

MINUTES OF LONGRIDGE ASSETS WORKING GROUP – 06 JULY 2021 at 10.00am

PRESENT

Cllr R Thompson (Chair)	Mair Hill: Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Cllr J Clark	Nicola Hopkins: Director of Econ Dev and Planning
Cllr J Rogerson	Colin Hirst: Head of Regeneration and Housing
Cllr S Rainford	
Cllr S Fletcher	

APOLOGIES

None received

Cllr. S. Hirst was not in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2021 were approved as correct.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. Rogerson being President of Longridge Band (prospective facility user) and Cllr. Sarah Rainford as a Vice President of Longridge Band and a member of the Field-day Committee.

LEVELLING UP FUND

Nicola Hopkins reported that a bid application in respect of the Government's Levelling Up Fund had been submitted with letters of support from Lancashire County Council and Nigel Evans MP. The Group were reminded that the fund is aimed at supporting town centre and high street regeneration, local transport projects, and cultural and heritage assets.

Nicola went on to say that the time scales of a government announcement on the successful bids is not yet known.

ELSEC UPDATE

Mair Hill reported that since the last meeting of the working group, a report had been submitted to the Policy and Finance Committee regarding the current situation within Longridge Civic Hall and that discussions were ongoing.

OVER 60's CLUB - Update

Colin Hirst informed the group that Dilys had kept in contact with the group, but we were still awaiting feedback on how the Club saw its future as it was still mothballed.

The trustees wanted to consult the membership to see what they wanted. It was thought the meeting had not yet taken place as Edna had been unwell, but it would be appropriate to urge the Club to establish how it wanted to go forward.

Colin would ask Dilys to fix a meeting with the trustees to progress. The chair asked for this to be progressed urgently.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT STEPS - ACTIONS:

1. Councillor Thompson to contact:
 - a. Dilys Day regarding the Over 60's Club.
 - b. Both Nicola Hopkins and Theresa Sanderson on matters raised at the meeting.
2. Nicola Hopkins to:
 - a. Monitor government announcements in respect of the Council's Levelling Up Fund application.
 - b. Contact Theresa Sanderson regarding a possible press release in relation to the Council's Levelling Up Fund application and the monitoring of negative comments and misinformation posted on social media from Longridge, relating to the Council.
 - c. Continue to communicate with Keith Kaye.
3. Mair Hill to discuss issues relating to the Civic Hall with the Chief Executive.
4. As a matter of urgency and in regard to the Over 60's Club, Colin Hirst to ask Dilys to arrange a meeting with the trustees.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 27 July 2021 at 10.00am by Zoom.

The meeting closed at 10.40am.