



Connected Coast Chair's Update: December 2022

This month has seen us host our first ever AGM and Exhibition events for Skegness and Mablethorpe.

Taking place at the Embassy Theatre (8th December) and the Dunes Complex (15th December), the events provided an opportunity for us to share our annual reports which detail our progress over the last year. You can read them here:

Skegness - <https://connectedcoast.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Skegness-Annual-Report.pdf>

Mablethorpe - [Mablethorpe-Annual-Report-final.pdf \(connectedcoast.co.uk\)](#)

Thanks to everyone who came along to the events, and to all the project leads who joined us to share images and plans. It was great to meet and speak with people about the exciting potential for our connected coast.



Skegness AGM and Exhibition event

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Mablethorpe AGM and Exhibition event

Key agreement approved for the Colonnade

The redevelopment of the Colonnade and Pleasure Gardens has moved a step closer.

At the East Lindsey District Council full council meeting on 14 December councillors voted to enter into the Section 30 Agreement with the Environment Agency. The agreement sets out the Council's liabilities towards any uplift in future sea defence improvement costs over the next 50 years as a result of the redeveloped site.

With the agreement now in place the Council can now seek detailed planning consent for the approved technical and construction works on the project, targeting to start physical construction in Spring 2023 and to be completed and operational by May 2024.



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The approval of this agreement is an important milestone in the redevelopment of the Colonnade and Pleasure Gardens, taking us ever closer to bringing new facilities and opportunities for Sutton on Sea.



Construction contract signed for Campus for Future Living East Lindsey District Council has officially appointed Lindum Group to construct the Campus for Future Living.

The signing of the build contract is a significant milestone for the Council as it marks the first council-led Town Deal project moving to the delivery stage in 2023.

Work will now begin on site in January with turf cutting scheduled for early February. The build is scheduled for completion and handover to the Council in 2024.

The Campus presents an opportunity to deliver high ambitions to put Mablethorpe at the forefront of medical technology and innovation, offering a centre for health and care related teaching, training, research, and development.

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Adrian Sibley Deputy Chief Executive – Programme Delivery, Cllr Craig Leyland Leader of East Lindsey District Council, Freddie Chambers Lindum Group MD, Cllr William Gray Political Champion for the Campus for Future Living and Rob Barlow, Joint Chief Executive South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership.

In addition, and in advance of work starting, members of the Campus for Future Living team have been hosting community events – at Mablethorpe Library and Marisco Medical Centre – to share images of the campus and answer people's questions.

Town Centre Transformation community event

Heritage Lincolnshire together with the University of Lincoln recently hosted a community event at the Coastal Centre, Mablethorpe.

The event was an opportunity for people to find out more and help shape 'Town Centre Transformations: Mablethorpe'. This will be the first grant scheme focused on enhancing the heritage of Mablethorpe and will result in a substantial pot of grant funding being made available to local businesses and property owners, specifically within the High Street.





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Skegness town centre progress

The grant funding agreement has now been signed for the Tower Gardens improvements and Heritage Lincolnshire expects to move into contracting for the work imminently.

Excellent standard for our coastline

In further good news for our area, all of the bathing areas for our coastline have retained their excellent standard as detailed in the new bathing water classifications for 2022. The classifications are based on monitoring data collected by the Environment Agency between 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022.

Thank you so much for your interest and support for Connected Coast this year. I would like to wish you a merry Christmas and happy new year, and I look forward to sharing more updates on our progress in 2023.

Chris Baron
Chair, Connected Coast Town Deal Board



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