

**MINUTES OF LONGRIDGE ASSETS WORKING GROUP – 9 JUNE 2021 at 10.00am**

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	Marshal Scott, Chief Executive
Cllr S Hore	Colin Hirst, Head of Regeneration and Housing
	Mair Hill, Head of Legal and Democratic Services

APOLOGIES

None received

Cllrs S Carefoot and A Knox were not in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 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 reported upon two public engagement sessions that had taken place on Tuesday 8 June 2021 with members of the public. Those that had attended all contributed. It was mostly positive with split views on the future of the Civic Hall. She was meeting with the consultants again on Thursday to prepare the submission including the feedback. She was also meeting with an economist on Friday to help complete S5 of the submission. Nigel Evans MP had provided a letter of support.

Colin Hirst reported that there had been much synergy between the afternoon and evening session that was positive, and it had been worthwhile. It had been clear that residents want to see something happen in Longridge, and this had given an opportunity for discussion.

It was felt that even if the funding bid was not successful, that there was still a basis for a project and that a Plan B should be formed.

ELSEC UPDATE

Mair Hill reported that a meeting had been held regarding the Civic Hall and updated members on the current position. A further meeting was due to take place shortly and a report would be brought to Policy and Finance committee.

## OVER 60's CLUB

Colin Hirst reported that Dilys Day had contacted members of the club. They were not currently operating and the building not being used, however it was their intention to meet soon to decide a way forward. A positive discussion was required about their future and Colin Hirst would keep the communication open.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

## NEXT STEPS - ACTIONS:

- 1. Nicola Hopkins to prepare an information report to Policy & Finance on the Levelling UP bid;**
- 2. Mair Hill to prepare a decision report to Policy & Finance committee on ELSEC/Civic Hall, Longridge; and**
- 3. Colin Hirst to continue discussions with the Over 60's club.**

## DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was provisionally arranged for Tuesday 6 July 2021 at 10.00am by Zoom.

The meeting closed at 10.45am.