



Greater Grimsby Board

Minutes of Meeting

20th November 2025 at 10 a.m.

Attendance:

- Chair - David Ross (The David Ross Foundation)
- Julian Free (University of Lincoln)
- Leo Hammond (Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Humberside)
- Melanie Onn (MP for Grimsby and Cleethorpes)
- Councillor Stan Shreeve (North East Lincolnshire Council)
- Emma Toulson (Orsted)

Also in Attendance: –

- Amil Boudjabeur (Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government)
- Emily Bolton (Our Future)
- Carolina Borgstrom (North East Lincolnshire Council)
- Max Burnett (ABP)
- Spencer Hunt (North East Lincolnshire Council)
- Damien Jaines White (North East Lincolnshire Council)
- Kassim Qureshi (Office of Martin Vickers MP)
- Paul Windley (North East Lincolnshire Council)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillor Philip Jackson (North East Lincolnshire Council), Professor David Petley (Hull University), Sharon Wroot (North East Lincolnshire Council), Jonathon Evison (Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner) and Deborah Williams (Historic England).

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest from any Board member in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting

3. Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of this Board on 11th September 2025 were agreed as a correct record.

4. Governance Review - Board Membership Applications

The board considered applications for Board membership and the appointment of a Deputy Chair.

The Chair welcomed the applications and commented on the importance of representation of local residents on the Board. He proposed that Chris Carr and Mark Webb be accepted onto the Board and requested SH hold discussions with Rebecca Darnell and feedback at the next board meeting.

The Chair suggested that Chris Carr be appointed as Deputy Chair of this Board. This was agreed by the Board.

RESOLVED –

1. That Chris Carr (Housing), Mark Webb (Retail/High Street) and be appointed as members of the Greater Grimsby Board, and that discussions be held with Rebecca Darnell and the outcome be reported to the next board meeting.
2. That Chris Carr be appointed as the Deputy Chair of the Greater Grimsby Board.

5. Pride in Place

The Board received the draft Pride in Place 10-Year Vision.

The Chair noted that he had been in discussions with government departmental representatives and they continued to express the view that Grimsby was at the front of the pack and they were looking forward to receiving this document. He felt that represented the vision of Grimsby as a thriving place, with a focus on new jobs coming into the community. He hoped for as much community engagement as possible and hoped this would be owned and led by local people. The next phase would involve establishing the entity. He welcomed feedback from the Board.

The Board were fully supportive of the document and impressed by the level of work that had gone into its development. While it was felt that an independent funding vehicle was needed, it was noted that this Board also needed to have a valid role.

The Chair felt that an appropriate scheme of delegation needed to be in place to ensure that this Board maintained an overview. He commented that the document represented Grimsby putting its best foot forward for investment and he thanked the team for the work

and energy that had been put in.

RESOLVED – That the draft Pride in Place 10-Year Vision be supported.

6. Pride in Place Sub Group Update

The board received an update from the Pride in Place Sub Group focusing on lessons learnt from the process and next steps.

Ms Bolton introduced the paper in the context of making sure that the Board was comfortable with the direction of travel. It was anticipated that funding would arrive from the government in April 2026 and there would continue to be collective testing of delegated funding approaches while the legal entity was being set up. A further meeting was due to be held by the end of the month to draw up a prospectus for Grimsby.

RESOLVED - That the update be noted.

7. Urgent Business

The board received an item of urgent business around the new DCMS funding for towns of culture, with a query around who was best placed to take the lead.

The Chair felt that this was something that this Board should start to develop.

Miss Bolton commented that the prospectus for the funding had yet to be issued but felt that there was an opportunity for joint working to develop a local 'town and culture' pitch.

The Chair suggested that a paper be submitted to the next meeting of this Board setting out for review the different funding opportunities that were available. This would be with a view to delegating work to sub-groups to ensure a joined up approach.

RESOLVED - That a paper be submitted to the next meeting of this Board setting out for review the different funding opportunities that were available.

In concluding the meeting, the Chair requested that a schedule of meetings for this Board in 2026 be arranged as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.33 a.m.