



Minutes of the Connected Coast Board for Mablethorpe and Skegness held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Meeting held in person at Embassy Theatre, Grand Parade, Skegness, Lincolnshire, PE25 2UG

Attendees	Position	Initials
Chris Baron	Chair	CB
Cllr Craig Leyland	East Lindsey District Council - Leader	CL
Claire Draper	Mellors Group (vice chair)	CD
Jacqui Bunce	Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board	JBu
Cllr Colin Davie	Lincolnshire County Council	CD
Adrian Clarke	TEC Partnership	AC
Ann Harvey	TEC Partnership	AH
Cllr Tony Tye	Skegness Town Council	TT
Paula Finlayson	Sustainable Direction (representing John Henry Looney)	PF
Kirsty James	National Trust	KJ
Caroline Killeavy	YMCA	CK
Pat Doody	Chair of the Greater Lincolnshire LEP	PD
Kirsty James	National Trust	KJ
Adrian Humphreys	Boston College	AH
Aeneas Richardson	Magna Vitae Trust for Leisure & Culture	AR
James Brindle	Magna Vitae Trust for Leisure & Culture	JB
Support Officers in Attendance		
Ivan Annibal	Rose Regeneration on behalf of SELCP	IA
Lydia Rusling	South & East Lincolnshire Council Partnership	LR
Michelle Sacks	South & East Lincolnshire Council Partnership	MS
Martin Kay	South & East Lincolnshire Council Partnership	MK
Tim Sampson	South & East Lincolnshire Council Partnership	TS
Jon Burgess	South & East Lincolnshire Council Partnership	JBur
Michelle Gant	The Engaging People	MG
Alice Ullathorne	Heritage Lincolnshire	AU
Saul Farrell	Heritage Lincolnshire	SF
Sandra Watson	East Lindsey District Council	SMW
Tom	Observer (Future Leaders Programme, SELCP)	

Item	Action
<b>1. Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence</b>	<b>CB</b>
The Chair welcomed the Board to today's meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded from John Latham, Robert Parker, Justin Brown, Roxanne Warwick, Claire Foster, Sarah Louise Fairburn, John Henry Looney, Freddie Chambers, Stephanie Dickens, Robert Caudwell, Cllr Steve Kirk, Adrian Benjamin, Janet Stubbs; Clare Hughes Annie Morrison.	

<b>2.</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b>	<b>ALL</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Claire Draper – Mellors Group (for Cultural Development Fund item)</li> <li>Pat Doody – Lindum Board member (Campus for Future Living item)</li> </ul>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of Board Meeting held on 24<sup>h</sup> March 2022</b>	<b>ALL</b>
	The minutes from the last Connected Coast Board Meeting were approved as a true and accurate record, with no amends.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<b>ALL</b>
	<p>The Board were advised that:</p> <p>Levelling Up Funding: The ELDC application has been submitted by the revised deadline date. The application was a package bid including the re-development of Spilsby Theatre (Sessions House), Alford Manor House improvements including a new events space and the redevelopment of Alford Windmill site. ELDC has supported the development of the Spilsby Theatre organisation with its application for charitable status. Notification of outcome is expected in autumn.</p> <p>The response is due by 8 September for the Culture Development Fund 3 (CDF3) outcome, which will expand the Connected Coast remit along with UKSPF.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference (ToRs) will be amended to include oversight of further funding streams.</p> <p>Letters will be sent to all Board Members to check membership, suggestions also welcome for people to join the board with a wider remit, although there is already a good cross section of expertise.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Risk registers and Update on projects</b>	<b>IA</b>
	<p>The Board received a report from Ivan Annibal summarising the status of programme risk and project updates:</p> <p><b>Skegness – Foreshore</b> There has been a process of advertisement for the development opportunities by Banks Long &amp; Co. They have produced a prospectus, which was circulated to all Board members. A schedule of promotion is planned to generate inward investment opportunities.</p> <p><b>Skegness – Culture House</b> Planning permission has been granted and reiterated the date for the outcome of the CDF3 was 8 September.</p> <p><b>Skegness – Town Centre Transformation</b> Updated the Board regarding the Skegness interchange previously the railway station, good progress being made by East Midlands Railway (EMR). However, several legal elements of the grant agreement are currently with lawyers and currently being worked through.</p> <p>Advised the Board there was an item outstanding around parking at Skegness Station and IA will liaise with the Cricket Club and supermarkets (Tesco and/or Lidl) to discuss possible parking spaces to eliminate parking pressures for passengers. There is discussion for a park and ride system and ensuring there is taxi access at the station.</p> <p><b>Skegness – Town Centre Transformation</b></p>	IA

Heritage Lincolnshire is making good progress on Lumley Road and work is underway to restore historic qualities. Four properties are in for planning permission. A tender is underway for contractors which will then be considered by the grants panel. With the start date being over closed season.

