

KIRTON IN LINDSEY ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY 2010



Minutes of the Town Assembly held on WEDNESDAY 28th April 2010 AT 6.00 P.M. IN THE WESLEY CENTRE, KIRTON IN LINDSEY

Present - Cllrs Boyd (Chair), Frankish, Stamford, Tyzack, Frankish, Bunker
J Cripps, P Hoey, P Ranyell, H Bunker, C Startin, S Spencer, S Bond, E Tattershall

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Startin, Christine Ranyell.

2. **Minutes of the Annual Town Assembly 2009**

Accepted as a true record.

3. **Town Accounts for 2009/10**

Accepted.

4. **Parochial Registered Charities**

The Green and Market Place

The Clerk reported that the Annual Update form had been submitted and accepted by the Charities Commission. The trustees were currently seeking funding from Awards for All to provide new safety matting within the enclosed play area on The Green – quotations were awaited after which the application would be submitted. Both The Green and Market Place continue to benefit from the funds provided by the Town Council to maintain them. £175.00 income was received by the charity from Dowse's Fair for the rental of The Green.

War Memorial and Garden of Edward Elmhirst Duckering

The Clerk reported that the charity continues to function with funds provided by the Town Council to maintain the War Memorial and garden, which had scored highly in the CPRE Best War Memorial Category but unfortunately had not won. The trustees had been made aware of grants up to £10,000 which are available to improve and maintain War Memorials, and would be looking into applying for this funding to replace the iron railings around the memorial. No income had been received in the last year. Professional advice had been taken on cleaning the memorial and would be applied accordingly.

Poor's Close Charity

The Clerk reported that the charity continues to receive a small income from the rental of agricultural land on Ings Road which had been collected and banked. The rental of the land was currently under review and further information was awaited from the Estate Agents before the trustees made a decision. No claims had been made on the charity's funds in the last five years and with this in mind the trustees had resolved to apply to update the charity's objects so that funds may be released for community projects. There was a complication in that the Poor's Close Charity is a subsidiary of the Torksey Charity and the trustees would be writing to the trustees of the Torksey Charity shortly to discuss a resolution.

Kirton in Lindsey Society

Martin Hollingsworth reported that the society now had 70 members and had celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2008. An oral history project had recently been completed from which a book and CD had been produced, 450 copies of this had been sold. The society enjoyed a varied programme of speakers and meetings were generally well attended.

Torksey Charity

Patrick Ranyell reported that all was in hand with the charity. There had been no applications for assistance in the past year. Rent from the agricultural land had been received in full and financial matters were well in hand. The Annual return had also been submitted.

Exhibition Endowment

Penny Hoey reported that the Kirton in Lindsey Exhibition Endowment continues to function following the 1910 Scheme made by the Board of Education under the Charitable Trusts Acts.

The Book Grants are widely advertised each summer at all local sixth form colleges, posters around the town, the Nutshell and Kirton First.

Last year the Governors of the Endowment were able to award 45 Book Grants to qualifying students attending University.

Relief in Need

No report.

Women's Institute

No report.

Diamond Jubilee Town Hall Charity and Friends of the Town Hall

Penny Hoey gave the following report:

'The Friends of the Town Hall group have continued to support the Trustees throughout the year.

Our 'Adopt' Campaign together with open mornings in April and May inviting residents to come and see the Hall before it closed for refurbishment were a great success. A large number of items from a packet of nails to a ceiling light for the Main Hall were up for adoption with prices to fit everyone's pocket. This campaign will be resumed when the Hall opens for viewing, hopefully, in July

Our main money raising events this year were the Games Night in the autumn and our third Race Night this spring, which were both very well supported. We are grateful to the Shires for the help they have given us with our fundraising over the past 5 years.

We also took part in the Christmas Lights celebration with our 'Warming Christmas Cheer' and Jacket Potatoes with the kind support of members from the RAF.

It is worth emphasising that the Trustees have to find the remainder of the matched funding. Every time we think we are nearly there, unexpected bills arrive. For example, there has obviously been no income since the hall was closed yet the insurance bill shot up to almost £300 a month once the work commenced.

There can be no let up in fundraising.

In March Jenny and Penny were invited by North Lincolnshire Council to an Awards Ceremony when the contribution of the Friends of the Town Hall towards the success of the Project was recognised. The Friends were presented with a "Community Impact Award."

A big thank you is due to Lincolnshire Co-op for awarding us a very generous Community Grant for new China for the Upper Hall. We look forward to seeing it out of the boxes.

It is just so exciting today to see the scaffolding is coming down at last. The restored exterior looks fantastic with the cleaned stone, painted sparkling windows, new guttering properly attached and the beautiful green Westmoreland slate tiles on the roof. The extension blends in so well.

The tremendous support from the residents of the Town is at last being rewarded.'

5. LIVES

No report.

6. KLRP

Martin Hollingsworth reported that the KLRP meet quarterly. The Community Plan had been carried out in 2002 and required updating – any ideas were welcomed. The KLRP supports active groups and also administers the accounts for KLEO along with maintaining the Community Notice Boards.

