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February 2023 Newsletter

A brief update on activities and news from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council.

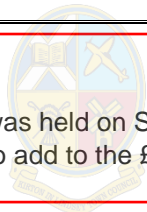


Thank you to everyone who took part in the survey we launched about outdoor gym equipment for KLASSIC Park. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council is hoping to install outdoor gym equipment at KLASSIC, intended for use by adults and older children / teenagers. Funding for the project of up to £ 25,000 +VAT is being provided by North Lincolnshire Council through various means, including Section 106 money (collected from housing developments). We were informed that this funding was available in December, but we needed to progress the project quickly to secure it. Throughout January and February quotations were sought from different suppliers and the equipment making up these quotations was put together in a quick survey so that you could choose the designs you liked the best. The design by Streetscape proved the most popular with residents and the Town Council combined, and so this information was provided to North Lincolnshire Council in order to move the project forward. We are now awaiting further information on next steps but will keep you informed when we know more details.



Civic Dinner 2023

Kirton in Lindsey Town Mayor's Charity Civic Dinner was held on Sunday 11th March 2023 at Kirton in Lindsey Town Hall. The event raised £853.00 for KLASSIC Park – to add to the £175.68 raised at the Civic Service in September.

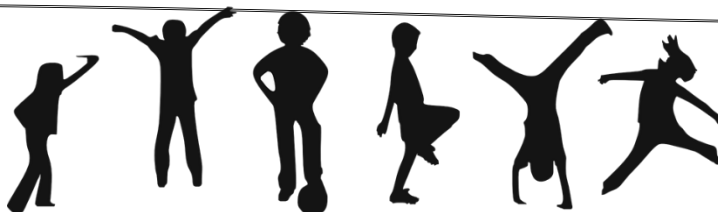


Change to Committee Meeting Times



The Town Council has brought the starting times of its monthly Committee meeting forward. The Promoting Kirton Committee Meeting which is held on the second Monday of the month will now begin at 6:30pm and the General Purposes Committee Meeting will begin on the same night at 7:30pm. Residents are welcome to attend all meetings of the Town Council and can become members of the Promoting Kirton Committee.

SportsZone 2023



The sports sessions will return on Thursday evenings in the Spring and we are looking at adjusting the age range to include juniors from age five up. The sessions are likely to be held at KLASSIC Park, providing the option of indoor space if the weather is bad. Look out for information online and in noticeboards when the details are all sorted out!

Tourist Information Board update!

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council, working with the Kirton in Lindsey Society and local design company Spoon Media are delighted to have completed an update and refresh of the two 'Places of Interest' boards in the town Tourist Information noticeboard.

The noticeboard is located in the centre of the Market Place.

We hope that visitors and residents alike will find the information useful for places of interest around the town.

Thanks go to Kirton in Lindsey Society and Sarah at Spoon Media for their help and support with this piece of work.



Kings Coronation and The Big Help Out

The Town Events Working Group are working hard to plan for Coronation events in May.

The King has asked that **beacons are not lit** for this event, but that communities come together on Monday 8th May for a National Day of Volunteering. It is hoped that Kirton in Lindsey will be keen to play its part so the following are now in the planning stages for you all to take part in: Saturday 6th May – Family Bingo and a Kirton's Got Talent Competition both taking place at the Town Hall, Sunday 7th May is a Picnic on the Green for the The Big Lunch – including kids fancy dress competition, dogs fancy dress competition and a crown making competition. Monday 8th May sees the Big Help Out encouraging everyone to Clean Up Your Street and a 'Fresher's Day' at the Town Hall to meet groups and organisations to find out what goes on in the town and sign up to any.

Elections – May 2023

Information on what local councils do, becoming a local Councillor and standing for election.



What Do Local Councils Do?

Your Town Council's work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services
- Improve quality of life for residents
- Give communities a democratic voice

Local Councils can run numerous services, depending on the size of the Council. Many you will see day-to-day, but some are less known.

These include; organising community events, creating neighbourhood plans, managing the play area, cemetery, allotments and other open spaces, grounds maintenance, devolved services from North Lincolnshire Council including maintaining public rights of way and highway verges, providing grants to local groups and organisations, acting as a consultee on planning applications, management of some of our local charities and the development of community projects.

Becoming a Local Councillor

As a local Councillor you can become a voice for your community and make real change. Local Councillors are the champions of their community who invest time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood.

