

Minutes of the Connected Coast Board meeting held on Thursday 22 June 2023 on Teams

Attendees	Position	Initials
Chris Baron	Chair	CB
Claire Draper	Mellors Group (vice chair)	CDr
Cllr Craig Leyland	East Lindsey District Council - Leader	CL
Cllr Colin Davie	Lincolnshire County Council	CDa
John Latham	University of Lincoln	JL
Pat Doody	Portfolio (Chair or Trustee of Charities)	PD
Adrian Benjamin	Chair of the Sutton-on-Sea Residents Association	AB
Tim Allen	Historic England	TA
Claire Foster	Boston College	CF
Jacqui Bunce	NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board	JBun
Deborah Campbell	Environment Agency	DCam
Chris Lilley	Partnership Dean for East Lindsey, Diocese of Lincoln	CLi
Caroline Killeavy	YMCA Lincolnshire	CK
Freddie Chambers	Lindum Group	FC
Neil Hart	National Trust	NH
Cllr Steve Kirk	East Lindsey District Council (Portfolio Holder for Coastal Economy)	SK
Alice Ullathorne	Heritage Lincolnshire	AU
Support Officers in Attendance		
Ivan Annibal	Rose Regeneration on behalf of SELCP	IA
Saul Farrell	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	SF
Lydia Rusling	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	LR
Jon Burgess	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	JBur
Michelle Gant	The Engaging People Company on behalf of SELCP	MG
Tim Sampson	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	TS
Martin Kay	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	MK
Sandra Watson	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	SMW
Observers		
Sue Bond-Taylor	University of Lincoln	SBT

Item	Action
1. Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence	CB
The Chair welcomed the Board to the meeting. The Chair also welcomed Tim Allen to his first meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded from Cllr Tony Tye, Adrian Clarke, Ann Hardy, John Looney, Justin Brown, Kirsty James, Robert Caudwell, Robert Parker, Ruth Carver, Michelle Sacks, Sandra Williamson, Anna Tarrant and Helen Lomax.	

2.	Declarations of Interest	ALL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Baron (Destination Lincolnshire Board) • Claire Draper, Fantasy Island/Mellors (Cultural Development Fund) • Caroline Killeavy, YMCA Lincolnshire • John Latham, University of Lincoln • Freddie Chambers, Lindums • Pat Doody, Lindums 	
3.	Minutes of Board Meeting held on 27th February 2023	ALL
	The minutes from the last Connected Coast Board meeting were approved as a true and accurate record, with no amendments.	
4.	Matters Arising	ALL
	No items raised.	
5.	Update on the Mobi-Hub	IA
	<p><i>A confidential report was circulated to Board members only.</i></p> <p>The outcomes of the survey and valuation of the site were discussed at the technical sub group for Transport and Connectivity on 15 June and an update was given to the Board.</p> <p>The Board agreed to delay the decision until the next Connected Coast Board meeting, and all agreed to continue with the current plan; a definitive outline of the project going forward and evidence that the shortfall in funding has been agreed, including a plan B to be worked up and ready to replace the original project if it does not go ahead.</p> <p>A reminder of the Mobi Hub project was also provided for new board members, with details in the link below: https://www.como.org.uk/mobility-hubs/overview-and-benefits Mobility hubs > Overview and benefits</p> <p>An introduction to mobility hubs, which bring together shared transport with public transport and active travel in spaces designed for this purpose which take away space from the private car.</p> <p>LR provided a summary of some of the potential funding sources that are being investigated.</p> <p>LR also advised the board that subsidy control advice will be sought.</p> <p>The Chair summarised what would be required for the next board meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonable certainty on the ability to attract between £600-£800k (to include demolition) • Agreement in place with ██████████ for £400k match funding • Other options for example, integration into Leisure & Learning, Campus for Future Living or the coach park. <p>SK added that the preferred option is number 1 and have the funding in place in the next two months and the team works up an option 2.</p>	

