



**Minutes of the Meeting of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
Promoting Kirton Committee held on Monday 11th April 2022
at the Town Hall, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey at 7.15pm.**

Members Present: Cllr David Garritt (Chair), Cllr Pat Frankish, Cllr Jared Priestley, Alison Birkett and Martin Hollingsworth.

Also present: Assistant Clerk: Cheri Morton, Town Clerk: Neil Taylor-Matson and one member of the public.

Public Participation: A member of the public discussed plans for a memorial to the Halifax Bomber Crash in 1944, noting discussions since the March meeting of the Committee and a request from the Royal British Legion that relocation is considered, in part due to the location for the piper during Remembrance Services. The resident noted that the alternative of siting a memorial under a tree not suitable, and would give the appearance of being side-lined and that any recommendations made would not impinge on the Remembrance Services. A plywood full scale mock up was presented and given appreciation from the Committee, with the final memorial expected to be made from black granite or marble and mounted on a double plinth to protect from grass cutting machinery. The Committee noted that costings would be needed prior to a proposal going out to the residents of the town and options for the means of production were also discussed.

MINUTES

PK2204/01

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Kathy Cooper, Cllr Karen Gunn, Cllr Suzanne Stephenson and Olive Ovington.

PK2204/02

Declaration of Interests / Dispensations

- a. Cllr Frankish declared a personal interest in items 2204/4 (Platinum Jubilee) and 2204/06a & 06b.
- b. No dispensations were granted.

PK2204/03

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Committee considered the Minutes of the PK Committee Meeting held on 14th March 2022.

RESOLUTION: That the Minutes be signed as a true and accurate record.

- b. The Committee received an update from the Clerk regarding tasks and actions, noting a list was circulated prior to the meeting and any queries could be addressed. The Committee noted that there was a lot of work ongoing.

PK2204/04

Town Events

The Committee discussed information and actions required at this time regarding Town Events:

- James Richards Circus 5th to 6th April – the Clerk reported positive feedback from the Circus, with the first performance selling out and the second also proving popular. The only issues were the problematic conditions for the production leaving the site during a heavy storm, however they had made every effort possible to protect the Green in very difficult circumstances. The Circus had offered a donation to the Council for grounds maintenance works as a gesture of thanks for approving their visit.
- Annual Town Meeting 13th April – the Clerk noted, as a reminder, the meeting to be held on Wednesday of this week. The Assistant Clerk noted 17 organisations had now confirmed attendance and a good attendance was hoped for. It will be the first ‘in person’ Annual Town Meeting since 2019, with the 2020 meeting not taking place and the 2021 meeting held via Zoom.
- The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee June - Cllr Frankish noted that plans and publicity are in place with further finer details to be ironed out. The risk assessments for the Beacon Lighting, Jubilee Dance and Street Party events were considered.
RESOLUTION: That following minor modifications the risk assessments for the Beacon Lighting, Jubilee Dance and Street Party events were signed off by the Committee.
ACTION: Cllr Frankish
- KLASSIC Open Event (July) – the Assistant Clerk noted that 3 groups had confirmed interest, 1 was a maybe at this stage and 4 others were yet to respond, however planning was all in hand at this time.
- Christmas Festival – the Clerk noted that Cllr Garritt had made enquiries to try to resolve any issues with the icicle lighting and noted the need for decisions to be made about the setting up of a working group to begin planning for this year’s event. If progress is not made by July, the time will slip away quickly. The Clerk also noted that Cllr Fox had raised concerns that actions which were assigned prior to leaving the

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Committee had not been picked up and moved forward. The Clerk noted this was the final year of the current lighting contract, and the earlier a new contract is considered, the better for the potential value in options available.

RESOLUTION: That an item is placed on the next Full Council Meeting agenda to discuss the setting up of a working group to deal with all town events. ACTION: Town Clerk

RESOLUTION: That information is published online and in Kirton First in May, seeking residents interested in helping form a town events working group. ACTION: Town Clerk

PK2204/05

Tourism

Cllr Frankish noted that during a visit to the Vincent Hall with the Connecting Kirton co-ordinator, the Flight Sergeant who is acting as liaison and providing access when necessary had stated that he understood that the Operations Building and Control Tower were refused listed building status. Martin Hollingsworth and the Clerk noted that the listed status of the buildings was confirmed by Historic England. Alison Birkett reported that there had been no success with progress to contact the landowners regarding information about current condition and potential access to the listed buildings. The Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust were now pursuing the option of placing a granite memorial to Kirton in Lindsey Airfield just outside the fenced area at the Trent Valley Gliding Club entrance, as permission could not be achieved to position it within the site itself from the landowner. This is still planned to take place in August.

RESOLUTION: That the information from Historic England is shared with the Tourism Working Group to confirm the listed status of the former RAF buildings.

ACTION: Town Clerk

PK2204/06

Open Spaces

a. Martin Hollingsworth provided an update, noting that work of the group is moving forward, and members will attend a presentation from North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) tomorrow for the Spring In Bloom grant funding. The funding is for plants and half-barrel style planters to be placed outside the Town Hall. The Great British Spring Clean event was successful with 10-12 bags of litter collected, the next litter picking event is planned for Sat 23rd April. A resident has offered to assist looking after planters in the Bader Way/Grayingham Road area, and research is currently ongoing for potential locations. Cllr Frankish confirmed the lamppost planters will be put into place in the Market Place, and that it is hoped both schools will be involved in some way with the In Bloom competitions this year. The Clerk asked for confirmation on the categories to be entered for the In Bloom competitions. Alison Birkett noted the interest of the WI to plant blubs around the town as part of the WI's 85th Anniversary celebrations.

RESOLUTION: That all categories are entered into for the In Bloom competitions.

ACTION: Town Clerk

b. Cllr Frankish provided an update about the development of the Peace Garden, noting the three flower beds are now all planted, however some roses are not surviving due to the delays getting them into the ground. The edging is not in place yet, but is hoped to be installed over Easter. The money raised by the Mayor's Charity has covered groundworks and additional changes to the groundworks, therefore all the plants have had to be donated. Residents have made positive comments about the Peace Garden; however the required watering is a continuing difficulty without volunteers to also help. Committee members offered to assist Cllr Frankish with the watering requirements.

c. Halifax Bomber crash memorial. The Committee discussed a recommendation to Full Council to provide support for this project. It was noted that there are sponsors in the town keen to support the project financially, and that 20% of the cost would need to be met in order to secure grant funding from NLC.

RESOLUTION: That a recommendation goes to Full Council for support of this project, to be mounted on a plinth on the right-hand side between the third flower bed and the War Memorial, noting that costings and the funding required to be raised as information that is required.

ACTION: Town Clerk

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Agenda for next and future meeting

No items were requested for the agenda for the next or future meetings.

PK2204/08

Date of next Meeting and Agenda Deadline

The Committee confirmed the planned date and time of the next Promoting Kirton Committee meeting is Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.15pm, with Agenda items requested prior to Friday 29th April 2022.

The meeting closed at 7:55pm

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