



Minutes of the Connected Coast Town Deal Board meeting held on Thursday 25 July 2024  
at 1030AM held on TEAMS.

Attendees	Position	Initials
Chris Baron	Chair	CB
Claire Draper	Vice-Chair	CDr
Paul McCooey	Duncan & Toplis	PMc
Julie Corden	University of Lincoln	JC
Councillor Steve Kirk	East Lindsey District Council	SK
Richard Tice MP	Boston & Skegness	RT
Chris Lilley	Church of England's Partnership Dean for East Lindsey	CL
Cllr Adrian Findley	Skegness Town Council	AF
Jacqui Bunce	NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board	JBun
Claire Foster	Boston College	CF
Tracy Stringfellow	Heritage Lincolnshire	TS
Adrian Benjamin	Coastal Community Team	AB
Robert Caudwell	Association Drainage Boards	RC
Cllr Colin Davie	Lincolnshire County Council	CDa
Alice Ullathorne	Heritage Lincolnshire	AU
Isabelle Richards	Heritage Lincolnshire	IR
Claire Woodward	Acis	CW
Deborah Higton	Environment Agency	DH
Caroline Killeavy	YMCA	CK
Freddie Chambers	Lindum Group	FC
Rob Cook	National Trust	RC
Kirsty James	National Trust	KJ
Paul Boswell	East Midlands Railway	PB
Ivan Annibal	Rose Regeneration	IA
Heather Langdale	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	HL
<b>Support Officers in attendance</b>		
Lydia Rusling	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	LR
Matthew Hogan	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	MH
Malcolm Abbott	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	MA
Darrall Bishop	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	DB
Jon Burgess	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	JBur
Michelle Gant	The Engaging People Company on behalf of SELCP	MGa
Sandra Watson	East Lindsey District Council	SMW
Item		Action(s)
1.	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence</b>	CB
	The Chair welcomed Richard Tice MP, Heather Langdale and Julie Corden to the meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded from: Adrian Clarke; John Looney; John Latham; Neil Hart; PCC Marc Jones and Jo Davison	

<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Baron (Destination Lincolnshire Board)</li> <li>• Freddie Chambers, Lindum Construction (Campus for Future Living next phase)</li> <li>• Claire Draper, Mellors Group (Skegness Pier and CDF project)</li> </ul>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of Board Meeting held on 23 May 2024</b>	<b>ALL</b>
	The minutes from the last Connected Coast Board meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	<p><b>Outstanding action</b> - LR/JBur awaiting revised fee proposal to share with the Board to follow up with LCVS and CHiLL around supporting a youth engagement on the sub groups for Skegness and Mablethorpe. The full presentation from CHiLL was sent with the minutes of the board held on 23 May 2024.</p> <p><b>Capacity funding for Long Term Plans for Towns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it was agreed that the funding for the secretariat support would be 2% (across the 3 LAs) and the programme management requirements for individual projects would be decided on a tailored basis, at a later date. JB to provide an updated report on capacity funding spend to next Board meeting.</li> <li>• The amended pack with the updated boundary map was circulated to all board members and is also available on the Connected Coast website <a href="https://connectedcoast.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Skegness-Strategic-case-for-change-Final.docx.pdf">https://connectedcoast.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Skegness-Strategic-case-for-change-Final.docx.pdf</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Station Leisure and Learning Centre</b></p> <p>CDr added that she attended the recent opening and wanted to congratulate all those who were involved as it is a great asset and is very impressed and looking forward to more of the projects opening over the next few months. MA also thanked everyone involved in the project which has gone smoothly as any project could go to deliver on time.</p> <p>AB raised concerns from the Royal British Legion (RBL) about the memorial outside the centre, and the use of the grounds around the memorial. CB added that the RBL agreed that there would be no fencing. JBur added that the RBL had been engaged around the planning and design consideration around the war memorial. MA added that the war memorial had been cleaned by Alliance Leisure who were contracted to deliver the project and the slabs with the crests had also been cleaned and re-laid. They have re-purposed 2 Town Council benches to enable people to sit and reflect. The RBL have been consulted and they agreed to the removal of the fencing, but they do have an opportunity to re-instate railings in the future. MA</p>	<b>LR/JBur</b>

