

MINUTES OF LONGRIDGE ASSETS WORKING GROUP – 27 JULY 2021 at 10.00am

PRESENT

Cllr R Thompson (Chair)	Marshal Scott: Chief Executive
Cllr J Clark	John Heap: Director of Community Services
Cllr J Rogerson	Colin Hirst: Head of Regeneration and Housing
Cllr S Rainford	Mair Hill: Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Cllr S Fletcher	

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Nicola Hopkins, Director of Economic Development & Planning and Theresa Sanderson, Principal Communications Officer.

Cllr S Hirst was not in attendance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2021 were approved as correct.

The clerk raised, on behalf of the Director of Economic Development and Planning, a point raised by Cllr Steve Ashcroft, Longridge Town Councillor regarding the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2021 where clarification was requested with reference to CIL. A new form of words had been drafted to amend the minutes with the agreement of the working group.

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.

ADVERSE SOCIAL MEDIA

The Chair reported that he had spoken to Theresa Sanderson about this matter, and asked that she attend a future meeting of this working group.

In the meantime, he asked members to monitor what was happening on social media relating to Longridge and RVBC.

LSEC UPDATE

Mair Hill reported that since the last meeting of the working group, and following the report to the Policy and Finance Committee further correspondence had been received confirming a change in the Directors of LSEC. A meeting with him had been requested and declined. Members discussed the issues surrounding the Longridge Civic Hall and LSEC, including its governance arrangements, and insisted that in order to move forward a meeting with the Director of LSEC was imperative.

OVER 60's CLUB - Update

Colin Hirst informed the group that he and Dilys Day would be meeting with club members on site to look at the premises and open a dialogue as how best to progress.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Clark asked about progress with selling King Street toilets.

John Heap reported that Community Services committee followed by Policy & Finance committee has approved the sale with the proceeds to be used for the benefit of Longridge. He would investigate progress.

NEXT STEPS - ACTIONS:

1. Olwen Heap to amend the minutes of 13 April 2021 to read
“Preston parishes had received CIL money as Preston is a CIL charging authority. LTC have not received CIL money as RVBC currently negotiate contributions via S106 agreements as opposed to charging CIL.”
2. Marshal Scott to write to Mr McLaughlin inviting him to attend a meeting with officers of RVBC regarding the Civic Hall and LSEC.
3. Colin Hirst and Dilys Day to arrange a meeting on site with the Over 60's club trustees asap.
4. John Heap to investigate the progress of the sale of King Street toilets.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To be arranged once meetings have happened.

The meeting closed at 10.55am.