	The board agreed that at the next board meeting we will have £800K funding agreed or a definitive outline for what option 2 would be.	
6.	Campus for Future Living	IA
	<p>The Board received a verbal update from IA. Build is moving forward in a very professionally managed way by the team at the council and through Lindum. IA thanked them all for the professionalism brought to the project. There are some recent pictures, which will be shared.</p> <p>IA also updated the board on the progress in identifying an operator. There are number of organisations who have identified sessional use. There is an event in July to discuss with interested parties from twelve schools at the University.</p> <p>An Expression of Interest process took place in mid-May and there were 30 organisations who attended. Three have formally responded with interesting proposals.</p> <p>IA added that they are working to schedule and by September to finalise the preferred operator strategy. Following the recent discussions, a head lead operator should be identified.</p> <p>The construction is currently running to costs and should be delivered on time February 2024 for completion.</p>	IA
7.	Risk registers and update on projects	ALL
	<p>The Board received an update by LR.</p> <p>Foreshore update:</p> <p>The Board received an update paper from JBur. The chair commented that if there is revenue from the increase in the assets owned by ELDC, could some funding be transferred from the asset value to other projects.</p> <p>National Trust:</p> <p>Neil Hart (the new Project Manager for National Trust) provided a brief verbal update and a presentation, which is included with the minutes. RIBA stage 3 designs have now been completed. The planning application has now been submitted and has been validated and awaiting an outcome. RIBA stage 4 designs are being worked on with appointed landscape and buildings architects and other contractors. Expecting to go out to tender by Autumn and prices back by the end of 2023. They will then go through the National Trust internal governance procedures to start on site in Spring 2024 with the visitor facilities being competed later in 2024, delay due to constraints on habitats work and bird nesting season.</p> <p>The funding gap is being worked on and a first stage bid for £1.5m from National Highways accepted and a full application is in progress. There is a fund-raising plan in place for approx. £800k to £1m of grant applications which are being worked on with the NT philanthropy team and donors. As the NT are a charity, they will underwrite any shortfall in funding.</p> <p>The main concern and uncertainty are around the build costs, but assuming they are in line NT can meet the total cost.</p> <p>Culture House:</p>	LR/JBur

<p>MK provided brief verbal update. The Towns Fund component is up to RIBA stage 4. Full council meeting on 28 June to accept funding and recommendations associated with the Cultural Development Fund.</p> <p>Skegness Learning Campus (TEC): AC provided the following update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchanged contracts on the land required for the development. • Agreed the changed scope in terms of the areas that will be retained in the redesign. • Received a revised set of general arrangements which are being evaluated and further developed. • Working with the architects to produce the full revised schedule with mechanical and electrical design. • Working with local planners and hoping to operate on the basis of a reduction in scope as a Non-Material Amendment, which in essence allows us to work within the framework established through the original Planning process. • We are still aiming to be on site for early November 2023 with a completion targeted for June 2025. <p>Colonnade: JBur provided update. As per NC last update at the board on 11 May in terms of the value engineered options which have been implemented on the scheme and in for non-material amendment with planning and approval expected within 3-4 weeks. NC/RH have led further due diligence work and an approved way forward to get to site in September 2023. The EA permit has been submitted and a decision expected within 16 weeks. The paddling pool has reopened. There will also be a community event on Sunday 27 August 2023. East Lindsey District Council Executive will decide on the contractor, which will now be a two phased project. JBur confirmed that there has been social media comms around the paddling pool opening. MGa/JBur have a meeting to finalise a communications and engagement plan. Phase 2 is being looked at around alternative ways to fund it and market testing to ensure it can be contracted during phase 1 and a parallel process.</p> <p>Police Training: TS in undertaking a post audit process with the Police Training Academy.</p> <p>Risk Register: The Risk Register was circulated to members of the Board.</p>	<p>TS</p>
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8.	Communications overview	MGa/SMW
	<p>The Board received a presentation and update from MGa which was circulated with the agenda and papers SMW confirmed the dates for the AGM/Mini Expos and meeting invites have been sent out for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skegness - 17 November 2023 from 1400-1900 at the Pavilion, Tower Gardens • Mablethorpe - 24 November 2033 from 1400-1900 upstairs Community Space at Mablethorpe Library <p>MGa to contact SBT around young people involvement. DC updated the board on the EA project on Hello Lamppost which is being trialled on behalf of DEFRA. MGa confirmed that a meeting had taken place with Georgia Thompson. LR thanked SBT for raising communication with younger people across the connected coast. LR/CB have been invited to engage on a regular basis with the TEC partnership for the Learning Campus in Skegness. SBT to provide an update at a future board meeting on the Children's Lives in Changing Places (CHiLL) project. CK thanked MGa and the team for all the comms and pictures. CK mentioned the subscriptions were low and the chair's update is really helpful and questioned the possibility of a wider population mailshot. CK added the benefit from opportunities of engagement "on site" (i.e., young people or residents on construction sites).</p>	<p>MGa/SBT</p> <p>LR/SMW</p> <p>MGa/SMW</p> <p>MGa/SMW</p>
9.	Levelling Up in Alford and Spilsby	EW
	<p>The Board received a presentation from Emilie Wales, which was circulated with the agenda and papers. SF added that Spilsby Sessions House has received (as of last week) a grant of £247,047 from UKSPF for events, cultural and skills programme across East Lindsey, which will support much of the work.</p>	
10.	UKSPF (Saul Farrell)	SF
	<p>A verbal update was given by SF and a presentation provided which is circulated with the minutes.</p> <p>TA requested information about Horncastle River Scheme or a contact. DC also mentioned funding opportunities from the Environment Agency.</p>	<p>SF/TA DC/SF</p>
11.	Any Other Business	ALL
	<p>CD requested an agenda item for the next CCB meeting on Risk Registers, economic forecasting models and how projects are managing inflation and cost pressures. The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and input.</p>	<p>LR</p>



	The next Board meeting has been arranged for 21 September at 10:30 at The Alford Windmill Café 32 East St, Alford LN13 9EL	
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