

KIRTON IN LINDSEY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2018



MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 25th APRIL 2018 AT 6.00pm IN THE TOWN HALL

PRESENT – Councillors: Joy Kofoed (Chair); Pat Frankish; Geoff Cossey; Maggie Davies; David Garritt; Karen Gunn; Andrew Kofoed; Paul Kelly; Tony Kidder and Jack Startin.
Town Clerk: Neil Taylor-Matson
circa 40 Residents of Kirton in Lindsey

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ATM2018/1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Andrea Houghton (The Forge), Paul Kelly, Paul McCullagh (NLC) and all three Ward Councillors – Cllr John England, Cllr Trevor Foster and Cllr Neil Poole.

ATM2018/2 **Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting 2017**

The minutes of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor, Cllr Joy Kofoed.

ATM2018/3 **Reports from the Town Council, town groups and organisations**

a. **Kirton in Lindsey Town Council**

Mayor's Report 2018

Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey, Councillor Joy Kofoed, thanked everyone present for attending the meeting and gave an overview from Councillor Kathy Cooper of the work of the Town Council over the previous year.

“Good evening to you all, thank you for coming along this evening, and welcome to your Annual Town Meeting for 2017 /2018

Hearty thanks must go too, to your town councillors and Group Volunteers from the many activities within the town who have throughout the last year given of their time freely and with unstinting enthusiasm in order to benefit our town.

I'd like to outline just a few of your councils activities, actions and successes throughout the past 12 months.....please bear with me if they're not in calendar order.

Some changes in personnel and location. In January 2018, Maddie Goudie our Clerk left us to take on new challenges, and Neil Taylor Matson – previously Assistant Clerk, successfully interviewed and became our new town clerk. Neil's previous experience helped him to `hit the ground running` and he is proving to be a valuable asset to us all!

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We were joined last year by a new councillor Karen Metheringham-Gunn, and just recently Cllr Samantha Layzell left us, and we are currently advertising for a new councillor. Please see our Clerk if you have an interest in the post.

Forgive me at this point if some of my report rings bells from last year!! A lot of issues /challenges and interests are ongoing!!

We continue to work with neighbouring councils, North Lincolnshire Council and our Ward Councillors. In addition, councillors attend meetings with Town & Parish Liaison, ERNLLCA, NATS, NLTC Planning Meeting, and of course our own monthly Promoting Kirton, Finance, General Purpose & Planning and Emergency Planning meetings to mention a few. Your councillors are busy people on your behalf!!

Planning Approvals will create a significant increase in housing for our town in the future, and has this year been of significant concern to residents and councillors alike. Contrary to popular belief, there are limited avenues available to your council in order to affect the expansion of our town. We do however continue to work to try and ensure our residents views and concerns are reported.

To this end, in December of last year, following our approach to NLC to express these concerns on the towns' behalf, a Regeneration Group was formed, with specific focus on Kirton in Lindsey towns residents and councillors concerns and worries in relation to an increased populations needs and requirements within the towns facilities and infrastructure. It's early days, but we will of course keep you updated, but do please speak to our Clerk should you have specific concerns or issues you'd like to discuss. Current and ongoing issues under discussion include, new housing density and upgrade/increase of our towns facilities and highways concerns.

The lack of parking facilities – particularly near the Market Place has been one `quick hit` with agreement reached that the library carpark be officially made available to the public with properly marked out bays including a disabled bay. Other options continue to be explored, as is the ongoing interest in obtaining some land for additional leisure facilities and allotments. We continue to receive support from our local MP in this matter, and in the ongoing concern about our public transport - or lack of! A survey carried out towards the end of last year confirmed our suspicions that the transport issue is a major concern for a high number of residents, and the survey results have been presented to North Lincs. Council. This added information has created further and ongoing discussion on the subject.

A big change towards the end of the last year saw the Council offices move from South Cliff Road to its new office within the Town Hall. This has already proved to be popular and cost effective move. The new location is significantly more accessible for our residents, more cost effective, and last but not least, a much improved environment for our Clerk to work from. A win win situation!

We have just this week, following a request from us to NLC (and a somewhat lengthy delay!) seen a defibrillator installed at the Town Hall. This is in addition to those placed at the doctor's surgery and the fire station, thereby ensuring we now have "top, middle and bottom" defibrillator's located in the town. While I sincerely hope they remain little used, they provide a reassuring presence.

Last year saw the towns War memorial spruced up, with the removal of some holly trees and a number of overgrown bushes. The memorial now can be seen standing proudly, and the later addition of 2 x permanent flag poles completed the scene.

