



**Minutes of the Meeting of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
Promoting Kirton Committee held on Monday 9th March 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 Tony Pollitt, Cllr Barry Starkie, Cllr Suzanne Stephenson, Alison Birkett, Janet Caughley and Sue Law.

Members not present: Cllr David Garritt, Cllr Karen Gunn, Kathryn Allsopp, Victoria Rumary and Assistant Clerk: Cheri Morton

Also present: Community Co-Ordinator: Mandy Coote and Town Clerk: Neil Taylor-Matson.

MINUTES

PK2603/01 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr David Garritt, Assistant Clerk: Cheri Morton and Martin Hollingsworth.

PK2603/02 Declaration of Interests / Dispensations

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

PK2603/03 Public Participation

No matters were raised.

PK2603/04 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Committee considered the minutes of the PK Committee Meeting held on 9th February 2026.

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

PK2603/05 Community Co-Ordinator update

The Community Co-Ordinator had provided a written report and gave additional information about this noting that copies of Nutshell included within Kirton First will be added to the website as received. There has been no response back from CLIP learning and no responses from the organisers of the blood pressure sessions either. However, three partners of the Community Café have now undergone training as blood pressure ambassadors and are able to provide information and carry out tests during the Café sessions. The flyers about sponsorship of community events have started to be distributed with mixed responses and no commitments made as yet. A LiveWell Live event will be held at the Baths Hall on 3rd June and the Community Co-Ordinator will look to attend. LiveWell is integrated into the community website.

RESOLUTION: That the Community Café blood pressure ambassadors are asked if they would be able to facilitate an evening or weekend session for the community. **ACTION: Community Co-Ordinator**

PK2603/06 Town Events

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

- Civic Dinner – final works are now in hand for this event taking place on Saturday. Cllr Fox asked for thanks to be recorded to the Town Clerk for going above and beyond to take on the arrangements for the event at short notice. The cost of traditional welcome drinks for the guests were discussed.

RESOLUTION: That traditional welcome drinks at £7 per head are approved for the Civic Dinner.

ACTION: Town Clerk

- SportsZone – returning in April, there was no update to report but Wright Way Sports would be contacted to confirm arrangements shortly.
- Annual Town Meeting – the Town Clerk had circulated the Council Culture blog by Becky Walsh with comment and ideas about improving community engagement for this annual event. The Committee discussed communication with residents promoting the event and encouraging attendance with the informal nature and opportunity to discuss hot topics such as car parking, town events and Community Speedwatch emphasised.

RESOLUTION: That the Community Coordinator, Assistant Clerk and Town Clerk work together to increase information and promotion of this annual event to encourage participation.

- Best Kept Town Centre Frontage 2026 - details have started to be shared and the frequency will increase as the event gets closer. Cllr Fox noted the article featured in Clerks and Councils Direct about this event.

RESOLUTION: That all Committee members and all Town Councillors are provided with a reminder about the event, encouraged to nominate business and residential buildings in the town centre and that these nominations are collated and brought back to the April Promoting Kirton Committee meeting for decision making on winners.

ACTION: Town Clerk

- Christmas Festival – Cllr Pollitt advised he had asked for further information about pedlars at the Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT) meeting. The Police representatives had had to leave the meeting early, however had advised they would report back in due course. Cllr Pollitt will raise this again at the next NAT meeting. A recommendation on rechargeable lights was put forward by Cllr Pollitt, but deferred for comment from Cllr Garritt.

Signed:

Dated:

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• **Summer Gala and Scarecrow Trail (July 2026)** – Costings and sizes for the Infl8 Hire activities were discussed. Other options were also discussed with welly wanging noted as previously popular and the Women’s Institute are also looking at options including possibly a ‘Buzz Wire’ game. The Scarecrow trail was discussed and themes such as Nursery Rhymes, Football World Cup and The Sea/Underwater were put forward as initial poll ideas for residents to vote on.

RESOLUTION: That the Zig Zag (£70), Penalty Shootout (£90) and Pillow Bash (£90) activities are booked with Infl8 Hire, along with the required staffing at £120 per staff member, delivery to Kirton in Lindsey at £35 and generator at £125. ACTION: Town Clerk

RESOLUTION: That groups and organisations are asked about providing games such as welly wanging as part of the event. ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That the initial theme ideas of Nursery Rhymes, Football World Cup and The Sea/Underwater are included in a residents poll. ACTION: Assistant Clerk/Community Co-Ordinator

PK2603/07 Open Spaces

Janet Caughley introduced herself as the current Chair of Bloom, Kirton in Lindsey. A memorial planter to Liz Hayward, former lollypop lady who died in January, is planned for Dunstan Hill/Dunstan Villas junction. A planter is also planned to go beneath the Kirton in Lindsey sign on South Cliff Road. Bloom also has plans for competitions, including one themed around the football World Cup which will hopefully encourage families and children to become involved. The group is also considering what can be done at the area near the Household Waste Recycling Site off Redbourne Mere which they have titled ‘The Meadow project’. Cllr Frankish advised that the meeting planned with North Lincolnshire Council to discuss this land, along with (Ward) Cllr David Garritt was cancelled with one hours notice but will be rescheduled. Entries will also be made to East Midlands In Bloom, with The George and Creative Cuppa expressing interest in entering their premises. For the CPRE the Best Kept War Memorial, Play Area and Best Kept Town categories will be entered.

In terms of litter picking, now separate from Bloom, Janet also heads up Kirton in Lindsey Litter Pickers. As the weather improves, regular dates for community litter picks will be promoted, and the first of these are around the Great British Spring Clean – with agreement from the landowners to clean up Tighes land, potentially other hot spots and a joint venture with Scunthorpe Litter Pickers at the laybys on Mortal Ash Hill.

The Community Co-Ordinator asked to work with Janet to update the Bloom page on the community website and assist with promotion of this good work.

A number of Committee members thanked Janet for the updates, Bloom for the plans and the hard work going into making the community a better place.

PK2603/08 Date of next Meeting and Agenda Deadline

The Committee confirmed the date and time of the next Promoting Kirton Committee meeting as 13th April 2026 at 6:30pm, with agenda items to be submitted in writing prior to Tuesday 31st March in line with Standing Orders.

The meeting closed at 7:12 pm.

Signed:

Dated: