

The Lytham Institute Working Group has the objective of preserving the Lytham Institute for the people of Lytham as a community hub. We recognise the significant challenges that stand in the way of achieving this objective.

The current membership of the group, and the parties they represent, are:

Myself – Chairman, Lytham Town Trust

Sue Cornah – Board member of Lytham Town Trust and Committee Member of the Lytham St Annes Civic Society

Chris Marshall – Friends of the Lytham Institute

Sue Forshaw – Chair, Lytham Heritage Group

Andy Wolf – Creative Sparc Architects

David Hoyle – Lytham Archives

Alex O'Toole – Fable Arts

Chris Dixon – Acting in his own capacity but a Fylde Borough Councillor

So far the group has met four times and is due to meet again later this month. At the last two meetings we have, with the assistance of Andy Wolf, sketched out planned usage of the rooms based upon the provision of community rooms, accommodation for the Lytham archives and an arts space underpinned by commercial letting of the rooms on the first floor. Although there is plenty of enthusiasm to accommodate community activities we realise that the building will only be financially sustainable with an element of commercial income to underpin the finances.

A significant amount of funding will be required to make the building fit for these purposes and we are already considering possible sources of funding and the vehicle through which this might be obtained, be this Fylde Borough Council, some form of charitable body or a community interest company.

Kind regards,