



**Minutes of the Connected Coast Board meeting held on Thursday 25 January 2024
at U@E Embassy Theatre, Grand Parade, Skegness PE25 2UG**

Attendees	Position	Initials
Chris Baron	Chair	CB
Claire Draper	Vice-Chair	CD
John Latham	University of Lincoln	JL
Chris Lilley	Church of England's Partnership Dean for East Lindsey	CLi
Councillor Tony Tye	Skegness Town Council	TT
Councillor Colin Davie	Lincolnshire County Council	CD
Robert Parker	Managing Director, Micronclean	RP
Robert Caudwell	Association Drainage Boards - Chairman	RC
Tim Allen	Historic England	TA
Deborah Campbell	Environment Agency	DCa
Adrian Clarke	TEC Partnership	AC
Freddie Chambers	Lindum Group	FC
Chris Reid	Victoria Atkins MP Office	CR
Alice Ullathorne (Observer)	Heritage Lincolnshire	AU
Isabelle Richards (Observer)	Heritage Lincolnshire	IR
Paul McCooey	Duncan & Toplis	PMc
Stephanie Dickens	Matt Warman's Office	SD
Maria Jesus Alfaro-Simmonds	University of Lincoln (guest)	MJAS
Sue Bond-Taylor	University of Lincoln (guest)	SBT
Charlie McKeith	Heritage Lincs	CMc
Ann Hardy	TEC Partnership	AH
Caroline Killeavy	YMCA	CK
Dan	Lincolnshire County Council	D
Support Officers in Attendance		
Matthew Hogan	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	MH
Darrall Bishop	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	DB
Michelle Gant	The Engaging People Company on behalf of SELCP	MGa
Sandra Watson	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	SMW
Saul Farrell	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	SF

Item		Action
1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence	CB
	The Chair welcomed the Board to the meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded from: Lydia Rusling, Jon Burgess, Tim Sampson, Cllr Craig Leyland, Cllr Steve Kirk, Adrian Benjamin, Cllr Carl Tebbutt, Claire Foster, Jacqui Bunce, Tracy Stringfellow, Ann Tarrant, James Brindle, Justin Brown, John Henry Looney, Ruth Carver, Janet Stubbs, Pat Doody, Kirsty James, Neil Hart, Rob Barlow, Sam Benson, Louise Ransbery, Clive Gibbon, Richard Hodgson and Sandra Williamson	

	The Board welcomed Matthew Hogan who was attending the meeting on Lydia's behalf.	
2.	Declarations of Interest	ALL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Baron (Destination Lincolnshire Board) • Claire Draper, CDF • John Latham, University of Lincoln • Freddie Chambers, Lindums 	
3.	Minutes of Board Meeting held on 23rd November 2023	ALL
	<p>The minutes from the last Connected Coast Board meeting were approved as a true and accurate record</p> <p>The Chair and Board thanked Tim Sampson who is taking early retirement in February for all his help with the financial and risk papers.</p>	
4.	Matters Arising	ALL
	<p>DCam advised that there are no projects to match fund at present but will monitor and advise the board accordingly</p> <p>Recommendations for the Long-Term Plan for Towns sub group approaching the community leader and police PCC</p> <p>Skills matrix request and hats worn by board members, building an organogram will be circulated with the Declaration of Interest form</p>	<p>DCam</p> <p>CB/SMW</p> <p>ALL/Delivery Team</p>
5.	Devolution Deal for Greater Lincolnshire	LCC Officer
	<p>An overview on the Devolution Deal for Greater Lincolnshire was given by Dan from LCC</p> <p>A breakdown of general points and how it affects the Connected coast and particular interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devolution is, all about transferring powers and in particular funding, currently held at central level (in Westminster) and bringing it closer to firstly locally elected politicians, local residents and business and giving locally, people more opportunity to have their priorities voiced locally • For example Greater Manchester is a good example started 2014 and Andy Burnham recognised for his role, mayoral figure head and representative of area and nationally one person who stands up for interest and puts local priorities forward • Sought areas of priorities through pre-consultation events which has raised priorities for Greater Lincs, this deal has been done by 3 councils Lincolnshire County Council, North East Lincs and North Lincs. This was the legal obligation of the initial paper from government in previous years it involved district councils in the process, however, the district council will sit on the board as non-constituent members and fully involved in the formal process which will be set up formally in May 2025. Reason for mayoral format is 	