	<p>clarified that there is no funding available to re-instate the fencing, this will need to be funded by the RBL.</p> <p><b>Sub Groups</b> - a pen picture and bio document has been collated of new sub group members for Skegness and Mablethorpe with one outstanding response, the sub group memberships have now been added to the website at <a href="#">Meet the Board - Connected Coast</a></p> <p><b>Terms of Reference</b> – to be circulated for the next board meeting on 25 September.</p> <p><b>Culture House element</b> – JBur added that we are expecting completion by Universal and Alliance of the RIBA stage 4 report next week and will give a full suite of contractor proposals. There is costed works to RIBA stage 4 completion and programme of works scheduled to progress on 19 August but are still awaiting formal approval of the CDF funded elements which relates to the wider programme.</p> <p>LR clarified the variation to the Cultural Development Fund has gone from Arts Council England with their endorsement to DCMS and awaiting ministerial decision delayed due to the general election. LR will chase the Arts Council who is attending an event in Horncastle on Friday 26 July.</p> <p><b>Register of Interest (RoI) form and organogram</b> - it was agreed that a reminder would be sent to board members who had not yet provided their form and the organogram would also be updated. RoI and bio requests would also be sent to Richard Tice MP and Julie Corden as new members of the board.</p>	LR
5.	<b>Long Term Plans for Towns</b>	IA/MGa
	<p><b>5a) Skegness Long Term Plan for Towns - Draft Plan - IA</b></p> <p>The plan was circulated to the board for noting. CB updated the board that the date for submission has been postponed and we are awaiting an update on a revised timeline from Government. The change in the original deadline gives the group more time to develop the plan and will enable us to be in a good position when the requirement for submission is confirmed. A further sub group is scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> August and would give the sub group the opportunity to refine and suggest any further amendment for final Board sign off.</p> <p>CB highlighted the importance of being able to spend revenue allocations in the initial period to demonstrate progress, while the time needed to bring larger capital projects was undertaken at the same time.</p>	

	<p>CB asked HL if there has been any update from the Zen survey data due in early June. HL responded that there has been no update and will let the board know as soon as she is updated.</p> <p>AF asked if any of the funding has been allocated to specific projects. IA and CB confirmed that there has been no allocation to date and an agreement by the sub group was to remove any reference to specific projects.</p> <p>RT added that he would be happy to request an update from Government on the expected timeline for reviewing submission requirements. LR to forward the email from Jack Rampling. RT offered to write to the relevant department to fast track decision and copy in CB. LR offered to provide some bullet points to help with the letter. HL added that the contact is Alex Norris MP who is the Minister who is leading on decisions on Long Term Plan for Towns.</p> <p>CDa advised the need for caution in the Government’s ability to release further funding but it was noted that many coastal areas have significant economic challenges and pressures which reinforces the need for partners to work collectively on presenting a strong case on the need to change the long term economic dial of the Lincolnshire coast. CB also added that the government need to better understand these issues and challenges to result in more meaningful change for coastal resorts.</p> <p><b>5b) Consultation Report - MGa</b></p> <p>CB thanked MGa for the excellent job on the consultation report. MGa summarised the report and highlighted the meaningful youth engagement, thanking CK for the introduction to the YMCA team and the consultation with 80 young people in Year 10 in Spilsby. It is really important to keep people engaged and a communication has been prepared to update on the progress and moving of the deadline. There are 58 new subscribers who would like to engage and be kept up to date with progress.</p> <p>MGa added that there was an overview provided in the report which provided a breakdown of the respondents by age group. CB asked if the consultation could be shared with the other coastal towns.</p>	
6.	<b>UKSPF</b>	<b>SF</b>
	A paper was provided by SF and circulated to the board for noting. JBur added that if there were any questions on the paper to send them direct to either SF or JBur.	
7.	<b>Acis Presentation</b>	<b>CW</b>

