

**Loughborough Town Deal  
Community Engagement Group  
3rd November 2022 at 3pm**

**Agenda**

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| 1 | Welcome and Apologies  | David Pagett-Wright |
| 2 | Notes of Previous Meeting ( <b>page 2</b> )  | David Pagett-Wright |
| 3 | Project Update (presentation)  | Maria Curran        |
| 4 | Riverside Regeneration Project (presentation)  | Alan Leather        |
| 5 | Representation/ Feedback to the Town Deal Board<br>- Opportunities, Issues, Concerns | All                 |
| 6 | Date of Next Meeting   | David Pagett-Wright |

## Meeting Minutes

<b>PROJECT</b>	Town Deal – Community Engagement and Consultation Group		
<b>DATE</b>	4 August 2022	<b>LOCATION</b>	Virtual meeting using Zoom

Attendees	
David Pagett-Wright	Chair
Kathy Phillips	Loughborough Heritage Forum
John Hardwick	Federation of Small Businesses
Gosia Kraiss	Charnwood Campus
Andrew Mitchell	Environment Agency
Stephen Marwood	Environment Agency
Christian Allen-Clay	Kinch Bus
Lisa Brown	Loughborough BID
Alan Leather	Canal and River Trust
John Moseley	Vertigo
Rhod Thomas	Vertigo
Aaron Rossi	Vertigo
Sylvia Wright	Head of Leisure and Culture (CBC)
Eileen Mallon	Strategic Director of Community, Planning and Housing (CBC)
Maria Curran	Loughborough Town Deal Project Manager
Sally Watson	Minute Taker (CBC)

Apologies	
Alison Oliver	Youth Sports Trust
Jill Vincent	Generator Loughborough
Alison Barlow	Loughborough University
David Ellard	Great Central Railway
Ian McKellar	LATi
Richard Bennett	Head of Planning and Regeneration (CBC)
Mike Roberts	Communications Manager (CBC)

Meeting Type (Team, Board or other)
Community Engagement and Consultation Group
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<p><b>1. Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>Attendees introduced themselves and apologies were given as outlined above.</p>
<p><b>2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</b></p>

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It was highlighted that Jill Vincent attended the previous meeting representing the Generator Loughborough, as opposed to Charnwood Arts, as stated in the minutes.

Subject to this change, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 March 2022 were then confirmed as a correct record and there were no matters arising.

### 3. Hope Bell Project Update

Representatives from Vertigo, John Moseley and Rhod Thomas delivered a presentation on the progress of the Hope Bell Project.

Following the initial consultation period, a concept had been devised focussing on the loss of lives to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the work of the NHS and the hope for the future coming out of the pandemic. There had been a considerable amount of research undertaken, which considered potential ideas for the structure.

The presentation included design concepts for the Hope Bell Tower, information stones and memorial stones and also technical drawings of the constructions.

The following summarises the discussion:

- i. The group praised the designs and felt that upon completion, the structures would represent the cause appropriately. The group also acknowledged the work of the team in developing the project to the current stage.
- ii. The project team were currently in consultation with groundwork engineers and stone masons, and it was anticipated that funding for the project would be released in December 2022.
- iii. There would be further consultation in order to present the design concepts to the public.
- iv. It was suggested that instead of using 'Corona Virus' on the memorial stones, 'Covid-19', or other more appropriate wording be used.

### 4. Project Update and Next Steps

The Project Manager delivered a presentation on the status of each Town Deal project. The following summarises the points made;

- i. The current Town Deal projected value was almost £46m. The total amount of funding was £16.9m. To date, there had been £5.6m received in government funding.
- ii. The programme was in the process of completing stage two, which consisted of business case approvals. Eight projects had successfully reached this stage in the process.
- iii. There were two projects (Lanes and Links and Living Loughborough) that had

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completed business cases and successfully passed through the assurance process. These projects would be subject to the DSG approval process in the coming weeks. It was anticipated that following approval from DLUHC, funding would be made available in December 2022.

- iv. A grant agreement template would be created to ensure consistency across all projects. A slightly different process would be required for Council-led projects due to conflict of interests.
- v. An indication of project start and end dates was provided to give the group an idea of when developments would be visible.
- vi. A RAG assessment of each project was provided to enable the group to understand any delays in processes. It was highlighted that most projects were rated amber, as there were short delays of less than three months.

### 5. Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that a further meeting of the group would be scheduled in due course.

### 6. Any Other Business

The Strategic Director for Community, Planning and Housing (CBC) Eileen Mallon stated that she was leaving the organisation and thanked all of the members of the group for their work and input into the development of the project.

The group thanked Eileen for her dedication and hard work and stated that relationships between partner organisations and the Council had been positive due to her inclusive style of working.