



Minutes of the Connected Coast Town Deal Board meeting held on Thursday 23 May 2024 at 1030AM held at The Bacchus Hotel 17 High St, Sutton on Sea, Mablethorpe LN12 2EY.

Attendees	Position	Initials	
Chris Baron	Chair	CB	
Claire Draper	Vice-Chair	CDr	
John Latham	University of Lincoln	JL	
Councillor Steve Kirk	East Lindsey District Council	SK	
CLlr Adrian Findley	Skegness Town Council	AF	
CLlr Carl Tebbutt	Mablethorpe and Sutton on Sea Town Council	CT	
Adrian Clarke	TEC Partnership	AC	
Jacqui Bunce	NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board	JBun	
Tracy Stringfellow	Heritage Lincolnshire	TS	
Stephanie Dickens	Matt Warman's Office	SD	
Adrian Benjamin	Coastal Community Team	AB	
PC Billy Spence	Skegness Police Representative	BSp	
Sgt Geoff Harrison	Skegness Police Representative	GH	
Support Officers in attendance			
Jon Burgess	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	JBur	
Lydia Rusling	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	LR	
Malcolm Abbott	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	MA	
Darrall Bishop	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	DB	
Michelle Gant	The Engaging People Company on behalf of SELCP	MGa	
Sandra Watson	East Lindsey District Council	SMW	
Item			Action(s)

1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence	CB
	<p>The Chair welcomed the Board to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were recorded from: Ann Hardy; Caroline Killeavy; Chris Lilley; Claire Draper; Claire Foster; Cllr Colin Davie; Deborah Higton (previously Campbell); Freddie Chambers; James Brindle; Aeneas Richardson; John Looney;</p> <p>Justin Brown; Corinne Kennedy; Jeffery Kenyon; Neil Hart; Pat Doody; Paul McCooey; PCC Marc Jones; Jo Davison; Robert Caudwell; Robert Parker; Tim Allen; Pat Doody; Ann Tarrant; Helen Lomax; Maria Alfaro Munoz; Sue Bond-Taylor; Matthew Hogan; Inspector Jacky Evans</p>	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Baron (Destination Lincolnshire Board) • John Latham (LCVS) 	
3.	Minutes of Board Meeting held on 14 March 2024	ALL
	The minutes from the last Connected Coast Board meeting were approved as a true and accurate record	



4.	Matters Arising	
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	<p>General Election Announcement – 4 July 2024</p> <p>SD updated the board on the recent general election announcement and contact with MPs during prorogued Parliament. Only Cabinet Ministers to remain in post and all other MPs to stand down and become Parliamentary candidates.</p> <p>Local authorities required to follow strict Government guidance. More flexibility for Town Boards to continue with announcements on existing commitments.</p> <p>The item on Young People representative(s) on the Mablethorpe Sub Group would be followed up after the board meeting. LR advised that LCVS would be approached to provide a chaperone for any young person on the sub group.</p> <p>CHILL have provided the following resources below produced from their research. Also attached is the event summary report.</p> <p>"It's All About the Beach Town!" Growing Up in Mablethorpe Animation: this is now available on YouTube here.</p> <p>'10 Things Young People in Mablethorpe Need from their Town' Booklet: this can be read online as a flipbook here.</p> <p>CHILL Intergenerational Postcard Exchange: These can be viewed online here.</p>	LR/MAM
5.	<p>Long Term Plans for Towns and replacement Map for the Data Pack</p>	CB
	<p>CB provided a verbal update and advised the board that he had attended Westminster, which provided an opportunity for the 55 town deal chairs to meet and reported that there were lots of similar issues all over the country to open up further conversations.</p> <p>Adam Hawksbee, Jacob Young and Rishi Sunak were present at the meeting and CB added that the meeting provided assurance of all parties' support for Long Term Plan for Towns (LTPFT) 10 year commitment, so reasonably confident it will go forward, however, there may be a possibility of re-branding.</p> <p>The capacity funding can be used for not only consultation and but also wider issues. LR/JBur to provide a breakdown on funding used so far and secretariat costings. The £250k towards capacity funding already received will be taken out of the first year's £2m funding. Economies of scale (across 3 councils) in programme management are important to release more funding to spend on initiatives for the board to agree. LR confirmed that from the £250k received to date, there has been</p>	LR/Bur



	<p>an allocation to Rose Regeneration to support with the vision and investment plan and costs for engagement.</p> <p>CB added that the criteria is expected to be more relaxed than the Town Deal Funding and spreadsheets will be easier for monitoring. The deadline for submission of the Ten Year vision and 3yr investment plan. The investment plan annex will need to provide some detail on years 1-3 but there is flexibility to roll annual underspend forward into future years and for local areas to borrow against future years income (subject to Accountable Body approval).</p> <p>Ability for large capital funded projects, would need to go through the Council, however, the Governments preference is spend of £2m per year.</p> <p>Government have appointed Zen Surveys (based in the USA) who will be sending out surveys to all towns. This started on 9th May and the results are due 20th June. Separate survey costs have already been spent by the 3 LAs, which is a doorstep and online survey. CB added that the Zen survey is using similar questions used in the Skegness survey.</p> <p>JBur added that a meeting with ML had confirmed further technical guidance is being drafted and will be issued soon, expected to be available within next 2 weeks, there will also be a series of webinars with policy advisers. The submissions will be through a desktop portal, and there will be a structured website template and expected within 2-3 weeks for release. Similarities expected with the portal used for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) with a light touch on strategy and governance. Not too prescriptive on projects at this stage, as long we are clear on themes and activities to be supported by the plan, the key challenges the Plan addresses and how does that play into programmes already underway in respective town centres.</p> <p>Data Pack - The revised map area to cover the Skegness Parish Council boundaries has been accepted as the original did not cover undeveloped areas so would have been left out of the plan e.g. Skegness Gateway and has been uploaded to the website https://connectedcoast.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Skegness_Neighbourhood_Plan_Policies_Map_-_Referendum_Version_-_September_2022.pdf</p>	<p>SMW</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Communications</p>	<p>MGa</p>

