

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council held on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey at 6:30pm.

Members present: Cllr Hazel Fox (Chair), Cllr Billy Boyd, Cllr Adam Delsignore, Cllr Pat Frankish, Cllr David Garritt, Cllr Karen Gunn, Cllr Joy Kofoed and Cllr Suzanne Stephenson.

Not present: Cllr Kathy Cooper.

Also present: Four members of the public, Town Clerk, Neil Taylor-Matson & Assistant Clerk, Cheri Morton.

MINUTES

2404E/01 <u>Apologies for Absence</u>

No apologies were received.

2404E/02 <u>Declaration of Interests / Dispensations</u>

a. No interests were declared.b. No dispensations were granted.

2404E/03 Public Participation

A member of the public queried the potential exclusion of the public & press for the meeting and requested that Councillors did not vote to exclude the public and press. Another member of the public offered apologies to the Mayor regarding the manner of speaking with her at the Annual Town Meeting and wished to express that the points were not personal but addressed to her as the Chair of the Town Council. The member of the public also asked that Councillors did not vote to exclude the public & press.

2404E/04 <u>Exclusion of the Public & Press</u>

The Council considered the exclusion of the public and press under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the matters to be discussed.

RESOLUTION: That the public and press were not to be excluded.

The Mayor addressed the Council noting that the discussions at this meeting are not to apportion blame but requested that the meeting be conducted in a constructive manner to agree ways forward.

2404E/05 <u>Code of Conduct</u>

The Council considered the Code of Conduct, good working relationships, appropriate communication and respect within the Town Council. Reminders were given about internal communications and email etiquette, the importance of working together and the respect of members and officers of the Council. The signing of Declarations of Acceptance of Office and the agreement to observe the Code of Conduct expected of members of the Town Council was reiterated with emphasis on the Nolan Principles which represent the standards expected in public life. Members were reminded that decisions of the Council are made at meetings and democratic decision making has to be respected. Councillors were reminded that discussion of Council business takes place at meetings and not via email. Information for all members is distributed via the Town Clerk.

2404E/06 <u>KLASSIC Park – Transfer of Trust to Kirton in Lindsey Town Council</u>

a. The Council considered what, if any, further enquiries / legal opinion is required on the subject of validity and other matters such as the Football Foundation legal charge. The Council considered the cost of the legal work required and noted that discussion around revisiting re-charging costs to KLASSIC Park is to be undertaken at the appropriate time in the future.

RESOLUTION: That Hetts Solicitors are instructed for written legal opinion on the formal Deed of Appointment and Variation and the execution of the document. This is to include the questions of if there is anything additional required to be done to transfer the title and what the legal implications are of the Football Foundation charge.

RESOLUTION: That Hetts Solicitors are asked to confirm if they can carry out the works required and the costs along with the expected timescale to complete the work.

b. The Council considered any actions required with regard to finance, to include but not limited to, options of cessation of any payments to the Venue Manager by Kirton in Lindsey Town Council and cancellation of grant money currently on hold. It was recognised by the Council that enabling the work of the Venue Manager for KLASSIC Park is a direct benefit for the community which is the purpose of the Town Council. When the information from Hetts Solicitors is available, particularly around timeframe, this will be considered by the Town Council at a future meeting. It was noted that the agreement of the grant funding was made by a Town Council resolution and had not received a valid rescission notice.

RESOLUTION: That the Venue Manager continues to be paid by Kirton in Lindsey Town Council. Re-charging to KLASSIC Park to cease at this time and discussion of re-charging costs to KLASSIC Park is to be undertaken at the appropriate time in the future.

c. The Council considered matters of being separately represented on conveyancing to transfer KLASSIC land to Kirton in Lindsey Town Council as corporate trustee. This matter was resolved at 2404E/06 (a) on the agenda.

Signed: Dated:

d. The Council considered the temporary removal of KLASSIC Park from the Kirton in Lindsey Town Council website.

RESOLUTION: That KLASSIC Park is not removed from the Kirton in Lindsey Town Council website.

e. The Council considered the previous resolution FC2001/12 to transfer KLASSIC to Kirton in Lindsey Town Council as corporate trustee as 6 months have now elapsed since that decision. The Council discussed the purpose of protecting the charity in perpetuity as corporate trustee and that there is the option for a committee to be set up with a clear remit of delegation which would allow the involvement of members of the community and user groups. RESOLUTION: That the previous resolution is reaffirmed.

Date of next Full Council Meeting 2404E/07

The Council confirmed the date and time of the next monthly Town Council Meeting (subject to any change in circumstances)

as: Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 7pm at the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 7:44pm

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