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Work continues in the town cemetery with increased maintenance of the paths, removal of overgrown trees and removal of the old shed.

Highly successful Christmas light and summer fairs were held, and extremely well supported by many of the volunteer groups within the town and the new Christmas Lights Competition proved popular with our residents. This year's events are in the calendar- as always, we would dearly like some volunteer assistance from townfolk for this event!

A very successful Civic Service was held in St Andrews church in September. A beautiful sunny day saw Civic Representatives from 11 other towns in 4 counties visit for the afternoon and enjoyed a rousing service in church followed by a rather splendid afternoon tea in the church Halls for around 80 guests, parishioners, residents and their families, numerous volunteer bodies, Clubs and classes from the town.

Disappointingly, North Lincolnshire Council decided last year that the number of Voluntary Town Councillors serving the towns within their remit would from 2019 be reduced in number. In Kirton in Lindsey's case, this will see your voluntary body be reduced from 14 to 9. Considerable discussions and objections were raised – to no avail. So please, when we seek volunteers to help with events, do think about offering your services! All help will always be gratefully received!

Key issues affecting us all and creating concern, other than the expansion of the town, continue to be public transport (mentioned earlier) speeding within the town, parking, road potholes and poor road surfaces, and the never ending issue of dog mess. In relation to the latter, while this is an inexcusable situation in any location, it is distressing to hear that even our church burial grounds are being affected. I certainly wish I had an answer.

We are in ongoing conversations with NLC relating to Neighbourhood Planning and Parish Paths Partnerships. These are long-term ongoing plans proposals which we will report on at later dates.

A further project at the moment is considering how best we can mark the 100 anniversary of the end of the 1st World War, one thought is to plant an oak tree. Again, plans for this will be promoted once complete, in the meantime, ideas are welcome.

Kathy asked that I finish by saying that as your Council Chair over the last 3 x years she has thoroughly enjoyed the challenges along the way, and has felt privileged to hold the post .In the past 11 months she has attended over 20 events in neighbouring parishes, town & counties in order to promote our town and been proud and privileged to do so. While personal issues have led to her resigning the chair a month early, she will remain a town councillor & continue to work for the good of the community.

Thank you”

Civic Award 2018

Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey, Councillor Joy Kofoed presented the 2018 Civic Award to Carol Jacobi.

Mayor's Charities

An overview of the Mayor's Charities was presented.

Promoting Kirton Committee

The work of the Promoting Kirton Committee was explained with an overview of the year and a call for residents to assist with future projects and events.

Ward Councillors

No Ward Councillors were present and no report was received.

Registered Charities

The Green and The Market Place

War Memorial and Garden of Edward Elmhirst Duckering

Poor's Close and Torksey Charities

Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey, Councillor Joy Kofoed presented an overview on each of the Town Council charities including the work carried out over the previous year and work planned going forward.

b. Groups and Organisations

Humberside Police

No report received.

Glanford & Lindsey Lions

Alan Hall, President of Glanford & Lindsey Lions presented an overview of the Lions, who they help and the work that they do.

Cadets

Charlette Brooks, Attachment Commander, presented an overview of the cadets and their involvement within the community including community events.

KLASSIC

Mandy Torn, Chair of KLASSIC reported on the successes at KLASSIC Pavilion and Playing fields over the past year. The facility continues to be really well used both for sports and training events. Mandy noted that the funding received from the Town Council was gratefully received and assisted with ongoing maintenance of the car park as well as shutters and gutters. Many thanked the community for helping to keep the area clean. Plans for the future were noted with planning permission granted for their £750,000 multi-use sports facility. KLASSIC received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £4,635.

Diamond Jubilee Town Hall

Mary Hollingsworth, Chair of the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall Trustees reported on the eighth year since the Town Hall was reopened by Prince Edward. The constant and everyday varied use of the hall was noted - always something going on. Mary also noted that the Town Hall has welcomed the Town Council back this year but the Town Hall is not a public or municipal building, it is a charity run by Trustees. The grant received from the Town Council is for the maintenance of the lift. The Diamond Jubilee Town Hall received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £2,500.

LIVES

Wayne Eynon, LIVES Co-ordinator reported that LIVES currently have three within their group and provide 12 hour coverage in the evening. Wayne noted the recent addition of the defibrillator at the Town Hall which increased the current number to six within the town, with one at the doctors' surgery, one at the fire station, one a Huntcliff and two carried by LIVES volunteers. The demand for LIVES over the year has risen 20% with calls to 114 incidents between April 2017 and April 2018, dealing with everything from panic attacks to road traffic collisions. The cost of each call out is £67, but volunteers are not paid or reimbursed expenses. Over the past year various groups within Kirton in Lindsey have together raised £7,000 for LIVES. LIVES received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £1,500.

