



Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

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Promoting Kirton Committee Meeting Minutes September 2026

14 September 2026, Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, Kirton in Lindsey at 6:30pm

Present:

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

Not Present:

Councillor Karen Gunn, Councillor Tony Politt, Councillor Barry Starkie, Councillor Suzanne Stephenson, Community Co-ordinator - Mandy Coote and Victoria Rumary.

Also Present:

Town Clerk - Neil Taylor-Matson and Assistant Clerk - Cheri Morton both in attendance.

PK 2609/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Karen Gunn, Councillor Barry Starkie, Councillor Suzanne Stephenson, Community Co-ordinator - Mandy Coote and Victoria Rumary.

PK 2609/02 Declaration of Interests / Dispensations

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

PK 2609/03 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

PK 2609/04 Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of the PK Committee Meeting held 13th July 2026.

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

PK 2609/05 Community Coordinator update

The Community Co-ordinator had provided written reports and website statistics ahead of the meeting. The limited use of the website by the community and the difficulties getting updates from groups and organisations were noted. The positives of the police surgeries and blood pressure clinics were discussed. The concept of a 'welcome pack' was discussed and a postcard / 2-sided leaflet or fridge magnet was considered.

RESOLUTION: *That the concept of a postcard / 2-sided leaflet or fridge magnet are explored and costed.*

ACTION: Community Co-ordinator.

PK 2609/06 Town Events

SportsZone. The Assistant Clerk noted that Shine Lincolnshire has acquired Wright Way Sports but that this won't impact on the provision of sessions at this time. Two youngsters were attending the session this evening, with an average of 4-5 attendees at sessions over the summer. The season will finish at the end of the month, and funding will be needed to be sourced for next year. Councillor Garritt offered to look at options for funding through North Lincolnshire Council.

Civic Service – 6th September. Councillor Fox reported the event was very well attended, with special mention to the performances by the Primary Academy and Rock Choir. The new Head and Deputy Head of the Primary Academy attended along with a good number of civic leaders. Discussion took place about securing the vicar to officiate with Cllr Fox noting the need for this to be confirmed earlier. The Assistant Clerk explained communications with the church and the churches internal issues contacting and confirming who would officiate. It was noted that in the end it worked out very well and the vicar was commended.

Cllr Fox noted her thanks to the Assistant Clerk for the organisation of the event. A donation to the bell ringers was considered.

RESOLUTION: That £65 is donated to the bell ringers from the Mayoral Allowance. ACTION: Town Clerk
Christmas Festival - Sunday 29 November. 26 stalls and 2 food stall bookings are confirmed so far. Diamond Jubilee Town Hall hire costs were received. Councillor Frankish declared a personal interest as a Trustee of the Town Hall. Stall queries were considered including positioning and request for provision of a gazebo for a food vendor. Requests were noted from commercial premises opening during the event for their shop fronts to be kept clear from stalls. It was noted that communications about this will be needed to explain the potential layout to residents. The risk assessment for the event was presented, along with the revised booking forms. Pricing of stalls was noted as not increased for a number of years and a review of this for next year recommended. Love in a Cup Community Café have offered funding towards the event. The offer of a fundraising BBQ was also received for both Christmas Festival and Summer Gala events. Costings for Little Enchantments, Barton Community Band and Quirky Cirque were received. Costings for the Christmas Tree were also received. It was also discussed that the children's decorations for the Christmas Tree should be considered for renewal next year. It was discussed that donations towards the tree are to be sought from businesses and housing developers. During discussions, Councillor Frankish offered to provide lighting and heater for Father Christmas in the Town Hall Garden area and power for the PA system.

RESOLUTION: That consideration of the costing for hire of the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall for the event was deferred to Full Council due to lack of quoracy.

RESOLUTION: That a stall enquiry is approved with offer initially of an outside pitch.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That the food vendor's request for provision of a gazebo is approved, however they will need to provide their own lighting solution. ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That the Risk Assessment is approved.

RESOLUTION: That the revised booking forms are approved.

RESOLUTION: That the funding from Love in a Cup Community Café is accepted with thanks to fund 180 selection boxes for Father Christmas, they are approached about wrapping these and adding a note about their contribution to help promote the Café. ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: The contingency for funding 180 selection boxes is to be the Mayoral Allowance.

RESOLUTION: That the offer of a fundraising BBQ is accepted with thanks for the Summer Gala.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That the cost of £746 for Little Enchantments provision of PA system and characters (Elsa and Spiderman) for four hours is approved. ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That the cost of £260 for Quirky Cirque to provide Elf/LED Angel/Ice Queen stilt walker and roaming LED performer throughout the afternoon/evening is approved. ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That the costs for the Barton Community Band at £220 were again approved.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That the cost of £675 for the supply, delivery, hire of base, installation and removal of the Christmas Tree by Fillingham's is approved. ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That businesses and housing developers are approached for donations towards the tree.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

Annual Town Meeting- Monday 15 March. The Town Clerk noted that the previous supplier of the reusable cheque board for grant presentations was no longer operating and quotations from other suppliers will be sought. The approved budget for refreshments was noted as £35.

Summer Gala – July 2027. The offer of a fundraising BBQ (LIVES/Lindsey Lodge) was discussed and the final income and expenditure for the 2026 event was noted; expenditure was £1,600.00; stall income £305.00; donations £478.92 and so total income was £783.92. This brought the cost of the event to £876.08 for noting during budget setting for next year. Ideas put forward from a resident for future years included a golf course, use of the basketball hoop for a game, giant noughts and crosses and hot drinks to be sold by the WI. This also led to seeking anyone who is proficient using the Supernova play equipment to do demonstrations. The Town Clerk also noted the purchase of Thank You cards to express the appreciation recorded in the July

minutes. This provides a stock for appreciation to also be expressed more quickly going forward. Costings for new banners/banners/flags to be sought and brought back to a future meeting.

RESOLUTION: *That the offer of a fundraising BBQ at the event is appreciated and accepted.*

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

James Town Circus – 25-27th September. The Town Clerk reminded the Committee that the Circus are due to arrive at The Green on the evening of Wednesday 23rd September, with performances on Fri 25th to Sun 27th September.

PK 2609/07 Open Spaces

a. Cllr Frankish provided a brief update that Bloom plans for replanting the Market Place are in hand. There are also plans to replace the current planters in the Market Place with self-watering versions. The Town Clerk noted the current planters are town property and so would need to be relocated or offered to residents for sale as they are not end of life. Watering issues were noted at the library car park and Redbourne Mere planters. The problems with the lack of attention by North Lincolnshire Council to the uncontrolled weed growth in public areas was noted. Cllr Garritt noted that contentment rather than apathy of residents as a potential reason for volunteers not coming forward to help.

b. Cllr Fox requested that the Town Council consider taking over the entrance planting at Redbourne Mere and South Cliff Road in particular and put forward the suggestion of raised brick-built planters with Ulceby (winners of the Best Kept Village competition in their category this year) as an example. Councillor Garritt offered to check what could be agreed with North Lincolnshire Council for permanent installation at highway verges. Areas of responsibility could then be looked at with Bloom and what they felt they could and wanted to take on and what could potentially be included in Town Council contracts.

The meeting closed: 7:46pm