirmed that all information required by Government has been submitted and acknowledged as received.	
10.	Skegness Gateway Presentation - SB, SR, RD, JC, EA	
	<p>The Board received and welcomed a presentation on the Skegness Gateway, on behalf of the Sanderson family. SR agreed for NB to be able to circulate social media on the project. Estimates of Future Gross Development Value of the overall masterplan to be confirmed via Cartwright communications.</p> <p>SR confirmed that future flood modelling work will include engagement with Drainage Boards as well as the Environment Agency. Masterplanning also encouraged to consider health and wellbeing and sustainability opportunities, including current policy guidance on healthy new towns. SR confirmed this already forms part of the ongoing conversations with Homes England to create an exemplar urban extension investment. Dementia Care village proposal will also build on best practice from the Netherlands.</p> <p>Opportunities for further links and synergies with other Towns Fund projects noted – particularly with future training and health care investments/partners. All infrastructure (including softer outcomes and requirements) to be addressed through the planning process, future phasing and Local Development Order processes.</p>	
11.	Any Other Business	CB
	<p>CB encouraged all Board Members to give as much time as possible to feeding back comments on the draft business cases. The work of the ELDC team in managing the associated flow and workload in securing approval for the business cases was also credited.</p> <p>The next Connected Coast Board will take place via Zoom on: Thursday 17th March Thursday, 24th March</p> <p>Dates for the next Sub-Group and Board meetings and draft business cases will be issued as soon as possible.</p>	