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Cycling Club

Wayne Eynon reported on the growing cycling club in the town, currently with 22 members. It was noted that they meet outside the Town Hall on Saturdays and anyone with a road bike is invited to come along and join in.

Evergreens Club

Nancy Smith thanked the Town Council for their grant to the Evergreens Club, as without the funding they would not be able to keep going. Nancy explained the grant pays towards the hire of the Town Hall as their venue. Nancy explained the activities of the club and welcomed people to spread the word to welcome new members. The Evergreens Club received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £600.

Kirton Call Drama Group

Shani Flear and Sarah Taylor gave an overview about the drama group which meets weekly and aim to put on two performances a year. Current members are aged from 7 and above. The group are always looking for new members and aim to put on their next production based around the work of Roald Dahl in June. Funding from the Town Council has enabled the group to buy props and costumes. Kirton Call received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £1,000.

Kirton in Lindsey Junior Football Club

Simon Morton explained how the Junior Football Club is an opportunity for our youngsters to develop skills. Simon explained that around 100 children are now training in the Kirton area, using KLASSIC for training but it comes at a cost, as does the maintenance of the goals which are left out for public use which can leave them open to abuse. Simon noted that the club is not just about league competitive football but also fun for all and welcomed new members. Kirton in Lindsey Junior Football Club received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £2,000.

Kirton First

Lynne Duffin gave an overview on the year at Kirton First, and how it now incorporates the Church Nutshell magazine in the middle pages, as it was seen as more sensible to work together rather than see the Nutshell magazine fail. Actual copy within the magazine has improved tremendously and thanks were giving to Geoff Cossey for his work on the layout and design. Lynne noted that advertisers contact Kirton First, which is much better than Kirton First having to chase advertisers. Without funding from the Town Council the magazine would struggle, in part due to the increased distribution. Lynne called for articles for inclusion, particularly from or for younger members. Kirton First received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £1,200.

Kirton in Lindsey In Bloom

Martin Hollingsworth, Secretary for In Bloom, reported that In Bloom formed two years ago and is made up of a small group of volunteers carrying out planting, gardening work, litter picking and general tidying up work around the town. The main project this year is work at the library car park and Martin noted that this year's Best Gardens competition is now open for entries. Kirton in Lindsey In Bloom received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £2,000.

Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners

Martin Hollingsworth, Chairman for the Amateur Gardeners reported on a successful year with new members joining the group and last years May plant stall being their best ever from a fundraising point of view. Martin reported on a variety of speakers passing on their skills and knowledge to members. The group sponsor and look after two of the flower beds at the top of Dunstan Hill and several committee members have also now joined the In Bloom group.

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Kirton Lindsey Entertainment Organisation

Martin Hollingsworth reported that as part of LiveLincs the organisation have held two events over the past year, Syndey's Shed and The Great Cabaret Safari. Numbers attending the events were generally very good. The A Team provide support with raffle prizes and Town Hall volunteers run the bar and provide other refreshments. Martin reported that KLEO were pleased to have been able to provide financial support to both Kirton Call and the Kirton in Lindsey Society this year.

Kirton Klipper

Martin Hollingsworth reported that the service was in its 16th year with passenger figures last year averaging 12 per day. Nearly 38,000 passenger trips have been recorded since the service started but numbers have dropped off over the last two years. The service is paid for by North Lincolnshire Council and as they try to balance out the public service provision unfortunately the Klipper was stop running on Thursday 28th June. It will be replaced with a revised Service 94 operated by Hornsby's from Monday 2nd July which will be a 5 day a week service with minor changes to the route. The service will run from Brigg through Scawby, Hibaldstow, Redbourne then loop around Kirton before returning over the same route.

Kirton in Lindsey Society

Mary Hollingsworth, Chair of the Society reported that membership is currently 68 with a regular attendance of between 30 and 40 at indoor meetings. This year is the 30th year and has included extra events such as the very successful Lincolnshire Day, 'Christmas in the 17th Century' and '30 Years in Pictures' on display in the Town Hall Heritage Room. Mary detailed other activities of the society and noted that it is a registered Civic Society and receives information about planning applications and can provide a response, in terms of the social, environmental or historic well-being of Kirton.

Kirton in Lindsey Branch of the Royal British Legion

No report received.

Kirton in Lindsey Guides and Brownies

No report received.

