

# KIRTON IN LINDSEY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2017



## MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017 AT 6.30pm IN THE TOWN HALL

**PRESENT – Councillors: Kathy Cooper (Chair); Pat Frankish; Geoff Cossey; Maggie Davies; David Garritt; Andrew Kofoed; Joy Kofoed; Paul Kelly; Sam Layzell and Jack Startin.**  
**Town Clerk: Madeleine Goudie; Assistant: Neil Taylor-Matson**  
**15 Residents of Kirton in Lindsey**

### MINUTES

- ATM2017/1 **Minutes of the Annual Town Assembly 2016**  
No minutes of the Annual Town Assembly 2016 were available for receipt and approval. The Mayor called for copies if in existence to be offered to the Council, particularly from current Councillors.
- ATM2017/2 **Report by the Mayor, Councillor Kathy Cooper**  
Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey, Councillor Kathy Cooper, thanked everyone present for attending the meeting and gave an overview of the work of the Town Council over the previous year.
- ATM2017/3 **Presentation of approved grants and reports from local groups:**  
Local groups were invited to give brief presentations about their work over the previous year and asked if they could wait until the end of the presentations for a photo opportunity.
- a. **Kirton Brownies and Guides**  
Kirton Brownies and Guides gave a brief presentation about the work of the group including helping with choir at the Christmas Festival, litter picking with the WI, cinema with KLIXs, glass etching and wood burning, a charity walk and a fashion show. Joint Brownie and Guide events had proved successful. Kirton Brownies and Guides received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £500.
- b. **Kirton First**  
Jenny Cripps gave a brief update about Kirton First and appealed for continued support from the community due to the growth of the magazine to publishing 1700 copies of each edition. Kirton First received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £1,200.
- c. **Kirton Archery Club**  
Dave O'Brien gave a brief update on the work of the Archery Club over the previous year, noting that the Club was only three years old, starting with five members at the Shires and now has a membership of over 70, the second biggest in Lincolnshire. The Club recognised the

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continued support of the Town Council and KLASSIC in this growth. It was explained that equipment would be purchased with the grant funding from the Town Council as a container for storage was now present at KLASSIC with plans for additional indoor activities. It was also noted that players from Epworth, Lincoln and Caistor travel to play at Kirton in Lindsey. Kirton Archery Club received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £2,058.

### d. LIVES

Wayne Eynon of LIVES had to leave the meeting to respond to an incoming LIVES call and so the update from LIVES was temporarily postponed.

### e. Diamond Jubilee Town Hall

Jenny Cripps, Chair of the Trustees of the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall gave a brief presentation. Jenny noted that it was now seven years after the Trustees took over the empty shell of the Town Hall. Recent new services introduced include the Citizens Advice Bureau, Peggy's Place and Kirton Call drama group, with a toddler music session also due to start in the next week. There are plans for a Lincolnshire Day celebration and the Town Hall Live schedule continues. With increased community events such as the annual art exhibition, weight watchers, the cinema club, many other health groups, as well as private functions the Town Hall is getting busier and busier. Works forthcoming are sound proofing following listed building planning approval. The Town Hall was noted as an important asset run by and for the community. The Diamond Jubilee Town Hall received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £2,300.

### f. Evergreens

The Evergreens Group were unable to attend. The Evergreens would be presented with an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £500.

### g. Kirton Junior Football Club

The representative from Kirton Junior Football Club gave a brief update on the work over the past year, and noted the support of the club at both the Summer Gala and the Christmas Festival. It was also noted that the Club are in the top half of each division and due to win the final. Kirton Junior Football Club received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £1,470.

### h. KLASSIC

Mandy Torn, the Chair of KLASSIC, gave a brief update noting the beginnings of KLASSIC back in 2003. A very successful year was reported with the facility now operating seven days a week, with a big nod to the Archery Club, bowls, arts, football and craft user groups. Mandy explained the use of funding to maintain the field with BFA assisting. Thank you was given to residents for keeping the area clean from litter. KLASSIC await the result of a planning application for an indoor facility. KLASSIC received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £4,500.

### d. LIVES

Wayne Eynon returned to the meeting and provided an update on the work of LIVES. There were 92 call outs over the past year. There are currently two recruits in the pipeline which means hopefully three responders by September and the ability to provide 24hr cover. 80% of calls are within Kirton in Lindsey with others in the outlying villages, and cover both minor and major incidents including road traffic collisions and heart attacks. The cost per call is £54, which is centrally funded but completely voluntary. Wayne pleaded for more volunteers to support the cause. Wayne additionally noted that he is also secretary for the Kirton in Lindsey Cycling Club and wished to take the opportunity to promote the group and can provide details of where the group meets if people would like to join. It was noted that the Cycling Club are self-funding and not requesting funding. LIVES received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £1,500.

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### ATM2017/4 Mayors Charities

The Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey, Councillor Kathy Cooper explained that it is optional for the Mayor to raise funds for charities. Cllr Cooper explained her choices were The Forge Project, Scunthorpe and The Samaritans, Scunthorpe and introduced representatives from both organisations.

Andrea from the Forge Project introduced herself and gave an overview of the charity and the importance of funds such as the Mayor's donations. The Forge provides vulnerable, homeless, roofless young adults, those in low levels of poverty or marginalised or in crisis with support. The Charity aims to make these young adults feel safe and not judged. The Forge refers them to housing agencies and works to retain tenancies. The centre provides games – a pool table, air hockey - an exercise bike, and sports such as football creates achievement and camaraderie. The centre opened on Christmas Day and presents were donated from the Catholic Church, the centre receives a huge number of volunteers to work on Christmas Day.

Lynn from the Samaritans commented that she was surprised to hear how much goes on within the town from the presentations of the many groups. Lynn gave a brief overview of the Samaritans, and explained that they cannot offer practical advice only emotional support. Scunthorpe Samaritans have 50 listening volunteers and is a completely voluntary organisation which funds itself to cover running costs of £25,000 per year. They own their own building which costs £68 a day to stay open and run a shop to raise revenue. It was noted that the group are proud to have made progress with prisons, Network Rail and secondary schools with the aim to talk to all children as they enter at Year 7. With the introduction of a free phone number, calls have increased by one third, but this also increases costs to the organisation.

### ATM2017/5 Public Forum

The meeting welcomed comments from members of the public.

Wayne Eynon thanked the Town Council for their working within the community.

The Mayor closed the meeting for a photo opportunity with representatives from local groups outside the Town Hall