



**Minutes of the Meeting of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
Promoting Kirton Committee held on Monday 10th February 2025
at the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey at 6.30pm**

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

Members not present: Cllr Suzanne Stephenson, Cllr Hazel Fox, Cllr Karen Gunn, Victoria Rumary and Tanya Salvador.

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

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Suzanne Stephenson, Cllr Garritt was nominated to Chair this meeting.

MINUTES

PK2502/01 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Karen Gunn, Cllr Hazel Fox, Cllr Stephenson and Victoria Rumary.

PK2502/02 Declaration of Interests / Dispensations

- a. No declarations of interests were declared.
- b. No dispensations were granted.

PK2502/03 Public Participation

No matters were raised.

PK2502/04 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Committee considered the minutes of the PK Committee Meeting held on 13th January 2025.

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

PK2502/05 Community Co-Ordinator report

a. The Community Co-Ordinator had provided a written report which noted 884 visits to the website in the last 30 days. This follows continued promotion via Facebook links. Work is ongoing with Humber & Wolds Rural Action on proposals around Men in Sheds. An information session is now planned for Thursday 13th March at the Community Café. This is to be followed by a public meeting. Support was noted for developing information around this project. An event diary for 2025 is now planned for the website. The Warm Spaces do not seem to have brought any new people to those locations, a review on Warm Spaces will be prepared for the next meeting. Discussion was invited about reaching those who prefer to have information in a leaflet/brochure format, business advertising on the website and engaging the younger people of the town on their wants and needs.

It was discussed that a leaflet in Kirton First is unlikely to engage those not already engaged through articles in Kirton First.

It was considered that the potential of school councils at both the Primary and Academy along with those attending the Youth Club could be a starting point for engaging with younger people. It was noted that those attending the Academy are not predominantly from Kirton in Lindsey. Engaging with the younger people of the town could be considered to be a 2025/2026 Town Council project.

The limited hours which the Community Co-Ordinator is employed for (2 hours per week) do not allow for additional workload other than updating and promoting the website.

It was noted that Positive Activities North Lincolnshire are now looking to hand the Box-It sessions over from their initial trials. There is a lack of take up, but this is seen across North Lincolnshire, not just Kirton in Lindsey.

b. The Committee considered the future of the Community Co-Ordinator role, with Cllr Frankish noting there was still no update to report on the application to the National Lottery for funding. There is a period of 13 weeks for decisions.

PK2502/06 Town Events

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

- Civic Dinner (1st March) – the Assistant Clerk noted that invitations had been sent out and replies were now coming in. There were 20 Civic and 11 other responses received so far. Tickets costs were confirmed at £36.50 each, covering the cost of catering.
RESOLUTION: That ticket costs are £36.50 each.
- SportsZone – the Assistant Clerk noted that Wright Way Sports costs remain the same as last year. The launch of the new season and costings were discussed.
RESOLUTION: That sessions start on 7th April with no charge for children to attend.
ACTION: Assistant Clerk
- Annual Town Meeting (9th April) – the Town Clerk confirmed that refreshments costs last year were £57.25. Ideas to be decided on the presentation of website content at the event, the introduction of ‘who is in the room’ so that

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networking is encouraged, provision of leaflet information. It was agreed that cheque presentations of budgeted grants should take place, with photos to be taken.

RESOLUTION: That refreshments are provided on a similar cost basis to last year.

RESOLUTION: That budgeted grant cheque presentations take place at the event.

- 80th Anniversary of VE Day (8th May) – the Assistant Clerk noted that the North Lincolnshire Council grant application is now awaiting confirmation. The deposit payment of 50% of total invoice is requested by Little Enchantments. The Manor Court House residents have generously agreed to provide assistance with electric power for the entertainment. Analysing the information provided by North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) will not be required for this event. Cllr Garritt has spoken with Teasdales and the Bistro who are supportive but would like to encourage pre-orders by residents. Other eateries to be contacted. It was noted that nationally, the 5th May is now receiving promotion as a date to join together for picnics.

RESOLUTION: That the deposit for Little Enchantments of £110.00 is paid.

ACTION: Town Clerk

RESOLUTION: That on the information provided from NLC a TEN will not be required.