	<p>A presentation was provided by Claire Woodward from Acis and provided for circulation with the board minutes.</p> <p>CW confirmed that conversations have been held with various colleagues within the local and coastal Primary Care Networks, ICB, LPST and ULHT, all of which are considering how the NHS may be able to use the building and to deliver services alongside Marisco Medical Practice and positive discussions are continuing</p> <p>CW confirmed that contact has been made with the Voluntary Executive team and have confirmed they are interested and a key strategic partner to enable access to the whole of the network of that voluntary provision. Additional community engagement work is continuing to address the development of outreach provision opportunities and to maximise the accessibility of new health and care services to local communities.</p> <p>LR advised that costings are still to be finalised for the internal fit out.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Lincolnshire Wolds and Cultural Programme – Alford and Spilsby projects</b>	<b>LR</b>
	<p>CB asked if delivery dates could be included and a budget on income and expenditure reports for the first 3 years of operation.</p> <p>LR confirmed these will be picked up for the next meeting of the board and highlighted that there was a “Meet the Professionals” event being held on 26 July at the Horncastle Hub to find out more about the 3 projects, two of which are now submitted into planning.</p> <p>LR added she would provide an update on the proposal for funding for the Burgh Windmill once she has all the information.</p>	<p><b>LR</b></p> <p><b>LR</b></p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Programme Update (Towns Fund)</b>	
	<p>A narrative of the Town Deal Projects was circulated to the board for noting.</p> <p><b>Town Centre Transformation</b> – Tower Gardens snagging – all questions have been submitted to the contractor and an update will be provided from the Town Council. Signage above the new shop fronts – IR advised this is temporary and conversations with the shop owners are taking place.</p> <p><b>Skegness Interchange</b> –</p> <p>PB updated the board that works are progressing and accelerating well on the phase 1 works. The contractor continues on site and there are regular conversations taking place around the projected cashflow forecast and final contract sum. The majority of windows, new floors, and new wall linings are being installed in the Red Star Building alongside the area where the 3 new retail units will be created. New station and platform lighting has been installed, along with CCTV and a new plant room.</p> <p>PB confirmed that there has been a recent press release from EMR on the works and there will also be some additional hoarding/signage to go on the Heras fencing.</p>	<b>IR</b>

	<p>The information boards have also been displayed in the station to keep the public updated.</p> <p><b>Culture House</b> – JBur to chase the design of the signage and provide an update</p> <p><b>Skegness TEC Campus</b> - SK mentioned the need to revisit and review signage at the TEC site as a flagship project to ensure good visibility for traffic passing in and out of the town.</p> <p><b>National Trust - Sandilands</b> – KJ advised that National Highways have advised NT to progress with the wetland’s creation stating on site in September with formal announcement of the associated additional funding secured from National Highways application expected shortly.</p>	<b>JBur</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Mablethorpe Update</b>	
	<p><b>10a) Mobi Hub</b> – a confidential update was circulated to board members only. MH thanked everyone for all their input and patience. The Chair also thanked everyone for their input to help moving this forward.</p>	<b>MH</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Comms</b>	
	<p>A Comms update was circulated to the board for noting. MGa added that the branding guidelines will be revised in light of the updated guidance from Government. Projects have been encouraged to get in touch with the Council delivery support team with regards to any on onsite signage and branding requirements advice.</p>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	<p>CDa advised there would be road closures following approval by the County Council sign off to manage the entire Roman Bank (old) coastal improvement scheme. From NSO Chapel Point to Sandilands, works to start in September this year, an £8m investment for the stretch of road designed to further enhance the coastal county park as a visitor attraction for the future and help Sandilands. This will also help the flow of traffic. CDa to provide CB with a copy of the full scale plan for circulation.</p> <p>AF asked if there are any plans for the south bowling greens to be smartened up. CB advised that there are some further enquiries for the remaining Foreshore sites. SK confirmed that there is interest in the remaining sites.</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and input and good to hear lots of positive news around the Town Deal projects.</p>	<b>CDa</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Date of the next meeting</b>	<b>ALL</b>
	<p>25 September at 13:30 in person at the Station Leisure &amp; Learning Centre, Station Road, Mablethorpe, LN12 1HA (including a tour of the venue)</p>	