



Minutes of the Joint Town Deal Board for Mablethorpe and Skegness
(Connected Coast Board) held via Zoom on Thursday July 1st at 1pm.

Present:

Sarah Louise Fairburn SLF
Chris Baron CB
Councillor Craig Leyland CL
Councillor Adrian Benjamin AB
Council
Robert Caudwell RC
Gill Alton GA
Councillor Tony Tye TT
Deborah Campbell DC
Jacqui Bunce JB
James Brindle JB
William Price
Councillor Colin Davie CD
Martin Collison MC
Peter Watson PW
Claire Draper CD
Clare Hughes CH
John Henry Looney JHL
Councillor Steve Kirk SK
Councillor Sid Dennis SD
Ivan Annibal IA
John Latham JL
Mick Lazarus ML
Councillor Helen Matthews HM
Adrian Clarke AC
Charlotte Goy

Chair
Deputy Chair
Leader, East Lindsey District Council
Mablethorpe & Sutton on Sea Town
Association of Drainage Boards
CEO Tech Partnership
Skegness Town Council
Environment Agency
Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning
Magna Vitae
CLA
Lincolnshire County Council
Collison Consultants
Distract
Mellor Group
Greater Lincolnshire LEP
Sustainable Direction Limited
Portfolio holder for Coastal Economy
Visit Lincs Coast Chair
Rose Regeneration
Lincoln University
MHCLG
TEC Partnership
Visit Lincoln

Officers in attendance:

Robert Barlow RB (Chief Executive), Lydia Rusling LR (Assistant Director), Michelle Sacks MS (Joint Deputy Chief Executive), Martin Kay MK (External Funding Lead).

Apologies for absence: Pat Doody, James Brindle, Ruth Carver, Freddie Chambers, Justin Brown and Michelle Sacks

SLF outlined her position to Board and related the fact that she needed to step down as Chair as business and family circumstances had changed. She added that she was not leaving the Board and would like to take an active role in a number of areas going forward.

She thanked the Board for all the support that she had received since its creation and added that the Connected Coast was very fortunate to have so many highly skilled and motivated people around the table.

SLF added that she thought CB was a very skilled individual and would serve as a good Chair going forward.

Minutes of last meeting held 13th May

Approved without division.

Matters Arising

CB had met with Coastfields who confirmed that their proposed pool will have a bathing capacity of 90 – 100 people.

LR advised the meeting that she had met with MV and the University of Lincoln with a view of looking at synergies towards leisure and learning in Mablethorpe.

CB made a request that if anyone was aware of funding pots that could help swell the Town Fund coffers and help projects on the ground as they grow to contact MK.

LR also advised the meeting that she was in communication with Distract with a view to the PR Campaign.

Visit Lincoln

A short presentation was delivered by Charlotte Goy from Visit Lincoln and details of the questions and answers will be delivered with the minutes.

MHCLG Update

ML made the following comments;

- Stage 2 documents and been received and assessed
- Thanked the Board for all their work
- The submissions were of very high standard
- There are some very slight points for clarification and these need to be addressed by 2nd July
- MHCLG are very happy with what has been submitted and things appear to be in a good place

- Hardy's and the Police Conference Centre as our first projects going through – all paperwork needs to be submitted by July 28th.
- Funds to help with development cost of up to 5% was still in discussion by government.

IA outlined the need for a condensed Full Business Case was required for Hardy's and the Police Conference and Training Centre and required very quickly. He also added that we would be required to undertake a BCR and asked for advice on which companies the LEP was using.

ML agreed that the MHCLG would be looking for that independent assessment of all the projects.

Technical Sub Groups

CB stated that he sat on two technical sub – groups and found them very useful. AB also added that he found them most useful especially when the group looked at the projects as a whole rather than a stand alone.

AB requested that Cllr HM should sit on the group looking at the Colonnade. This was agreed. MK to update.

It was agreed that the Technical Sub Groups were to continue meeting. MK made a request that he could diary the meetings after the next round of Sponsor Meetings, he added that there were also a number of project meetings already in the diary that would also help inform the groups when completed.

HM brought up the subject of seasonality and asked that this becomes a priority. CB added that this was being discussed at the Skills Technical Sub Group.

Cllr CD agreed that we do have a serious skills challenge and its impact on the local economy.

JS asked if we could identify one of the 'big players' that could open all year round – then the smaller operators would follow.

There was a discussion surrounding extending the season and the difficulties surrounding the Colonnade overnight accommodation. DC identified that a meeting was taking place between the EA and ELDC in the following week to discuss.

Risk register

CK asked that a risk register be produced to help us mitigate any risk that may arise from the projects as they roll forward.

CD Outlined that she has asked for update from the projects under her Technical Skills group and had a good response which included risk details. CD also stated that she would keep a careful watch of the risks.

It was agreed that a risk register was to be produced.

SLF stated that she would be in attendance at the mobi hub Technical Sub Group. LR added that a meeting was set with architects and Heritage Lincolnshire to take place within the next week. She also added that Board Member PD had been very helpful in facilitating a meeting with the LEP.

Accelerated Funding

CB noted that the Skegness Foreshore was looking really good following the works under the accelerated funding. The meeting agreed.

Mention was also given towards the Colonnade and the fact that all the demolition had been completed. AB asked if we could get the 'notion boards' up as soon as possible ready for the holiday season.

AOB

WP asked if we could meet in person at the next Board Meeting. This was to be considered.

CB noted that there were many hotels shut up in Skegness and added that it was a 'terrible example being set for the all year round economy'.

Date of the next meeting had been set for Thursday October 4th at 1pm