7a.	Project Narratives	JBur
	<p>JBur updated the board as follows:</p> <p>There were some specific items to be discussed further on the agenda.</p> <p>Skegness Interchange - EMR have arranged a meeting with the contractor week commencing 3 June in terms of the current contract and how to mitigate the cost pressures. JBur to contact EMR later in the week to check what key actions have arisen from that meeting.</p>	JBur/EMR



	<p>Police Training Centre - completed project and a helpful narrative around what the investment has secured and enabled in Skegness. MGa is working with Lincolnshire Police around a blog to be released and what facilities would be available to be used for conferencing or community use.</p> <p>Multi-User Trail – another completed project with some small final investment for an element of signage. This project has not claimed all their Towns Fund allocation and there will be a slight underspend. There will be a paper presented at the board in July around considerations on how this underspend can be re-allocated.</p> <p>Town Centre Transformation – TSt confirmed that everything had been added in the narrative, with lots of positive press around the Tower Gardens and works starting on the High Street in Mablethorpe (shop fronts are being manufactured) and confirmed Isabelle Richards (Project Manager) has now met everyone.</p> <p>National Trust - Sandilands – the project development is going well and starting in Autumn 2024</p> <p>Station Leisure and Learning Centre – very good progress on site, venue to host a future board meeting. SMW and MA to liaise with Magna Vitae, regarding a convenient date.</p> <p>Mobi hub – provided a brief update however a detailed paper will be brought to July Board meeting on how negotiations are progressing.</p> <p>Colonnade – DB confirmed that the steel frame has now gone up, which gives a real perspective of size and scale, contractor working on ground works, including drainage to alleviate flood risk, increased activity on site and all on programme,</p>	SMW/MA
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	opening in Spring 2025.	
7b.	DLUHC Monitoring & Evaluation return – Confidential- Board members only	JBur
	The Monitoring and Evaluation return was circulated to board members only and was due for submission by the deadline of 28 May 2024. The M&E return requires the Chair’s signoff and any feedback from board members was required by lunchtime at the latest Tuesday 28 May 2024.	
8.	Board Membership	
	The Board received a paper detailing recent resignations of 2 board members. The Board were also advised of resignations and new sub group members for the Skegness and Mablethorpe Sub Groups The Board asked to receive a pen picture and short bio of the sub group members.	SMW



	The Chair asked if there are any further recommendations for either the board or sub groups, to let CB or the secretariat team know. The Board agreed unanimously to appoint Councillor Adrian Findley to the board.	CB/JBur/ SMW
9.	Refresh of ToRs for Board and Sub Groups	LR
	LR updated the Board that the Terms of Reference are with the Council legal services team for review. LR will share the new ToRs once available for formal adoption at a future Board meeting.	LR
10.	Mablethorpe Update	JBur/LR
	a) Campus for Future Living LR updated the board on the Council’s negotiations to secure a preferred operator for the completed build. In addition, ELDC and ACIS have issued a joint statement about working together and supporting the objectives of the Connected Coast Board and Campus for Future Living business case to provide education, care and social opportunities as well as continuing the development of medical research both clinical and non-clinical in the building alongside accommodation.	

11.	Skegness Update	
	<p>a) Culture House and Arts council funding – Confidential - Board members only</p> <p>The Board voted and agreed the £600k to be allocated from the uncommitted Skegness Foreshore Town Deal grant funding.</p> <p>b) Skegness Campus (TEC) – event held on 26 April 2024 (verbal update AC) AC expressed his thanks to Matt Warman, Chris and Steve speaking at the event so enthusiastically.</p> <p>The project has picked up substantial costs for getting out of the ground due to saturation (weather conditions) – AC asked the Board that if there is any further funding available if the project could be considered.</p> <p>By the next Board meeting the steel frame will be on-site which is being started later in June. The size and scale will be seen from the road. The car park is almost completed with tarmac base.</p> <p>Anticipated opening September 2025 with handover of the building in June/July 2025</p>	JBur



	The Chair commented that it was great to see the project starting and moving at pace.	
12.	Update on UKSPF	
	A paper was circulated for noting and there were no questions raised. SF has been invited to attend the board meeting in July, to provide a presentation and update on UKSPF	
13.	Update on LUF – Alford and Spilsby projects (paper)	

	<p>A paper was circulated for noting and there were no questions raised. LR added that as per the report planning is due to go in by end of May for Alford Manor House and Windmill. The Spilsby Sessions House was slightly behind due to additional structural engineering costs.</p> <p>LR was invited to a UK wide round table event held by Historic England about the importance of heritage and regeneration, which is really encouraging that we as an area are being represented.</p> <p>The Chair asked if both before and after pictures could be included.</p>	
14.	Any Other Business	
	<p>A reminder to all board members to send information for the Organogram and completed Register of Interests forms, to connected.coast@e-lindsey.gov.uk. Paper copies were also handed out at the meeting.</p> <p>JBun updated the board that there is heras fencing around the new community diagnostic centre which is now under construction which is due to open towards the end of 2024.</p> <p>SK updated the Board that an opportunity has arisen for all of the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership's leisure facilities to be operated by one contractor and a tendering process will be opened up to invite bids from potential operators. Existing operators have been informed of the tender process and invited to submit their interest in a partnership wide proposal.</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and input.</p>	ALL
15.	Date of the next meeting	
	25 July at 1030AM on TEAMS	