



Minutes of the Joint Town Deal Board for Mablethorpe and Skegness
(Connected Coast Board) held via Zoom on Thursday May 13th at 1pm.

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
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
Claire Foster CF
Clare Hughes CH
John Henry Looney JHL
Councillor Steve Kirk SK
Councillor Sid Dennis SD
Ivan Annibal IA
John Latham JL
Louise Ransberry LR
Pete Holmes

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
Environment Agency
Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Magna Vitae
CLA
Lincolnshire County Council
Collison Consultants
Distract
Lincolnshire County Council
Mellor Group
Boston College
Greater Lincolnshire LEP
Sustainable Direction Limited
Portfolio holder for Coastal Economy ELDC
Visit Lincs Coast Chair
Rose Regeneration
Lincoln University
The National Trust
MHCLG

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:

Apologies were received from Lisa Fairlee, Robert Parker, Councillor Carl Tebbut, Mick Lazarus, Janet Stubbs and Cllr Helen Matthews.

Minutes of last meeting held 18th March

Approved without division.

Matters Arising

CB asked about any underspend in the last tranche of capacity funding. LR has confirmed the capacity funding report was sent on 26 March 2021 at 15:37 from Martin Kay with the minutes of the 18th March Board meeting. Re-issued to the Board on 13th May.

Introduction and welcome

Chair welcomed everyone and thanked all the sub groups that had met twice each since the last meeting. The Chairs of the groups she added were to feedback shortly.

IA set out where we are and gave information surrounding the following;

- The team were in contact with all project sponsors
- Gave thanks to all sub groups – a collaborative approach
- Heads of Terms had been accepted by SLF, RB and Section 151 Officer
- Articulated that the 24th May is now the focus
- The team recognised the amount of time that the sub groups had committed

Sub group feedback

PD gave feedback from the Transport and Connectivity Group, his points were that;
People gave their time willingly, a great credit to Board

Hardy's Multi User Trail (Accelerated Scheme)

- Received unanimous support from the group
- It provided a safer link for cycle and walking
- Consulted well with Town Council
- Cycle path and walkway should be segregated for safety

Skegness Railway

- Everyone accepted the importance of this project to Skegness
- Some of the suggestions for added value were;
 - Can we create a tourism attraction outside the station?
 - A little more integration with other transport links would add value
 - A little better signage would be good
 - B2B is very important to Skegness, better train links would encourage this
 - Could we have a Tourist Information venue within the railway station?

SLF keen to join the Mablethorpe Mobi Hub discussion

CD gave feedback from the Tourism, Art, Culture and Heritage Group, her points were the following:

Leisure and Learning Hub

- Group very supportive.
- Been demanded for many years in Mablethorpe – to improve health and wellbeing
- The application from Coastfields could have an impact on both schemes
- CB to pick up discussion with Coastfields**

CB added that a long term revenue stream must be attached to keep the new build in good order

Sutton on Sea Colonnade

Seen as a real asset for Sutton on Sea
Can public see images of just what is coming?
The impact of the EA objection was discussed, DC out lined the position from the EA
SK and CB hoped that a solution would be found quickly

National Trust

Really well put together scheme with dedicated project management
Changing places facilities were part of the scheme
There would a small facility available for the coming season

Cultural Skegness

A well put together scheme
Really highlights the link between the Embassy and the Foreshore
Being managed well by MV
Kick-start scheme is being well stabilised already

FC gave feedback from the Regeneration and Enterprise group

He added that all schemes were really exciting

Skegness Foreshore

Looks to transform the area into a mixed used area
Event space should open up night time footfall
Can we get people to turn right down the bottom of Lumley Road?
Jobs should be created by inward investment
CL commented that the accelerated funding had already helped to lift the area

Town Centre Regeneration

Mablethorpe and Skegness are similar schemes – public realm/shop front scheme
Exciting opportunities for businesses
Risk is how well the economy recovers and how much businesses can contribute
It appears that early indicators show a positive reaction from businesses
CB asked if any funding to pedestrianise Lumley Road was available. **CD stated that he would speak with colleagues** – whilst it unlikely he would put a request in.

AB stated that all schemes should be looked at together and not in isolation.

Based on that comment SLF asked that all sub group chairs should meet together to ensure that all schemes are knitted together. This meeting should include CL, CD and JB.

JB fed back on the Skills group, salient comments were as follows;

Police Training Centre (Accelerated scheme)

A well-constructed and supported business case
One question that was raised asked if the centre support adult learners?
Does the new build support the green agenda?
Can we try to ensure that local apprentices get an opportunity to work on site?

FE Campus

Very well supported scheme
Excellent business case ably supported by TEC Group
A question was raised about the out of hours use
GA commented that it was very useful to hear peoples critique and helpful feedback

On completion of the feedback IA stated that no project was undeliverable and the next stage was to produce the local assurance framework.

IA explained the need for the modest adjustments required to get the schemes to Town Fund cost totals, they were to reduce slightly the Town Centre Funding in Skegness.

SLF asked the following questions;

Do we need to take money out?

What other options are there? Levelling up or community renewal fund?

SLF Can we create a table identifying possible pots of future funding?

CB asked that we make the coast as accessible as possible.

CK asked if all the match funding was safe?

IA answered that the match funding 'is as robust as we can have it at this time'

SLF Can we have a table showing all the match funding?

SK suggested that the proposal for responding to MHCLG with the Skegness projects and respective town fund allocation was reasonable and understandable and proposed as so, it was seconded by SLF and passed by a unanimous show of hands.

With reference to Mablethorpe a similar discussion was had and IA proposed that the MobiHub and Town Centre was to be reduced slightly to meet cost totals. SLF seconded and the motion was passed with a unanimous show of hands.

IA outlined the next phase of the local assurance framework that was required for each project so that all can be assured that all projects are deliverable.

CB requested that documents are drip fed in rather than a big bundle all at once.

PH reminded the meeting for the need to submit the M&E at the same time as the project forms.

SLF added that a PR campaign was required and she asked for an updated communications plan.

LR advised the Board that the Towns Fund Hub offers support to help develop the Board from planning to delivery and that an informal session could be set up should the Board wish.

Date of the next meeting proposed for Thursday June 10th at 1pm.