

**Minutes of the Connected Coast Town Deal Board meeting held on
10 July 2025 at 13:00 on Teams**

Attendees	Position	Initials
Claire Draper	Vice Chair, Skegness Pier (Mellors Group)	CD
Chris Lilley	Church of England's Partnership Dean for East Lindsey	CL
Adrian Benjamin	Coastal Community Team	AB
Jacqui Bunce	NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board	JB
Cllr Steve Kirk	East Lindsey District Council	SK
Paul McCooey	Duncan Toplis	PM
Claire Foster	Boston College	CF
Stefani Rafaella	MP Office Representative (Boston & Skegness)	SR
Chris Reid	MP Office Representative (Louth & Horncastle)	CR
Tracy Stringfellow	Heritage Lincolnshire	TS
Alice Ullathorne	Heritage Lincolnshire	AU
Cllr Ruben Robinson	Lincolnshire County Council	RR
Samantha Harrison	Lincolnshire County Council	SH
Robert Caudwell	Association Drainage Boards	RC
James Brindle	Magna Vitae	JB
Tim Allen	Historic England	TA
Support Officers in attendance		
Jon Burgess	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	JBu
Michelle Gant	The Engaging People Company on behalf of SELCP	MG
Pranali Parikh	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	PP
Michael Dow	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	MD
Tom Mukherjee-Neale	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	TMN
Amy Beckett	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	AB
Sandra Watson	East Lindsey District Council	SW

Item	Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence	Action(s)
1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence	CB / SW
	CD chaired the meeting in CB's absence and welcomed everyone to the board meeting. Introductions were made for the following: - Cllr Ruben Robinson and Samantha Harrison from Lincolnshire County Council both welcomed as new Board Members replacing Cllr Colin Davie and Justin Brown respectively. Cllr Robinson's current business interests on the coast include running The Eagle Hotel in Mablethorpe. - New Council programme management support were introduced: Michael Dow (Plan for Neighbourhoods), Tom Mukherjee-Neale (Towns Deal) and	

	Amy Beckett (Place, Visitor Economy & Culture) recently joining the Council's delivery support team. Tom will be reaching out to Towns Deal contact leads to pick up closer monitoring and re-profiling of outputs and benefits realisation on post completion projects Apologies for absence were recorded from: Chris Baron; Richard Tice MP; Jon Hinde; Cllr Carl Tebbutt; Sandra Williamson; Justin Brown; Sara Munton; Freddie Chambers; Malcolm Abbott; Ann Hardy; Shaun Gibbons; Caroline Killeavy; Kate Ford; Emma Tatlow; Cllr Craig Leyland and Julie Corden	
2.	Declarations of Interest	ALL
	None recorded	
3.	Minutes of Board Meeting held on 22 May 2025	ALL
	The minutes from the last Connected Coast Board meeting were approved as a true and accurate record. Agreed at the last meeting the minutes would be published within 14 days, a new item has been added under item 10. Summary of meeting and actions, whereby a copy of key business and agreed actions discussed would be circulated following the board meeting.	
4.	Matters Arising	JB
	A paper was provided to the board covering items from previous board meetings. • Terms of Reference – in terms of Connected Coast Board the only item to be amended is a reference to Plans for Neighbourhoods as a funding programme. More detailed ToR amendments for the Skegness Sub Group will follow guidance on the Neighbourhood Board requirements. • Young People – LCVS proposal is in the background, however progress of local solutions are underway and to also improve youth engagement through the Skegness Neighbourhood plan engagement and continue to support AB in the solution in what has been implemented in Mablethorpe. • Progress on the Burgh Windmill, an update has been requested from colleagues at LCC and will be shared once received.	
5.	Communications	MG
	MG covered the headlines from the report circulated to the board, • Sandilands visit went very well, and created some good communications, and also enabled the group to benefit from a tour of the completed wetlands and habitat creation. The Café and visitor facilities has now commenced under phase 2. • TEC press release is now scheduled for September. • Connected Coast had a feature in the Lincolnshire Pride magazine and the link is available in the comms report. • Business Breakfast briefing to be held on Thursday 17th July at Aura Business Centre. Board Members were asked to encourage local businesses to attend.	
6.	Town Deal Programme Update	JB

