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Greater Grimsby Board

Minutes of Meeting

25th June 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

Attendance:

- Chair – Chris Carr (Carr and Carr Builders)
- Melanie Onn (MP for Grimsby and Cleethorpes)
- Councillor Samuel Grice (North East Lincolnshire Council)
- Max Burnett (ABP)
- Emma Toulson (Orsted)
- Mark Webb (Efactor)
- Julie Walmsley (Sector Support)

Also in Attendance: –

- Ed Robinson (Our Future)
- Crystal Ness (Our Future)
- Carolina Borgstrom (North East Lincolnshire Council)
- Spencer Hunt (North East Lincolnshire Council)
- Damien Jaines White (North East Lincolnshire Council)

1. **Apologies for Absence**

   Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from David Ross, Sharon Wroot (North East Lincolnshire Council), Councillor Oliver Freeston (North East Lincolnshire Council), Jonathan Evison (Humber Police and Crime Commissioner), Julian Free (University of Lincoln), David Talbot (CATCH) 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 24th April 2026 were agreed as a correct record.

4. Pride in Place Sub Group / Our Future update

The board received a report providing an update from the Pride in Place Sub-Group on the 'Give it a Go' funding pot process; the community design for the 'Strengthen and Grow' and 'Build for Future' funding pots; and advice on the delivery vehicle for the Growing Together Fund.

On the 'Give it a Go' funding pot, Mr Webb welcomed the interest that had result in 38 people being selected as decision makers but enquired about the response from those that would not be involved. It was noted that there was a stand-by list but as soon as the decision-makers had been confirmed then unsuccessful applicants would be informed.

The Board discussed governance matters and requested that minutes of the Pride in Place Sub Group be shared with Board members to keep them informed of ongoing progress.

The Board also discussed feedback to unsuccessful applicants for funding and noted that events were planned to bring everyone together and encourage resubmissions for a further round of funding in the Autumn.

The levels of engagement were welcomed by the Board and it was suggested that a report on learning from the engagement activities be brought back to a future meeting.

With regard to the community design for the 'Strengthen and Grow' and 'Build for Future' funding pots, the Board welcomed the unique approach being taken and the high level of community involvement in decision-making.

On the proposed delivery vehicle for the Growing Together Fund, it was noted that Our Future had funded additional legal advice to ensure all possibilities were being explored. The Board would be engaged further when a firm direction was ready to be presented.

RESOLVED –

1. That progress with the Give It A Go funding pot process and initial learnings to date be noted

2. That the direction of travel for Strengthen and Grow and Build For The Future, informed by community design sessions, be noted.

3. That approval to open the "Strengthen & Grow" round be delegated to the Pride in Place Sub Group following the mid-July design session.

4. That the "Build for The Future" approval to follow at the October Board meeting, with Board members to receive an invite to the appropriate Pride in Place Sub Group meetings when these matters were discussed.

5. That the initial advice and considerations on the appropriate legal form for the new independent entity that will house the Growing Together Fund, be noted.

There being no further business, on behalf of the Board, the Chair thanked everyone for their involvement in the King's visit to North East Lincolnshire on 11th June 2026. The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.00 a.m. and Board members then took part in a site visit to the Freshney Place redevelopment.