

MINUTES OF LONGRIDGE ASSETS WORKING GROUP – 2 JUNE 2021 at 2.00pm

PRESENT

Cllr R Thompson (Chair)	John Heap, Director of Community Services
Cllr J Rogerson	Nicola Hopkins, Director of Econ Dev and Planning
Cllr J Clark	

APOLOGIES

Received from Councillor S Hore, Marshal Scott, Mair Hill and Colin Hirst.

Cllr S Carefoot was not in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2021 were approved as a correct.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations for this meeting other than Cllr Rogerson being President of Longridge Band (prospective facility user).

LEVELLING UP FUND

Nicola Hopkins had circulated the document received from the consultants containing 3 schemes to the working group, ELSEC and Longridge Town Council for their observations. It had been put on the RVBC website, shared on social media, and she had also met with the Longridge Town Council. Two virtual consultation presentations had been arranged for the larger community on Tuesday 8 June 2021 at 2 – 4pm and 6 – 8pm. Nicola Hopkins had written to Nigel Evans MP asking for his support, but to date had not received a reply. She was also in the process of finding a consultant to make economic cases for the 3 schemes that would need to be included in the funding submission (due in on 18 June 2021).

The Chair requested that the document be circulated to all councillors for their information.

Following the public consultation presentations, the working group would meet again to assess the feedback, and hopefully move the bid forward so that a submission could be made by the required date.

The working group agreed that the concepts in the document were good, although not all guaranteed, but enough to take forward and lead to some positive improvements in Longridge. It was not expected to get complete agreement from the public on any one of the 3 schemes but perhaps a combination that could be taken forward as there were good ideas in all 3 of them.

ELSEC

John Heap reported that he was aware Mair Hill had continued to discuss the future of ELSEC with their personnel but did not know any outcome as yet.

The item would be put on the agenda for the next meeting when Mair would be present.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nicola Hopkins reported that contact had been made with the Over 60's and although they wanted to stay/keep the premises there were no plans as to when they would be up and running again.

NEXT STEPS - ACTIONS:

- 1. Actions from 13 April 2021 meeting to be followed up at the next meeting;**
- 2. Olwen Heap to arrange the feedback meeting from the consultation presentations;**
- 3. ELSEC update and Over 60's club to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.**

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 9 June 2021 at 10.00am by Zoom.

The meeting closed at 2.26pm.