Kirton in Lindsey Cubs and Scouts

No report received.

Kirton in Lindsey Archery Club

Dave O'Brien reported that after only four years the club has 80 members and is the biggest in Lincolnshire, the club is known at training meetings and recognised by the County. The club has had many successes – including 3 county records and 1 regional record, they are to hold an open shoot hoping for 60 archers from Yorkshire and the East Midlands to attend. Two specialist sights for the visually impaired have been purchased giving unique recognition to the club for catering for visually impaired shooting. The club are heavily involved in the new indoor facility for KLASSIC and this will provide a big improvement from having to travel to Scunthorpe through the winter months. A large number of groups have taken part in taster sessions and Dave noted that archery is about skill and not strength with members as old as 84 taking part successfully.

St Andrew's United Church

John Darby briefly mentioned disappointment at the recent social media comments about the flagpole at St Andrew's United Church around St George's Day and wanted instead to focus on the positive work and engagement at the Church. John discussed the ABC Group for babies, children and adults which takes place an hour before the main service on Sundays. This group started with one family and now regularly has around 10 children and fifteen adults each week.

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The Church holds 'Open Church' on Wednesday mornings and this has again grown over the last year with 20-30 people attending each Wednesday. These groups and other works are bringing in people who otherwise might not visit the church. John noted that Jelli-Tots and Busi-Bodies continue to hold sessions at the Church Halls and focused on four upcoming events which people may be interested in – 'Booze up with the Bishop' at the Queens Head on the 1st, 8th and 15th of May - with a free buffet provided and a welcome to everyone to talk to the bishop about anything; West Lindsey Open Church Weekend 19th and 20th May; Big Lunch Holiday Club in August for the children and the planned Poppies Waterfall, encouraging the community to knit poppies to cascade from the church tower from the 17th October. The count has just past 2,000 poppies knitted with the new target of 3-4,000 for the display. St Andrews United Church hope to be more visible and working with Kirton First to incorporate the Nutshell is one example of this.

Kirton in Lindsey Fire Station

No report received

Women's Institute

Olive Ovington, President of the Kirton in Lindsey WI reported that they celebrated their 80th birthday in 2017 and an open exhibition was held in the Town Hall, put together by archivist Carol Hird along with a display of member crafts prepared by Alison Birkett. Olive mentioned the groups of the WI including a Craft Group on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, a book club run by Jean Hall and a walking group with a schedule of walks beginning in May. Other activities have included a visit to Japanese Gardens and a goat farm as well as decorating two bikes for display and cheering on the Tour of Britain in September. The WI host a different speaker each month and have also knitted twiddle muffs for dementia patients and poppies for the church project. Olive finished by reporting that the WI provides a social network and enables women to enrich their lives through companionship and educational events. They assist women find ways to contribute to their community. The WI have ambitions to attract younger women to join them and help develop the organisation to meet a changing future.

Exhibition Endowment

Julia Meling, Clerk to the Governors, provided a report to the meeting which was read out by the Mayor, Cllr Joy Kofoed. The Exhibition Endowment is a local charity and each year book grants are awarded to local students going into higher education. Applications are obtained from the Clerk to the Governors, and this year must be returned by 1st September 2018. Last year the Governors of the Endowment awarded 38 grants to qualifying students, and in addition the Endowment gave gifts of £100 to the library at each of the 6 schools in the area – Kirton, Hibaldstow, Messingham, Scotter, Waddingham and Huntcliff.

Kirton Lindsey Primary School

No report received

Huntcliff School

Pat Frankish, Chair of Governors reported that the school now has a new head teacher in place, and had received an Ofsted report of "Good" – which the school are very happy with. The intake for next year is expected to be twice as many as leaving, however there is room for this growth at Huntcliff.

Outer School

No report received

Busi -Bodies Toddler group

No report received

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Reports from any organisations not noted on the agenda.

Youth Club

Jane Webster, Project Youth Worker, provided a report to the meeting which was read out by the Mayor, Cllr Joy Kofoed. Jane reported that Kirton Lindsey Youth Club is thriving. It is well attended on the Monday and Tuesday evenings it is attended by up to 25 young people from the age of 5 and over each of the evenings. There are lots of activities provided by the experienced staff. The Youth Club are happy for any member of the Town Council or general public to visit for a look round to see exactly what is offered. It is a great way for young people to socialise in safety outside of a school environment and a great way for years 5 and 6 to integrate with others prior to the big step up to Huntcliff. Please contact The Project Youth Worker if you would like to arrange a visit. (Details from the Town Clerk).

The meeting closed at 7:30pm