



Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

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Promoting Kirton Committee Meeting Minutes July 2026

13 July 2026, Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, Kirton in Lindsey at 6:30pm

Prior to the meeting Cllr Hazel Fox was nominated as Chair in the absence of Cllr David Garritt.

Present:

Councillor Hazel Fox (Chair), Councillor Pat Frankish, Councillor Barry Starkie, Alison Birkett, Martin Hollingsworth and Sue Law.

Not Present:

Councillor David Garritt, Councillor Tony Politt, Councillor Suzanne Stephenson and Victoria Rumary.

Also Present:

Town Clerk, Neil Taylor-Matson, Assistant Clerk, Cheri Morton and Community Co-ordinator, Mandy Coote all in attendance.

PK 2607/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor David Garritt, Councillor Tony Pollitt and Councillor Suzanne Stephenson.

PK 2607/02 Declaration of Interests / Dispensations

- a. No Declarations were made.
- b. No Dispensations were granted.

PK 2607/03 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

PK 2607/04 Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of the PK Committee Meeting held 8th June 2026.

RESOLUTION: *That the minutes were duly approved and signed.*

PK 2607/05 Community Coordinator update

The Community Co-ordinator provided a written report and noted the success of the second Blood Pressure Clinic with thirteen people attending and one referral coming from the event. The next session is planned for a Saturday morning to link in with the monthly Coffee & Cupcakes event to build attendance for both the parties. It is hoped that a routine of holding the sessions each four months will work well. The next community police surgery will be held on 30th July at the Community Café and these sessions continue to be useful. Due to their recent relocation into the Market Place, information is still awaited from Creative Cuppa to be included on the website, however other than that the website is up to date. The six-month confirmation updates for the information linking in with LiveWell are completed. The Town Clerk recommended a push on promotion of the website is considered again as people forget about it and that this could link in with the development of a brief 'Welcome Pack' concept for new (and current) residents. Cllr Frankish queried if the Church were providing updates so that their new activities such as Messy Church are included. The Community Co-ordinator confirmed that few updates come through but this is same for most organisations and copies of Nutshell and Kirton First are also chased up for inclusion.

RESOLUTION: *That costings for new banners and leaflets are brought back to a future meeting.* ACTION: Town Clerk/Community Co-ordinator.

RESOLUTION: *That a mock-up 'Welcome Pack' is developed for further consideration.* ACTION: Town Clerk/Community Co-ordinator.

PK 2607/06 Town Events

SportsZone. Attendance figures now received to 22 June. Some sessions cancelled due to the hot weather. Wright Way are happy with the figures which show attendance of around ten people per session on average. Scarecrow Trail. Happy Days Nursery were confirmed this years winners at the Summer Gala. The Town Clerk has made contact and is waiting for arrangements to be made to present the Anne Wild Cup to them. The low entries (only six) were discussed and a way forward considered.

RESOLUTION: *That a 'Kirton Karts' competition is launched next year in association with Bloom with the Scarecrow trail not running.*

ACTION: Assistant Clerk/Town Clerk

Summer Gala. A very positive response received with a big success the overwhelming feedback. Thanks were given to all involved in the organisation, set up, running and take down. The event was very well attended, the mix of entertainment and stalls worked well. The atmosphere was positive with people staying longer and bringing picnics. The free-use inflatables proved very popular and were busy throughout the event. It was suggested that the races could start half an hour earlier. Cllr Fox noted with concern with the work involved in the set-up, having witnessed this for the first time; that there is reliance on volunteers and family members of staff for essential work which makes the event happen. The new gazebo tops were smart and stood out. The Town Clerk noted concerns discussed about the branding of the gazebos inadvertently becoming misleading with each hired gazebo appearing to be a Town Council stall. Future positioning of the branded edge to be considered to mitigate this. The Town Clerk recommended a flag could be useful to highlight toilets etc and that the promotional banners could do with replacing for next year. The Assistant Clerk highlighted that two foldable tables were found to be missing and requested they be replaced with a costing circa £60 each. The Town Clerk noted the weight and cumbersome nature of the old tables borrowed from the Town Hall and recommended purchasing more foldable tables could help resolve this further issue. Additional options to be looked into. The Town Clerk gave an overview of the costs of the event and income. Costs were £1,445.00 out of a budget of £500. Stall income was £275.00 and donations totalled £478.92 (Newett Homes donated £200 to cover face painting; Joseph (Ice Cream van) donated £20; Victoria Rumary raised £43.92 with her craft stall and Amara Care donated £200 to cover the bubble/balloon fairy). This gave a total income of £753.92 and helps the Council better realise the cost of putting on a successful Gala and the need for business sponsorship from within the town. Additional assistance was provided by Jack's Patch garden centre who provided transport to move equipment to The Green in the morning. The Assistant Clerk recommended the purchase of wheeled bags for the gazebos (at £40 each) to assist with moving them. The PA provision had asked about access to electricity at the other side of the Green and the Assistant Clerk will speak to the library to ask about this.

