

Minutes of the Skegness Neighbourhood Board Meeting
Held on Wednesday, 22 October 2025 at 09:00am
Venue: North Sea Observatory Seascape Café, Chapel St Leonards,
PE24 5XA

Present:

Board Members:

Paul McCooey, Chair – Duncan & Toplis
Chris Baron – Former Director of Butlins
Claire Foster – Former Deputy of Boston College
Niki Shepheard – Active Lincolnshire (representing Emma Tatlow)

Advisors & Support Team:

Jon Burgess – East Lindsey District Council (ELDC)
Michael Dow – ELDC
Sandra Watson – ELDC

Observers:

Steve Larner – Town Clerk for Skegness Town Council
Heather Frecklington – Focus
Dave Holt – Media Wristbands

Summary of Minutes:

The Board reviewed consultation feedback, funding updates and programme priorities for Skegness, noting strong engagement and emerging priorities around community hubs, wellbeing, skills, volunteering and safety. The Board agreed the previous meeting notes, approved £80,000 revenue funding for Skegness Street Wardens, and noted that a clean draft regeneration plan would be presented at the next meeting.

1 Welcome & Introductions

The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Jacqui Bunce; Ann Hardy; Robert Parker; Caroline Killeavy; PCC Marc Jones; Jacky Evans; David Bruce; Steve Andrew; Cllr Adrian Findley; Richard Tice MP; Matthew Hogan; Emma Tatlow; DPCC Sara Munton; Chris Kirkwood; James

Brindle; Pranali Parikh; Shaun Gibbons; Michelle Gant; Batul Dungarwalla; Andrew Leivers; Maria Cotton.

3 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were raised.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings & Matters Arising

Previous meeting notes agreed by all and no additional matters were raised.

5 Consultation & Engagement Report

MG provided an update - over 1,000 responses received so far. Feedback covered diverse themes. Skegness engagement highest among peer towns.

6 Capacity Funding Update

JB provided an update. £200,000 capacity funding now allocated for Year one. Additional costs for Whittam Cox noted. It was advised that interest earned on grant funding received is not re-investable back into the programme fund.

7 Programme Update

Update provided by MD. Slides to be circulated. A branding discussion resulted in no immediate requirement to change.

It was confirmed that Skegness was not included in the Pride in Place Impact Fund. £360,000 capital; £232,000 revenue grants; £150,000 capacity. The underspend on Skegness capacity fund to date is £227,000.

A community-facing meeting was hosted by Skegness Town Football Club with 35 voluntary organisations.

8 Emerging Themes from Engagement

MG provided engagement update explaining the community desire for 1) community hubs and inclusive spaces, 2) Health, wellbeing, and inclusion and 3) Skills development and volunteering. Interest in sports, arts, culture, and transport solutions also transpired.

Multi-agency collaboration was noted (e.g., Methodist Church EOI). Continued coordination across groups encouraged.

9 Expressions of Interest (EOIs)

The submission for Call for Project EOIs was noted as 28 October 2025. To date, 8/9 EOIs have been received. There was an emphasis on informed, sustainable projects. A rolling submission model was proposed.

10 Capital Projects & Funding Strategy

The Board discussed that early win projects may likely be revenue-based with Capital projects expected to develop from Year 4 onward.

Skegness Street scene operatives were discussed as a proposal. £80,000 revenue spend was approved to focus on making visible improvements and manage litter.

A mapping exercise of land ownership was requested.

11 Safety & Security

CCTV coverage gaps were identified. Noting poor night-time visibility due to poor street lighting. Crime reporting and deterrence was discussed.

12 Draft Skegness Regeneration Plan & Vision

A draft document is in progress including Input from Focus and consultation data. A 10-year vision with a 4-year investment breakdown will be provided. A clean copy of the plan was agreed to be presented at the next meeting on 6 November 2025.

13 Any Other Business

No other business raised.

14 Date of Next Meeting

Sub-group meeting to be held on 6 November 2026 and Skegness Neighbourhood Board Meeting to be held on 18 November 2026.

ACTIONS LOG

BOARD MEETING	ACTION	TO BE COMPLETED BY
22.10.2026	Scope mapping exercise for CCTV - MD	Complete
22.10.2026	Coordinate delivery principles - JB	Complete
22.10.2026	Clean draft plan to be shared on 6th November - MD	Complete
22.10.2026	Continued engagement with stakeholders and voluntary groups around submission of EOIs – MG/MD	Complete
22.10.2026	Strategic planning for capital projects and community impact – JB/MD	Complete