7. Evergreen Club

No report.

8. Kirton in Lindsey Transport Partnership

Martin Hollingsworth reported that the Klipper was in its eighth year of operation and carries an average of 14 passengers a day. The service had run well. The town council continues its financial support of the Klipper with Christine Ranyell acting as project manager.

9. Kirton in Lindsey Entertainments Organisation

Martin Hollingsworth reported that KLEO had had a busy year with the Live Lincs touring programme, events had again been held at Huntcliff at which refreshments were provided and the A Team had held fundraisers.

10. Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners

Martin Hollingsworth reported that the organisation had been more successful than ever this year with the May plant sale having been the best ever. The annual show had also been very successful and there had been a number of speakers throughout the year who had passed on their skills.

11. KLASSIC

No report.

12. Wesley Centre

No report.

13. Kirton First

Jenny Cripps reported that Kirton First is now in its eighth year and the response to the magazine has mainly been positive. Lots of businesses are keen to advertise in the magazine and the editors try to achieve a balance between advertising and articles. The magazine is currently distributed to 1450 households in the area. Kirton first are grateful to the Town Council for their financial support and the magazine also helps to keep residents in touch with town council issues.

14. Huntcliff School Report

Due to its length the report is available to view online at kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk.

15. Kirton in Lindsey Primary School Report

No report.

16. United Mission Church of St Andrew

Heather Bunker gave the following report:

'This has been another busy year for the United Mission Church. In September, we were pleased to welcome Reverend Enid Knowles and Deacon Carys Woodley to the Methodist Circuit, and they have both given very generously of their time to the United Mission Church. Sadly, Canon Chris Lilley has now left his role as Priest in Charge and will take up his new post at the Beach Mission in Sutton on Sea at the end of June. Both Chris and his wife Liz have given the UMC a great deal of support, and

they will both be greatly missed. Rev Enid Knowles will take over as our Lead Minister for the coming year, and will continue to be supported by Rev Pam Costin, Rev Jeff Wilson and the team of Lay Preachers and Worship Leaders. Rev Dr Michael Sheard has now officially retired to Kirton-in-Lindsey, and both he and his wife Jane are immersed in the life of the UMC. Rev Michael Langstaff has also come to live in Kirton-in-Lindsey and we are pleased to welcome him and his wife.

The Parish Profile, giving details of the vacancy, has now been written, and we hope that it will attract a new Priest in Charge very quickly, although by the time all the proper procedures have been followed it is likely to be after Easter next year before we have a new incumbent.

The Constitution has moved forward but once again there are quite a few more steps it has to go through before the Local Ecumenical Partnership can be signed. This is really frustrating because now it has to be changed again due to the changes in personnel.

In Autumn 2009 we hosted a very successful Alpha Course, and we were pleased to welcome some 30 people each Tuesday evening for 12 weeks for a meal, bible study and fellowship. Some were from Kirton, but it was particularly pleasing to welcome many people from the surrounding villages.

Our Youth Team has been particularly active, and due to their efforts on such occasions as Pram Services, Harvest and Christingle, and other links with the Primary School, St Andrew's has been packed out on several occasions, which is really heartening to us all.

We were very pleased to work with the Town Council at the Christmas Tree Festival and the switching on of the lights, a hugely successful event, and we look forward to strengthening these links during the year, working with the Town Council on the Promoting Kirton Committee.

The Earthquake damage to St Andrew's has now been repaired and indeed the scaffolding has come down this week. We must now look to the future, and to obtaining grants for repairs to the Tower.

We continue to publicise the United Mission Church through our website and the monthly magazine, the Nutshell. Most recently we ran a very successful Count your Blessings and 1 Pot Supper during March/April, which raised much needed funds for St Andrew's, and also sufficient funds for the purchase of an Emergency Tent through Vision Aid, with enough left over to purchase six goats. On May 8th we are holding a Silent Auction which is already attracting a great deal of attention. We are very grateful to members of the community for their generous support of our many activities.'

17. Kirton in Lindsey Branch of the British Legion

No report.

18. Wise Owls Pre-School

No report.

19. Outer School

Sarah Spencer and Claire Startin reported on the history of the group which had been formed as a social enterprise by parents when out of school provision in Kirton had ended. Sixteen parents had been affected. The group needed to be Ofsted registered which required 22-25 weeks to register, but the parents had only 5 weeks to find alternative provision. The Wesley Centre assisted in providing after school sessions, following which a room was found within the school and decorated with money donated by the A Team, town Council and the Lions. The group is run as a not for profit organisation and money will be ploughed back into the group once it is sustainable. Policies and procedures have been written which have been approved by Ofsted and the group has now been registered and inspected, receiving a "good" rating. The group won the award for the Humber Region Social Enterprise of the Year and were runners up in Yorkshire. There are currently around 60 children per session and the group is not yet totally sustainable. Two contracted staff and two relief staff are employed, one of whom has gone through Literacy and Numeracy training and nearly completed NVQ2. Many of the original parents now had children of an age where they would soon be moving up to secondary school, and so new committee members would soon be required.