	JBu advised that the programme is in a good place and running towards a March 2026 contracting of all spend. Six projects have now achieved practical completion and proceeded to the operational phase. We are in a good position in terms of understanding the cash flow on the majority of the projects and intending to pursue further dialogue with the projects to help to close individual projects and programme down. TMN will be linking in with the projects to obtain more focussed output forecasts and monitoring closely. • TEC Campus is approaching practical completion and running hard against the programme to achieve a phased opening from September 2025. JB to pick up admission and capacity for the college in AH's absence. • The 2 high street transformation projects have a number of shop front grants completed and there is a pipeline identified against remaining funds. • Skegness Foreshore - the Sigma property development is due for practical completion on 28th July, and Travelodge bookings/opening date may be brought forward from the current advertised September date. The bulk of the remaining funding is still tied up with the conversations with Art Council England on the Scarborough Esplanade works, which is still being progressed at risk through the RIBA design phases. • Skegness Interchange (Railway Station) – EMR remain committed to retendering the remaining programme of works and understand that there is no further Town Deal Funding available for this project. JB/SW met with the project lead and they are working towards summer holidays at the latest to have all the phase 1 facilities available and operational. Some delay is linked to a fire strategy which has delayed EMR opening the facility. Local board members were asked to feedback any comments around the station progress, and JB can link in the project lead where necessary • Seaview Colonnade working towards 24th July being operational (soft opening) and an operational facility. The beach huts will be on site by the target date. The operational elements will be run by the Mablethorpe Town Council (ie tennis court and beach huts). External play equipment has already been installed. The paddling pool is having contractor defects repaired with no additional cost to the council. Recent Press Releases have confirmed that there is now a secured operator for the main season for the Cafe facility and in addition there is a programme of arts and cultural related activities through the councils NPO who will operate from the space. AB confirmed there will be 2 permanent members of security on site. • Mobi Hub - MH has advised the board previously that they are working towards a revised delivery position with the project. MH is concluding all legals to enable the new way forward which will enable achievement of a quicker timeline, reduced costs and lower risk. The funding can be committed within the timeframe of March 2026.	
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7.	Sub-Group Updates	JB
	a. Skegness Sub Group 17th June 2025 Consultation has now begun with the distribution of the survey both in hard copy and on line. The board membership requires confirmation and work around the themes with a plan in place by November 2025. b. Mablethorpe Sub Group – NT Sandilands visit 30th April 2025 Mablethorpe Sub Group to pick up future funding opportunities for local area given the withdrawal of NWS community funding.	
8.	Other Funds	JB
	a. Levelling Up Fund Round 2: Programme Update Alford Manor House looking to commence works this month subject to contract. Spilsby Session House has a forecast deficit in overall delivery and further alternative funding is being sought to close the funding gap. b. Cultural Development Fund – Programme Update ELDC and Magna Vitae meeting with Arts Council on 16th July to discuss Cultural Development Fund around the contract variation. c. Plan for Neighbourhoods – Update Priority for Skegness Plan for Neighbourhoods is on community consultation. The updated engagement toolkit was circulated to Board to use this with all available local contacts and networks to feed into the consultation and help to shape the focus of the Plan. Hard copy leaflets and posters will be delivered next week, along with feedback boards. iPads are available and loaded with the surveys for anyone to use and they can enter into the prize draw. Specific work with Skegness Grammar school has received 141 responses. Community groups have also been contacted. The on-line closing date is 4th August and postal entries by 25th August. Consultation will continue after this date. d. East Lindsey Investment Fund Continues to be available for bids against available themes. Further funding has been released around visitor economy within East Lindsey and on the coastal strip. Projects flagged as needing additional match funding – Mablethorpe Playzone (est. c£65K) to replace Nuclear Waste Service funding which is no longer available. Any partner funding/resources to improve beach safety signage, awareness and intervention measures along the coast (building on new multi-agency hub in Mablethorpe funded by ELIF). e. UKSPF Update A paper was provided by SF and questions can be directed to him if required.	

	f. NPO Arts Council Funding update A summary of the current delivery position and provided a supporting document (annual report). Sam Phillips is keen to speak to members and would be willing to attend a Connected Coast Board to update on the progress.	
9.	Combined County and Local Government Review	JB
	ELDC and South Holland have launched their Local Government Reorganisation brochure – more details at: A Greater Lincolnshire For All launched - East Lindsey District Council	
10.	Summary of meeting and actions	ALL
	A summary of the meeting and actions were distributed following the meeting together with a copy of the Shaping Skegness Together Engagement Toolkit.	JB
11.	Any other business	ALL
	CL requested a future agenda item to be added for funding for Mablethorpe for the future development of the area. Agreed to be progressed at a future sub group meeting. AB raised the need to ensure funded projects are supported to ensure ongoing operational sustainability. PM asked for the board members to share the amended toolkit with all their networks and teams to obtain as much feedback as possible.	SW/JB
12.	Date of the next meeting	ALL
	Friday 12 th September 2025 – venue to be advised	