

Minutes of the Joint Town Deal Board for Mablethorpe and Skegness  
(Connected Coast Board) held via Zoom on Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

Present:

Sarah Louise Fairburn SLF  
Chris Baron CB  
Councillor Craig Leyland CL  
Councillor Adrian Benjamin AB  
Robert Caudwell RC  
Freddie Chambers FC  
Gill Alton GA  
Councillor Tony Tye TT  
Martin Collison MC  
Deborah Campbell DC  
Jacqui Bunce JB  
James Brindle JB  
William Price  
Councillor Colin Davie CD  
Martin Collison MC  
Peter Watson PW  
Justin Brown JB  
Claire Draper CD  
Mick Lazarus ML  
Janet Stubbs JS  
Claire Foster CF  
Clare Hughes CH  
John Henry Looney JHL  
Councillor Steve Kirk SK  
Councillor Helen Matthews HM  
Councillor Sid Dennis SD  
Ivan Annibal IA  
John Latham JL  
Louise Ransberry LR  
Janet Stubbs  
Mandy Ramm MR  
Joanne Gilkes JG

Chair  
Deputy Chair  
Leader, East Lindsey District Council  
Mablethorpe & Sutton on Sea Town Council  
Association of Drainage Boards  
Lindum Group  
CEO Tech Partnership (Grimsby Institute)  
Skegness Town Council  
Collison Associates Ltd  
Environment Agency  
Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group  
Magna Vitae  
CLA  
Lincolnshire County Council  
Collison Consultants  
Distract  
Lincolnshire County Council  
Mellor Group  
BEIS East Midlands  
British Garden Centres  
Boston College  
Greater Lincolnshire LEP  
Sustainable Direction Limited  
Portfolio holder for Coastal Economy ELDC  
District Councillor for Sutton on Sea  
Visit Lincs Coast Chair  
Rose Regeneration  
Lincoln University  
The National Trust  
British Garden Centres  
Lincolnshire County Council  
The National Trust

Officers in attendance:

Robert Barlow RB (Chief Executive), Lydia Rusling LR (Assistant Director- Towns Fund), Michelle Sacks MS (Joint Deputy Chief Executive) Martin Kay MK (External Funding Lead, Organisational Improvement & Development), Lisa Collins LC (Place Manager), Jon Burgess (Senior Economic Development Officer)

### **Apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received from Lisa Fairlee, Robert Parker, Councillor Carl Tebbut, Ruth Carver, Sandra Williamson and Caroline Killeavy.

### **Minutes of Meetings**

Minutes of last meeting were approved by the board following a change to show that both William Price and Pat Doody were present at the last meeting.

### **Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

### **Introduction and welcome**

SLF Welcomed John Latham from Lincoln University who has taken over from Andrew Stephenson.

SLF expressed her pleasure at the funding deal offered, thanked the Board for their support and the core team for their ongoing hard work.

SLF explained that in essence this meeting was to agree the Heads of Terms sent out by Government.

SLF reminded the meeting that we were at the stage where we now need to move to a delivery Board and that the Private Sector will be vital within the skills groups going forward.

LR Reminded the Board of the next steps – that we have eight weeks where we need to compile a ‘light touch’ business case for each project. That MK and IA were busy meeting with all project sponsors with a view to obtaining a position statement for each one, understanding what support projects require and to offer that support to ensure they have a robust position come the Board Meeting set for early May.

SLF reminded all Board Members that have an interest in the Skills Groups to email the Team.

CL thanked everyone for their efforts in achieving such a deal with Government and proposed that we agree the Heads of Terms and ‘crack on’. **Agreement was supported.**

Mick Lazarus told the meeting that the Town Investment Plans were very well received by Government and added that all thirteen projects remained in scope. He added that ‘it was a testament to all the hard work.’

SLF Thanked ML and PH for their continued support.

SLF added that what the Board require now is the finance to keep the Delivery Team together.

LR Told the meeting that we had applied for capacity funding of £125k each for Skegness and Mablethorpe but we are unsure what figure we will be granted.

CB asked if there was any capacity funding left from the last round. LR was to submit a breakdown of the capacity fund spend together with the minutes.

RC asked ML what the claw back details are if a project dropped out. ML responded by saying that it is in the gift of the Board to bring another project forward.

PD Suggested that we keep a couple of projects warm in case a project that is in the pipeline falls for any reason.

CB asked if all matched funding was in place. AC stated that the TEC partnership was happy with their match funding and LR added that MK and IA were asking the question of the project sponsors as part of their ongoing work.

### **Accelerated Funding**

JB presented a PowerPoint of the accelerated funding projects and comments were as follows:

HM great to see local contractors.

CD Do we know the ongoing revenue costs with regards the Colonnade? Revenue streams going forward are very important.

CB Are we on target spend wise. JB responded that we are.

HM raised the point about the Carbon Footprint and asked that we obtain at least Carbon Neutral. This comment was supported by RC.

TT asked specifics about relocating tourist attractions re the Skegness Foreshore and questioned the exit / entrance strategy. TT and JB to pick up outside the meeting.

### **Other bidding opportunities arising from the budget**

LD and MS outlined the Levelling Up Fund and the UK Community Renewal Fund.

RC asked if the Towns Fund Projects would be allowed to bid in for the new funding streams? ML answered that he thought it unlikely as they are a competitive funding scheme.

### **AOB**

SLF Asked that names be submitted towards the skills groups.

SD suggested to the meeting that the local community still don't understand what the Towns Fund is all about and that the local press had not helped. He asked that the communication levels were raised.

SLF asked if a post could be created to show the link between the Connected Coast and the Boards work.

SK reminded all that we should be speaking to our own networks with a view to the work of the Towns Fund Board.

SLF again thanked all Board Members for 'sticking with it' from the first Board Meeting until now and added that we need to keep community engaged, keep defining and to keep striving for excellence.

SLF thanked everyone for their attendance.

Date of Next Meeting **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon until 2pm.**