	<p>that government brought out three separate levels of devolution in the white paper/bill and each level offered different levels of power and potential access to funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns have been raised around the mayoral element but it is to enable real tangible change, government feel this is the best way forward. The areas of priority will be transport, skills, training and housing, economic growth particularly environment. There will be representation from the business community and the Police & Crime Commission • This will be worth £720M guaranteed, funding taking place over a 30-year period Based on £24M basic funding and varies on area to area, based on population and geographical size • One off £20M capital investment £8.4M Brownfield development • How much will the mayor's cost, it will be a small tightly controlled office not on council scale. Government will provide capacity for setup for the authority equating to £500K in the first year, £1M 2025/2026 and ad further £500K for 2027 • There will also be capacity funding for housing projects and for getting strategies and planning underway <p>Dan also gave an overview of the areas the board would be interested in, close working with government in a wider area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected Coast Board already involved in strategic planning • Homes England formal partnership, affordable housing (residents and young people particularly getting on the housing ladder) and making tangible changes Long term plan to be created to move forward • Collaborative partnership with support of Government and Visit England looking at sharing equities across Culture, Heritage, Sport, Communities and Visitor economy. A new enhanced partnership with water, protecting the country as a whole from food shortages, flood and drought. Lincs are critical to water supply, energy supply To be on the forefront of central government agenda • Strategic Coastal partnership – nature and heritage on the coast has a voice for consideration and for further development • Infrastructure and road improvements – major links to improve, which opens doors • It was not currently known how the UKSFP funding will be affected at this stage and if further funding would be available 	
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	Dan added that Health had not been pushed by government in the initial deal, deal 1 is not the end and leaders have expressed interest in the future and believe because of complexity of issues and other areas, will be considered further down the line.	
6.	Long Term Plans for Towns & Review of Sub Group Membership	ALL
	<p>The recommendations of the reports were discussed and subsequently approved as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The two additional board members to provide their bios to be approved at the next board meeting and for the Chair to formerly write to them to invite them to become a member of the Board. 2 A sub group would be established to progress the Long-Term Plan for Towns with the Terms of Reference to be reviewed to ensure it reflects the DLHUC guidance. 3 Following the agreement of the two new Connected Coast sub groups for Skegness and Mablethorpe, meetings to be arranged for these two sub groups. 	<p>CB</p> <p>LR/SMW</p> <p>LR/SMW</p>
7.	Communications (paper) (MGa)*	
	<p>The board received a paper for noting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MGa added that the annual report films, events and engagement have been very successful and the films are being used for promoting the projects. • There has been lots of interest and statistics in all projects following promotion on social media channels, particularly around Sandilands. • The team are currently working on further young people engagement. • It was also advised that the TEC would be organising an event in March for a spade in the ground event • The board were advised that DB and MGa would work on a comms protocol, for clear messages to be communicated and supporting those who are contacted to provide project updates to the public and media. In the meantime if board members could contact the Comms Team and/or MGa • The Chair requested that project sponsors / leads provide an update every month. MGa agreed to take this forward, for use for both the board narrative paper and chair's updates. 	<p>DB/MGa/Comms</p> <p>MGa</p>
8.	Mablethorpe Update	
8a.	<p>Mobi Hub () – <i>Confidential paper</i></p> <p>The board agreed that the project was in a better position to go ahead and agreed in principle the £150k (funding gap) from the Town Centre</p>	MH

	Transformation on the proviso if funding becomes available from another project, this will enable the project to move forward.	
8b.	Colonnade	DB
	<p>Colonnade Summary Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA permit issued with conditions. • Treatment of steel buttress to Sea defence wall required as a condition of the permit. This work has commenced and is on programme. • Earthworks contractors are on site and have completed the reduced level dig. • Piling mat and haul road being installed in readiness to receive piling rig. • Piling rig due on-site WC 5th Feb for approx. 3 weeks. • Ground beams & drainage to follow. • Stage 5 design work for steel frame being finalised. <p>DB added that the night lodges would be part of phase 2, where additional funding is being sought. The paddling pool, which is adjacent to the site, will remain out of action throughout high season 2024 due to safety. The paddling pool will remain in the current position, there is a contingency plan in place to ensure it reopens.</p> <p>Letters will be issued to all residents by the contractor regarding the piling start date and updates for businesses will be provided via all social media channels.</p>	
9.	Skegness Update	
9a.	<p>A brief update was given on the Foreshore by MH/CB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging with interested parties, delay to detailed plans and putting forward proposals. • [REDACTED] 	MH/CB
9b.	<p>A brief update was given on the Culture House</p> <p>Alliance Leisure has been appointed to project manage both phases and they are currently working on stage 2 designs</p> <p>They are also working towards a 42-week programme</p>	MH
10.	Risk Registers, update on projects and update on the Monitoring & Evaluation Pack	CB/AU
10a.	<p>Narrative</p> <p>AU provided a brief presentation on the High Street Schemes in Mablethorpe and Skegness</p> <p>Tower Gardens: work is progressing on the paths, pump and sensory planting and should be open by the start of the season</p> <p>There are 7 schemes on Lumley Road</p>	

	<p>AU confirmed that banners will be put up to promote the Town Deal, at each project, as the same contractor will be working on all the projects.</p> <p>TEC Skegness Learning Campus AH/AC provided a brief update: There has been a week's delay to the start on site with highways creating access to the site, now scheduled for 29 January. Signage will be installed imminently</p>	
10b.	<p>Risk Register: The Risk Register was circulated to members of the Board. Reviewed and accepted with no further comments</p>	
10c.	<p>Finance Update The Risk Register was circulated to members of the Board. Reviewed and accepted with no further comments</p>	
10d.	<p>Monitoring and Evaluation The Risk Register was circulated to members of the Board. Reviewed and accepted with one comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs to be discussed at the next board meeting 	
11.	CHill Research Project – verbal update on project progress	SBT/MJAS
	<p>A paper and presentation were circulated for noting and a brief presentation was given by MJAS</p> <p>The following recommendation was approved by the board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth representation would fit better on the Mablethorpe sub group and would need to be managed closely and supported <p>The Chair added that a recommendation to take forward, would also to have youth representation on the Skegness sub group, specifically around the additional £20M funding for the Long-Term Plan for Towns.</p> <p>The board agreed that LR would need to explore possible funding to support the youth representative(s) at the sub group by LCVS at an approx. cost of £4K, possibly through the Theddlethorpe funding.</p>	<p>LR/SMW</p> <p>LR</p>
12.	UKSPF	SF
	A paper was circulated for noting and a brief presentation was given by SF	
13.	Levelling Up in Alford and Spilsby	JK/CMc
	A paper was circulated for noting. Due to time constraints there was no time to discuss further.	
14.	Any Other Business	ALL
	<p>The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and input.</p> <p>The next Board meeting has been arranged for 14 March at 1030AM on TEAMS.</p>	