



**Minutes of the Meeting of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
Promoting Kirton Committee held on Monday 12th January 2026
at the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey at 6.30pm**

Members Present: Cllr Hazel Fox (Chair), Cllr Pat Frankish, Cllr David Garritt, Cllr Tony Pollitt, Cllr Barry Starkie, Cllr Suzanne Stephenson, Alison Birkett, Martin Hollingsworth and Victoria Rumary.
Members not present: Cllr Karen Gunn, Kathryn Allsopp and Sue Law.
Also present: Two members of the public (one part), Assistant Clerk Cheri Morton, Community Co-Ordinator Mandy Coote (part) and Town Clerk: Neil Taylor-Matson.

Cllr Fox welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them Happy New Year.

MINUTES

PK2601/01 Apologies

Apologies were received from Sue Law.

PK2601/02 Declaration of Interests / Dispensations

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

PK2601/03 Public Participation

No matters were raised.

PK2601/04 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Committee considered the minutes of the PK Committee Meeting held on 8th December 2025.

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

The Town Clerk gave a reminder that under Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 the draft minutes of a Council meeting must be formally approved by the next suitable meeting.

PK2601/05 Community Co-Ordinator update

The Community Co-Ordinator had provided a written report and gave additional information about this. The meeting with the social prescriber on 7th January has resulted in potential collaborative work, the police attended the Community Café surgeries in December and January with residents engaging. The Cadent Centre of Warmth presentation at the Tea Dance session was to eighteen people. The Community Co-Ordinator has now reviewed the online presence of businesses in the town and of around eighty businesses a total of nine appear to have no current online presence. It was discussed not to pursue providing business space on the www.kirtoninlindsey.com website. Cllr Fox asked if Kirton First had responded about providing a PDF copy of future editions to include on the website, the Community Co-Ordinator noted the group were taking the proposal to their next meeting to discuss.

PK2601/06 Town Events

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

- Civic Dinner. Cllr Fox noted that the date for this event had changed to Saturday 14th March and that The George has expressed their preference to step back and focus on their own business. The Mayor is in discussion with Cleatham Hall and Glanford and Lindsey Lions for this year's event, with details to be passed to the Assistant Clerk for preparation and distribution.
- Best Kept Town Centre Frontage Competition. The Assistant Clerk noted working with Alison to develop promotional material ready for the event and the Town Clerk noted that the local company who produced the prize mugs in 2024 could again provide these at a cost of £15.00 for this year. Cllr Stephenson asked if everything was in hand for printing the certificates and the Assistant Clerk confirmed these would be printed inhouse.

RESOLUTION: That the quotation of £15.00 for purchase of two mugs is approved.

ACTION: Town Clerk

- Christmas Character Competition. The Assistant Clerk confirmed the presentation of the hamper to the winner, who was very pleased to receive it.
- Christmas Festival. The Assistant Clerk reported that £20.23 was raised by Victoria Rumary on her craft stall at the event and thanked her for her support of town events by running these stalls which she supplies all the items and materials for herself. The Committee gave thanks to Victoria. Glanford & Lindsey Lions had provided feedback that they did not feel the position given to Santa was as good as in previous years and less donations were received. The Committee discussed options and potential reasons behind this. The appearance of pedlars at the event was discussed with the need for research and preparedness for future events. The Town Clerk noted obtaining a £10.00 donation from each by explaining the community nature of the event. Cllr Pollitt asked that discussion of individual roles and responsibilities for events takes place to help with the running of events as different people were able to help in different areas given the limited help available last year.

Signed:

Dated:

The Assistant Clerk provided information on rechargeable lights and replacement gazebo covers for stalls. Further information about gazebo cover options and costings to be brought back to the next meeting.

The increase in rubbish created by the event was discussed with options needed to deal with this. It was agreed that information about limited parking options and a request for the removal of generated rubbish is included on future booking forms.

Traffic concerns outside of the event, on Spa Hill, were discussed and the potential loss of access to the former football field for parking was noted. Previous use of the secondary school car park was noted and this could be explored again. The receipt of £670.51 funding from the North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) Community Grant was noted towards the cost of the town Christmas tree and selection boxes for children with the need to look at funding again for this year's event. It was discussed about approaching larger businesses in the town for sponsorship.

Community Co-Ordinator left the meeting.

The renewal of the contract for the Christmas Lighting was discussed with the committee in agreement not to consult with the residents. The Events Working Group to look at initial ideas, seeking quotations to bring back to the Committee for consideration.

The Town Clerk noted that the timer clock for the Church floodlights required replacement after failing around 12th December and this was resolved at a cost of £170.00; the old timer clock was extremely old. Cllr Frankish declared an interest in this matter.

RESOLUTION: That Cllr Pollitt, Cllr Garritt and the Assistant Clerk work together on further research and recommendation for the potential purchase of rechargeable lights.

ACTION: Cllr Pollitt, Cllr Garritt, Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall are approached about the potential to increase capacity for waste disposal for the event, and hire of bins and skips to be costed.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That larger local businesses are approached about sponsorship of the event.

ACTION: Cllr Starkie/Cllr Pollitt/Community Co-Ordinator

RESOLUTION: That the replacement of the timer clock at £170.00 was retrospectively approved.

Summer Gala and Scarecrow Trail. The Assistant Clerk noted that ideas for a theme for the scarecrow trail were needed and it was recommended this was decided by a poll on social media. The Town Clerk noted the Anne Wild Cup and the option to place a Scarecrow Trail plaque on this. The Assistant Clerk asked how the Gala should look and it was discussed about linking in with The Brick Hut if they wished to and understanding more what they would bring to the event. The need for free activities for children was discussed with options for giant games and inflatable activities (shooting ranges/bowling alleys/rodeos). The Committee discussed the need for an increased budget to achieve these aims.

RESOLUTION: That The Brick Hut is asked about collaboration and details brought back to the next meeting.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That costings for free activities for children are researched and details brought back to the next meeting.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That approval is given for the purchase of a plaque for the Anne Wild Cup.

ACTION: Town Clerk

Remembrance Service. The Town Clerk noted the submission of road closure applications to NLC ahead of this event for November.

PK2601/07 Open Spaces

The Town Clerk asked all committee members for information on any dog fouling or litter hot spots around the town so that the anti-dog fouling and littering posts from NLC could be displayed in appropriate places.

PK2601/08 Date of next Meeting and Agenda Deadline

The Committee confirmed the date and time of the next Promoting Kirton Committee meeting as 9th February 2026 at 6:30pm, with agenda items to be submitted in writing prior to Friday 30th January in line with Standing Orders.

The meeting closed at 7:25 pm.