Local Councillor responsibilities fall into three main categories:

- Decision-making
- Monitoring
- Getting involved locally

Local Councillors attend to local needs of residents, local groups and businesses, make decisions on local services, collaborate with the North Lincolnshire Council to adhere to local needs, and progress vital projects to invest in the future of the community.

Can I Stand For Election?

To stand for election for the Town Council you must be:

- A UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of a Member State of the European Union
- At least 18 years old
- On the North Lincolnshire Council election register for Kirton in Lindsey; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in Kirton in Lindsey (as owner or tenant); or work in Kirton in Lindsey (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the Kirton in Lindsey boundary.

If you are interested in becoming a local councillor and representing the community in decision making, you need to complete **nomination papers** and these need to be hand delivered to North Lincolnshire Council offices at Church Square House, Scunthorpe **before 4pm on Tuesday 4th April**.

Nomination papers can be collected from the elections team at Church Square House, Scunthorpe or from the Town Council Office at the Town Hall, Kirton in Lindsey.

You'll need **photo ID** if you want to vote at a polling station - check if your ID is on the list and apply for free voter ID now by going to the Electoral Commission website: **www.electoralcommission.org.uk**

The Electoral Commission

Remember you need Voter ID to vote at polling stations in the elections on 6th May.

The deadline to apply for a free form of ID if you don't have one is 25th April.

More information is available online, via North Lincolnshire Council elections department or from the Town Council.

REMEMBER TO
1- Register to vote
2- Check my photo ID
3- Vote at a polling station!

Find out more at

electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

No ID? You can apply for free voter ID

Town Council Meetings

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council holds scheduled Full Council meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month and Committee meetings on the second Tuesday of each month (both usually with the exception of August). You are welcome to come along to meetings and time is provided for public participation at the start of each meeting. Other meetings are held when required, however they are always publicised on our noticeboard, website and Facebook page.


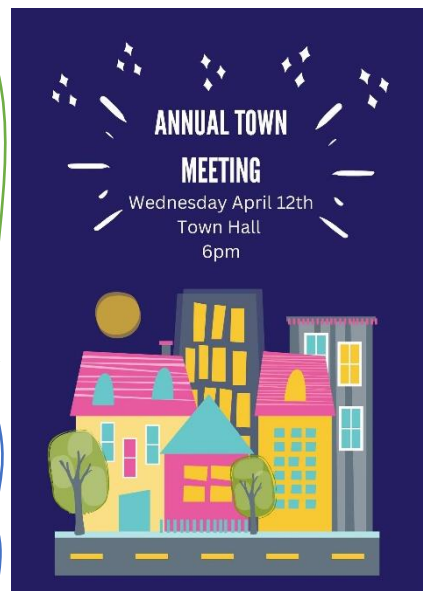
Annual Town Meeting

This is a meeting of the town and you can all contribute to the agenda to celebrate local activities and debate current issues in the community. Local groups are invited to provide updates on their work and the Town Council will make grant presentations to those who successfully applied at the end of last year.

Come along on **Wednesday April 12th, 6pm at the Town Hall** to get involved and hear about what goes on in the town.

New benches at the Green

The new benches purchased as part of the redevelopment of the play area on the Green are now installed. The two new benches are made of 100% recycled plastic and are strong, durable and wear resistant. They are an extended top design which gives more space for wheelchair users and increases their usability.

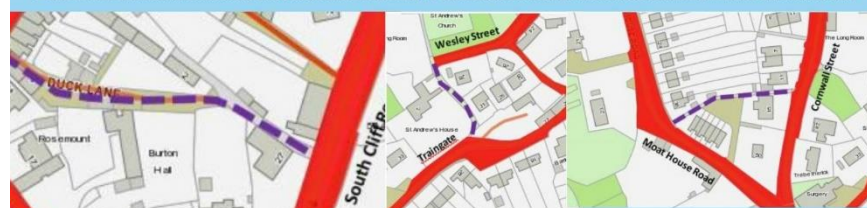


DO YOU WALK THE UNNAMED PATHS?

around Kirton in Lindsey
Are they important?

Do they need protecting and preserving?

**We need your views - survey closes
30th April 2023**



Unnamed Paths survey

Do you walk the unnamed paths around Kirton in Lindsey?

