

Connected Coast Board Meeting

Date: 12 September 2025

Time: 10:30 – 12:00

Chair: Chris Baron

Attendees: Tom Mukherjee-Neale; Alice Ullathorne; Jon Burgess; Chris Baron; Claire Foster; Tim Allen; Emma Tatlow; Freddie Chambers; Michelle Gant; David Mullaney; Paul McCooley; Nathan Bryant; Chris Reid; Adrian Benjamin; James Brindle; Jacqui Bunce and Sandra Watson

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Technical issues delayed the start
 - New representatives introduced: David Mullaney (TEC Partnership) and Nathan Bryant (representing Richard Tice MP).
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2. Apologies & Declarations

- Apologies: Tracy Stringfellow; Ann Hardy; Malcolm Abbott, Chris Lilley; Cllr Adrian Findley; Deputy PCC Sara Munton; King, Jason; PCC Marc Jones; Richard Tice MP; Robert Parker; Sandra Williamson; Samantha L Harrison; Robert Caudwell
 - Declaration of interest: Freddie Chambers, Lindums
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3. Minutes & Matters Arising

- Previous minutes approved with no amendments.
 - Updates provided on:
 - **Terms of Reference:** Skegness subgroup to become the Neighbourhood Board.
 - **Youth Engagement:** Awaiting revised proposal from Lincs CVS.
 - **Burgh Windmill:** Awaiting response from LCC; asset listed for open market. Nathan B speaking to Ricard Tice to take this up with LCC
 - **Alford Windmill:** No funding commitment received.
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4. Programme Update

Presented by Jon Burgess

- **Completed Projects:** Six projects completed; TEC Skegness Campus nearing completion.
- **High-Risk Projects:**

- **Mobi Hub:** Legal work ongoing; 80% confidence in November completion.
 - **Skegness Foreshore:** Awaiting Arts Council response on contract variation.
 - **Funding Flexibility:** Government simplification allows local reallocation of funds without MHCLG approval.
 - **Reporting:** Next performance return due April 2026.
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5. Project Narrative

- **TEC Skegness Campus:** Partial possession granted; full operation expected by 6 October.
 - **Old College Site:** Negotiations ongoing; potential new user identified.
 - **Skegness Interchange:** No recent claims; concerns over lack of visible progress.
 - **Travelodge:** PR issued without Connected Coast recognition; follow-up required.
 - **Seaview Colonnade (Mablethorpe):**
 - Positive community feedback.
 - Operational concerns raised (balcony access, security presence).
 - Lease ends 28 October; extension under consideration.
 - Marketing and operator selection underway.
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6. Cultural Development & NPOs

- Clarification provided on the three NPOs:
 - **Magna Vitae:** Established, focused on Skegness and Mablethorpe.
 - **Storytellers:** Developmental, covering East Lindsey, Boston, and South Holland.
 - Emphasis on strategic alignment to avoid duplication and maximise impact.
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7. Levelling Up Round 2

- **Alford Manor:** Construction underway; expected completion by March/April 2026.
- **Spilsby Sessions House:** £1M match funding secured; contracts signed; internal fit-out funding gap remains (~£300K).
 - Suggestions made to explore philanthropic funding.

8. Plans for Neighbourhoods

Presented by Paul

- Consultation ongoing; over 1000 responses received.
 - Theme leads meeting scheduled to clarify roles and expectations.
 - Submission deadline: 28th November 2025
 - Youth engagement progressing; funding and delivery model being finalised.
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9. Communications Update

Presented by Michelle Gant

- New branding and social media channels launched.
 - Over 1000 pieces of feedback collected to date.
 - Strong youth engagement via Skegness Grammar School.
 - Continued outreach planned (e.g., East Coast Pride event).
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10. Funding Opportunities

- **Sport England:** Skegness identified as priority; future play zone funding likely if land and management issues resolved.
 - **Other Funds:** Monitoring opportunities including NHS and older people funding.
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11. Governance & Personnel Updates

- **New Assistant Director Appointment:** Maria Cotton (joining from Oldham Council in November) as Assistant Director - Culture and Regeneration
 - **Board Membership:** Claire Foster to remain involved post-retirement to support skills agenda.
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12. Actions & Next Steps

- Confirm student numbers at TEC Campus.
- Follow up on windmill updates and NPO alignment
- Clarify ownership and operational plans for Seaview Colonnade.
- Explore philanthropic funding for Spilsby Sessions House.
- Confirm completion dates for Alford and Spilsby projects.



- Monitor and pursue additional funding opportunities.

Next Meeting

Date: 10 December 2025

Time: 10:30am

Location: TBC