20. Guides

Elaine Tattershall gave the following report:

'Our numbers have remained steady at 28 / 30 girls aged 10 – 16yrs.

We have 4 adult leaders and are delighted that 2 members, now 17yr olds, are undertaking leadership training.

The year has seen a wide variety of interesting and challenging activities ranging from traditional camping and fire lighting skills through to a shopping trip to Meadowhall.

The Guides have also tried, amongst other things, cheerleading, swimming, fashion design, planning and videoing a TV commercial and keep fit. All mixed well with lots of laughter and fun.

Summer camp last July saw us spending a fantastic week at Phasel's Wood Scout Activity Centre near Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. Here activities included climbing, abseiling, zip wire, pot holing, high ropes and trampolining. We also had an exciting day sightseeing in London and being terrified going round the dungeons. Guides also developed teamwork and social skills, met other scouts and guides from around the country, and amazed their parents by showing that they can cook, wash up and generally look after themselves.

September saw the launch of a very special year for GirlguidingUK – our centenary year.

We joined 3000 members for the county launch party at Pleasure Island, Cleethorpes. In October we joined the 1000's filling Wembley arena for the Big Gig, a pop concert for Guides only. Next we took part in a national Changing the World project. 18 major charities put together a programme of suggested activities to raise awareness of their work and show how many small actions can build to really make a difference. Our unit chose to research homelessness and then raised money for Crisis. We have until October to complete activities for the special centenary Adventure 100 Challenge. Thinking Day 2010 had the theme "One World One Beat" and 1 of the suggested activities was belly dancing. Not one of our usual activities, but not to be daunted we had lots of fun when Lorraine came to give us a lesson. We are also very involved with the centenary Story Gathering project and were really excited to find that a guide unit was registered in Kirton Lindsey in 1910. We also made the decision to mark the centenary with a trip to Switzerland in August 2010 as well as taking part in some county and national events.

All this has led to serious fund raising to ensure that every member has the opportunity to take part in at least one of the special activities planned. So far the guides have delivered Christmas post in the town, packed bags in supermarkets, washed cars, held a tombola, had a stall at the switch on of Christmas lights, sold Christmas cards, Avon and had a car boot stall. They have raised over £1000 so far and have also had generous support from the Town Council and many local businesses.

All in all another busy and very successful year.'

21. Neighbourhood Watch

No report.

22. Reports from any organisations not noted on the agenda

None.

23. East Midlands in Bloom and Kirton in Bloom Competitions

Cllr Frankish reported: 'There are a number of elements to the Kirton in Bloom report. Perhaps the best place to start is with recognition that Kirton is really blooming at the moment. The blue and yellow flowers in the beds are glorious and brighten up the Town tremendously.

The summer planting will hopefully be just as dramatic and thanks go to our own local contract with Laura Alexander as well as Continental Landscapes.

The second part is our local competition which was again very successful in 2009. Some beautiful gardens and baskets were judged by Sue Neave and Geoff Cossey. Many thanks to those who entered and to the judges for making this a pleasure for us all. This year we plan to enter everyone's garden in the competition. Councillors will divide up the Town and recommend gardens from the area they study from which a short list will be drawn up for the external judges. So we hope there will be lots more entries to add to our regular amazing gardeners.

We weren't allowed to win the CPRE competition in 2009 because we won in 2008 but we were entered in the winners group and came third so that was commendable and shows we are still in there with the best.

2009 was the first year we entered the East Midlands in Bloom competition instead of Yorkshire in Bloom. The prize giving was at the Beachcomber in Cleethorpes and I represented the Town at that. We did very well, achieving a Silver Award and a Special Prize for the Huntcliff Environmental Garden. Well done to all for the hard work that was put in, especially on Judging Day, when we were blessed yet again with help from the RAF with the tent, and others with refreshments. A very pleasant day was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to everyone who won and thanks to all for continuing to support the beautification of the Town.'

24. Seasonal Lights 2009

Cllr Stamford reported: 'Due to the unavailability of the Town Hall, this year's event was a very much scaled down affair with the Town Council combining with the UMC to hold the festivities. With help from Julia Melling the planning process went smoothly and a good working relationship was created. The combination of the Christmas tree service and the stalls outside of the church and in the UMC Halls seemed to work well. The RAF once again assisted in the supply of tents for local organisations such as the FOTH, the scouts and the girl guides. The Glanford and Lindsey Lions supplied a float for Santa to use to distribute the selection boxes donated by the council.

The success of this and the links which were created organising the event, it has been proposed for a similar amalgamation of local

Town committees to once again organise the event with the Promoting Kirton committee being the overall lead. A recent meeting of all local committees and group representatives saw a promising start to this process.

We look to make next years lights festival a grand event, with the re-opening of the Town Hall the power and the tree will return.'

25. Ward Councillors Report

No report.

26. Civic Award

The Civic Dinner was well attended and a pleasant meal, 42 attended including nine Civic Guests, plus RAF representatives.

Canon Chris Lilley gave a speech and there was also raffle and auction for LIVES. Brian Saunders was presented with the Civic Award.

27. Mayor's Report

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