#### **Skegness – Tower Gardens**

SF advised the Board there had been an initial tender for a contractor for Tower Gardens and has now been agreed. SF was meeting the contractor today to discuss the design and advised the grant claim would be claimed by the end of the financial year.

#### **Skegness – Public Realm**

The Board was advised that Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council and Skegness Town Council had considered the specifications, for the Public Realm works, and Heritage Lincolnshire are working with them to leverage further match funding (c. £50k), this will enable them to redesign the park and garden, play area to also include a visual/sensory garden and being fully engaged around accessibility.

JBun asked for the play areas to consider sensory and inclusive play areas.

CB asked for an update on timescales unable to meet the January 2023 start date but has now been moved to March 2023.

JBun advised that there could be funding available from changing places. SF to follow this up.

SF/AU advised the Board there were upcoming Heritage Open Days which were all now fully booked.

14/15 September 2022, which will include:

Skegness walking tour of Lumley Road from Station Road through to Tower Gardens (inc. history and Skegness trivia).

Afternoon – relaxed event in the Pavilion in Tower Gardens to talk about the Town Deal Programme.

Mablethorpe – 2 walking tours (short events 2 in 1 day) and Mablethorpe trivia.

#### **Skegness – Police Training Centre and Hardy’s MU Trail**

IA advised the Board that 2 projects: Police Training Centre and Hardy’s Multi User Trail were now complete.

#### **Skegness – Learning Campus**

IA updated the Board on the Learning Campus, which will provide a vibrant environment to inspire young people and adults to thrive and build a better future, this project is progressing positively.

AC updated the Board on the 2 further work streams which required further feedback, once received, planning will be submitted. These were over the land area, which has slightly changed and discussions around a drainage issue. Delivery of the project is now expected by December 2024 earlier if possible.

CB asked for clarification on completion date, which was originally September 2024.

AC advised that the QS was making things expensive, however there were no material changes to the project.

### **Mablethorpe**

The Board were informed on the **Sutton on Sea Colonnade** and outcome of the Section30 discussions with ELDC and the EA.

IA advised the Board that a meeting had been held on 6 September and a way forward was agreed. Governance routes for the sign off, of the Section30 are now being discussed, the changes only made possible by site layout changes. JBur updated the Board and talked through a presentation of the Revised set back scheme.

IA thanked JBu for the presentation and complimented the team on the project and improvement to the area.

CB asked for detail regarding the bridge width, and to ensure the design is aspirational and fits in with the design of the building.

JBur agreed to feedback to the design team.

IA updated the Board on 2 projects which had received full planning permission approval on 1 September 2022. **Leisure and Learning and Campus for Future Living.**

JBur advised the Board that the pre-tender sum would require some value engineering and a solution to be found for the high cost of piling.

JBur agreed to keep the Board up to date and made aware of any cost increases.

### **Mablethorpe – Campus for Future Living**

IA updated the Board a contractor had been selected and that they will be a physical presence on site by December 2022, ELDC will own the building, but discussions are under way to agree the Innovation operator. The MoU has now been agreed and signed with GP practices within the primary care sector including MTIF, UoL, PCN partnership and 1 potentially other partner. IA will confirm who the final potential partner will be at the next Board meeting in December, they will be asked to attend and present to the Board.

The Board was asked to consider the strategy paper circulated with the Board papers from Heritage Lincolnshire (SF/AU) and IA updated the Board on the meeting held with the Technical Sub- Group who approved the proposed changes to funding for the **Mobi-Hub.**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the paper.

### **Mablethorpe – National Trust**

The National Trust updated the Board that a Trent University engineer is now involved, and designs are to be discussed with the EA. Changing places are also on board in the project along with Mighty Creatives and Magna Vitae.