RESOLUTION: That Cllr Garritt makes further contact with other town eateries to provide information and potential promotions with the VE Day anniversary theme.

ACTION: Cllr Garritt

RESOLUTION: That events remain focused on 8th May with residents invited to picnic on the Green at 8pm and the beacon to be lit at 9:30pm.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

- Summer Gala and Scarecrow Trail (July) – the Assistant Clerk noted that an Events Working Group (EWG) meeting is planned for 19th February, with everyone invited to attend with ideas to develop. The timing for the scarecrow trail was discussed. The selection of potential winners at Gala events for switching on the Christmas lights was also taken into consideration. EWG to consider options. The options of special medals / trophies for race winners was discussed, with further ideas to be put forward at the EWG meeting.

RESOLUTION: That the scarecrow trail launches two weeks prior to the Gala, with the closing date for votes Friday 11th July.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

- Baton of Hope (15th September) – the Town Clerk reported notification from NLC of requests for nominations to take part in this event of unity and hope for those affected by suicide. Baton Bearers are sought who have lost someone to suicide, are survivors of a suicide attempt or are from organisations supporting mental health, suicide prevention, mental health advocates, local celebrities including sporting figures, public figures, elected members and emergency services. It was noted that it would be worthwhile putting nominations from Kirton in Lindsey forward and encouraging residents to nominate via online information and Kirton First publicity.

RESOLUTION: That local nominations are made and residents are encouraged to put forward nominations via online promotion and Kirton First publicity.

ACTION: Town Clerk

- Christmas Festival – the Town Clerk provided a report noting contact with 29 local Town and Parish Councils. Horncastle have a living 'Tree of Light' which is the responsibility of the Horncastle and District Lions. The tree is now extremely large. No other Councils in this area responded to say that they have a permanent planted real Christmas tree.

Alison Birkett provided a further update from contact with the Lincolnshire Co-Op regarding their community champion scheme for an application of support for the Christmas Festival. An application to Community Champions could be made but wouldn't release funds in time for this year's event. An option for a fundraising event in store was offered. EWG to discuss.

Information about the date of the event has been published and has received a couple of comments about food vendors. It was noted that the decision not to have food vendors last year was also based on a couple of comments. Provision for children of all ages at the event was discussed. Funding for the Christmas Tree and presents from Santa was further discussed.

A Christmas Festival Poster Competition was discussed, an idea put forward by Kirton Lindsey Primary School, which is an option for a competition winner to switch on the Christmas Lights.

RESOLUTION: That EWG discuss options for fundraising for presents from Santa. **ACTION: EWG**

RESOLUTION: That EWG discuss quantifying what the majority of residents would like to see at the event, including provision for children of all ages and food vendors **ACTION: EWG**

RESOLUTION: That EWG consider options around sponsorship of the Town Tree and Christmas Lights. **ACTION: EWG**

RESOLUTION: That following EWG considerations, a town survey is considered to seek residents views. **ACTION: Assistant Clerk**

RESOLUTION: That contact is kept in place with the Primary School for arrangements around a Christmas Festival poster competition. **ACTION: Assistant Clerk**

PK2502/07 Open Spaces

- There was no update to discuss regarding Open Spaces / In Bloom. Details of the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean (21 Mar – 6 Apr) were noted, as was the invitation from The Countryside Charity (CPRE) for the Best Kept Village (BKV) Competition 2025.

RESOLUTION: That it is recommended to Full Council that the BKV Competition is entered.

ACTION: Town Clerk

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b. Lincolnshire Co-Operative Community Co-Ordinator – The Committee received and considered a request for any details of green space projects from the Lincolnshire Co-Operative Community Co-Ordinator. The land off Redbourne Mere and lack of any updates from NLC was discussed. Work at the Churchyard was discussed with wild flower planting and owl boxes, it was noted this would be down to the Church to arrange and seek relevant permissions.

RESOLUTION: *That Cllr Garritt investigates and chases up information on land off Redbourne Mere.*
ACTION: Cllr Garritt

PK2502/08 Date of next Meeting and Agenda Deadline

The Committee confirmed the date and time of the next Promoting Kirton Committee meeting as 10th March 2025 at 6:30pm, with agenda items to be submitted in writing prior to Friday 28th February in line with Standing Orders.

The meeting closed at 7:28 pm.

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