RESOLUTION: *That notes of thanks are recorded to the Assistant Clerk and her family for all their work in set up, organisation, running and take down of the event.*

RESOLUTION: *That notes of thanks are also recorded to Cllr Fox, Cllr Frankish, Alison Birkett, Sue and Martin Law, Chris Allsop, Ian Hayward, Suzy Barrett, Tilly Brock, Paul and Sarah Mack, Jack's Patch, Newett Homes, Victoria Rumary and Amara Care for their help and assistance throughout the set-up, take down and their sponsorship of the event.*

RESOLUTION: *That feather flags are sought to be purchased to highlight facilities which remain constant such as toilets.*

ACTION: Town Clerk/Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: *That costings for new banners are sought and brought back to a future meeting for consideration.*

ACTION: Town Clerk/Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: *That costings for folding tables are sought and brought back to a future meeting for consideration.*

ACTION: Town Clerk/Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: *That wheeled bags are purchased for the ten gazebos at £40.00 each.*

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

Civic Service – Sunday 6 September. The Assistant Clerk advised that the Church and Church Halls are booked. Discussion with the Church is ongoing about having refreshments in the Church after the Service and information to be sought from the caterers. It is hoped Rock Choir and the Primary Academy will be attending. Brownies, Scouts and Royal British Legion approached to request flag bearers. Refreshments are £8.50 per head plus £15 per waitress per hour. Organist is £70. The bell ringers have noted works are

scheduled on the bells, but if they can be rung they will happily do so for the event. Cllr Frankish confirmed Rev Swannack has the event in his diary. Cllr Fox confirmed that the Assistant Clerk is happy to produce the Order of Service booklet for the event this year. The theme of the event is Kindness.

RESOLUTION: *That costings for refreshments at £8.50 per head plus £15 per waitress per hour are approved.*

RESOLUTION: *That costings for the organist at £70 is approved.*

Christmas Festival - Sunday 29 November. 14 bookings are confirmed so far. First Aid costs had reduced to £200 from the original quotation of £300. Quirky Cirque has offered an LED light display in place of fire breathing. Blachere Illuminations have recommended not decorating the brackets on the buildings with garlands as they would be too small to have any impact for the cost.

RESOLUTION: *That revised First Aid costings were noted with thanks.*

RESOLUTION: *That LED light display in place of fire breathing is approved.*

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

Annual Town Meeting. The Town Clerk confirmed the revised date of Monday 15th March 2027 at 7pm. The need for a second wipeable cheque board for grant presentations was discussed.

RESOLUTION: *That Cllr Gunn is initially approached for the provision of a second or two new wipeable cheque boards.*

ACTION: Town Clerk

PK 2606/07 Rail Services

The Town Clerk noted the additional extended rail service provided on Saturday 27th June for Cleethorpes Armed Forces Day, following on from the Seaside Saturday services on 16th May. It is hoped the community take up the opportunities to use these additional services.

PK 2607/08 Open Spaces

Cllr Frankish provided a brief update that Bloom continue to struggle due to lack of volunteers. East Midlands in Bloom was not entered and as well as lack of volunteers this was because of the uncontrolled weed growth throughout the town. It is hoped that funding will be sought through North Lincolnshire Council next year to replace the planters in the Market Place with self-watering ones. The Town Clerk noted the current Temporary Use Ban (TUB or hosepipe ban) and the provisions in place with the Town Council planting contract to enable the continued watering of the town planting scheme.

The meeting closed: 7:26pm