KJ attended an event and received good feedback from holiday makers, also good feedback was received from the recent BHOA/residents meeting. The cycle path is due

to go in for full planning permission October/November 2022, spades in the ground expected in 2023 and completion of the project by 2024. A public meeting is planned to enable feedback.

#### **Mablethorpe – Town Centre Transformation**

Heritage Lincolnshire updated the Board on the public realm scheme in Mablethorpe and the re-thinking of the scheme to be offered for example unifying to visual impact with improving canopies. There will a communications workshop held in October/November to discuss what the public and businesses want from the scheme offered. This may also include smaller scale intervention to encompass signage, decluttering rather than transformation of a whole shop front. This will enable the scheme to assist more businesses. Following the removal of the parks and gardens scheme the net impact on the scheme will be 3 businesses not being improved leaving a total of 30 in the scheme.

IA thanked SF/AU for attending and for their paper.

MS advised that there could be further funding packages available to enable the parks and gardens project to proceed, with funding available from LUP parks possibly £8/9k, funding must be spent by March 2023 within Mablethorpe and Skegness. MS also advised there are additional pots of funding available.

SF advised he will liaise with MS and investigate the possibility of applying for further funding particular for Tower Gardens.

CD asked how much the net loss in match funding.

SF advised the net loss can be made up by public realm/tower gardens which was approx. £65k

ELDC may be able to assist with sustainability grants, for property improvements.

LR/MS advised there was a meeting PM 8 September to discuss UKSPF Community Partnership funding. Funding needs to be spent as it cannot be carried forward, potential loss per year £1m. Discussion required around upskilling and bringing projects forward. Discussion around challenges, for example supporting communities to back into work. MS expressed the importance of layering funding, LUP, USKPF, CDF3 and the lasting impacts on communities.

#### **Risk Register**

IA walked the Board through the Risk Register particularly the amber and red outputs Concerns were raised around inflation; another rise could cause major issues on project costs.

MS to speak to members separately re. Energy projects for future meeting.  
MS advised that Green Energy will be introducing projects to 3 towns (ELDC, SHDC and Boston).

CB advised maximising Value for Money using consultants across projects.

IA suggested to the Board that the first half hour of the Board meetings to be used to go through the Dashboard using the Technical Sub Group for validation.

	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <p>JBun suggested a Connected Coast AGM to present an annual report and open conversations and pushing the messages through.</p> <p>The Board agreed to an AGM.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Communications (attached Communications Plan and verbal update)</b>	<b>MG</b>
	<p>The Board received a verbal update from MG.</p> <p>MG to follow up how to respond to negative comments on social media and how to take this forward.</p>	
<b>7, 8, 9</b>	<b>Levelling Up, Shared Prosperity Fund, Cultural Development Fund</b>	<b>LR, IA</b>
	<p>Report had been circulated for consideration.</p> <p>LR updated the Board on UKSPF which is prominently revenue funding, the application was submitted in June including 3 investment plans for Boston, SHDC and ELDC, the outcome is expected in the Autumn.</p> <p>MS advised the Board that there is a positive funding opportunity for New Rural Funding (£1.7m) which is an add on to UKSPF which will be paid direct to District Councils.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	<b>CB</b>
	<p>TS agreed to provide an A4 sheet with updated financial figures for all projects (crib sheet for Board members) to include spend to DLUHC, demonstrating either spent or not spent, for M&amp;E using freedom and flex capital swaps, to include e-engineering of mobi hub and how other projects are progressing. This will reflect the increase in match funding from partners, demonstrating commitment to projects.</p> <p>The Chair advised that the parking issues in Mablethorpe Town Centre could be resolved temporarily once the mobi-hub site is cleared and used before building starts.</p> <p>The Chair invited members to review the updates on the Connected Coast website Home - Connected Coast, and feedback any comments to Connected.Coast@e-lindsey.gov.uk or <a href="mailto:sandra.watson@e-lindsey.gov.uk">sandra.watson@e-lindsey.gov.uk</a></p> <p>The Chair advised the Board that the policy documents have now been uploaded to the website and can be revised at <a href="#">Document Library - Connected Coast</a></p> <p>The next Board meeting has been arranged for 1 December 2022 at 11.30 am venue to be advised.</p>	<b>TS</b>