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council is keen to retain the existing network of paths in the town, as if they go **unrecorded** they could in time be **lost**. These are not the public rights of way which are recorded with numbers, or streets which have name plates.

If you wish to see the paths protected, please consider providing **support** and get in touch to let us know which paths you use and would like to see officially recorded. We have created a survey to help collect information from residents, to see if there is support and interest or not. The survey can be accessed by following this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H6FKBWF>
or scanning QR codes on posters around the town. The survey is also published at the back of the March edition of Kirton First.



KIRTON IN LINDSEY TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2023 - 2024

At the Full Town Council Meeting on 21st December 2022,
Councillors approved the budget for 2023-2024:

£103,875

**The average household (Band D property) in
Kirtton in Lindsey will contribute £91.71 annually,
which works out at just
£1.76 per week.**

Due to increased costs of providing services to the town,
this is a 5.3% increase on last year.

The Town Council budget covers the following:

Open Spaces:
£20,350 (19.6%)

The Town Council's maintenance contracts look after The Green, including the War Memorial, the Cemetery, flower beds and areas around the boundary signs across the town.

The Town Council receives funding from North Lincolnshire Council for works to the highway verges and the Parish path network.

This area also covers the upkeep and provision of the play area at The Green, and maintenance of some heritage areas of the town

Administration:
£50,232 (48.4%)

Budgeting for two part time members of staff (34 hours per week & 10 hours per week), office rental, office services, office equipment and meeting room hire costs.

The statutory requirement for an annual audit, memberships and subscriptions to professional bodies. The administration budget also includes training for staff, insurance, legal licences and permissions.

Additionally, technology and communications, including the Kirtton in Lindsey Town Council website are covered in this section

Civic Duties:
£1,800 (1.7%)

Civic commitments including an annual Service and Dinner to build countywide relationships. This also covers the annual Civic Award

Grants & Donations:
£13,260 (12.8%)

Every year, Kirtton in Lindsey Town Council provides Grants and Donations to organisations based in Kirtton in Lindsey, see www.kirttoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk for more details and how to apply for these

Burial Ground:
£280 (0.3%)

The Town Council has burial authority responsibilities, this covers the maintenance and running of the town Cemetery at Grove Street. Kirtton in Lindsey Cemetery opened in 1940 and the Town Council now holds over 1297 records

Public Services:
£200 (0.2%)

To fund the SportsZone community sports for young people of the town and the upkeep of the Town Clock

Charities:
£2,000 (1.9%)

The Town Council look after 4 of the town's charities; 'Torksey Charity' and 'KLASSIC' both generate their own income. As 'The Green & The Market Place' and the 'War Memorial & Garden of Edward Elmhurst Duckering' have no income, the Town Council budget for upkeep and maintenance of these areas

Democratic:
£875 (0.8%)

Expenses set aside for Councillor training, and for Local Election costs, held every 4 years

Let us know your priorities

Your Town Council can only act on issues that we know about, so please get in touch to let us know what matters to you:

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Get to know your Town Council

Kirtton in Lindsey Town Council currently comprises 9 local Councillors, all dedicated to representing your needs. More information including contact details are available at www.kirttoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Billy Boyd

Councillor Kathy Cooper

Councillor Hazel Fox

Councillor Pat Frankish

Councillor David Garrist

Councillor Karen Gunn

Councillor Joy Kolod

Councillor Javed Priestley

Councillor Suzanne Stephenson

Your Town Council is also a statutory consultee on Planning Applications across Kirtton in Lindsey, and these applications are discussed at Town Council meetings with reasoned comments and objections, based on residents views submitted

Kirtton in Lindsey Town Council works in conjunction with North Lincolnshire Council and other organisations and authorities, to raise concerns, priorities and improvements, trying to keep Kirtton in Lindsey on their agendas

Promoting Kirtton in Lindsey:
£13,180 (12.7%)

Bringing events to our town, such as raising with the Circus and Fair providers for the Green. Also, the Town Council organises the Summer Gala, including the Scarecrow Trail and the Christmas Festival, including the Christmas Lights in the central Market Place and floodlighting at the Church

Allotments:
£1,698 (1.6%)

In 2022, the Town Council opened the new allotment site, which requires ongoing maintenance and utility supplies. There is a waiting list for plots, you can use the contact details provided, to find out more, and to register your interest.

For further information email:
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