Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

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Promoting Kirton Committee Meeting Minutes October 2026
12 October 2026, Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, Kirton in Lindsey at 6:30pm

Present:
Councillor David Garritt (Chair), Councillor Hazel Fox, Councillor Pat Frankish,
Councillor Suzanne Stephenson, Alison Birkett, Martin Hollingsworth and Victoria Rumary.
One member of the public (part).

Not Present:
Councillor Karen Gunn, Councillor Tony Politt, Councillor Barry Starkie and Sue Law.

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

PK 2610/01 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Sue Law.

PK 2610/02 Declaration of Interests / Dispensations
a. Cllr Stephenson declared a personal interest at PK2610/06 (Christmas Festival – Indoor of Town Hall).
b. No Dispensations were granted.

PK 2610/03 Public Participation
A member of the public detailed their offer of a real Norwegian Christmas tree for the town Christmas lighting display. The tree would require felling, moving to the Market Place and putting into place. The family would be honoured if this was feasible to be achieved. The Committee thanked the resident for their generous offer and for attending the meeting, noting the plans for the Christmas event would be discussed later in the meeting.

PK 2610/04 Minutes
The Committee approved the minutes of the PK Committee Meeting held 14th September 2026.
RESOLUTION: ***That the minutes were duly approved and signed.***

PK 2610/05 Community Co-ordinator update
The Community Co-ordinator had provided a written report and provided updates around this including the next Blood Pressure Clinic planned for 7th November linking in with the Coffee, Cupcakes and Chat monthly event at the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, the addition to the Town Hall Book Club on the website activities listings, an update that the next Police Surgeries at the Love in a Cup Community Café are 29th October and 19th November; the awaited InaNutshell pages from the middle of Kirton First are now all published on the website and the website front page has been streamlined. The Community Co-ordinator discussed the idea of a volunteer workshop in the new year to make more people aware of the need for more volunteers for different groups across the town and inform residents of the options available to them to get involved. Attendance at the Know Your Numbers Blood Pressure Ambassador project on 4th September was also noted. The 'welcome pack' ideas of a postcard / 2-sided leaflet or fridge magnet were further discussed with initial costings researched and further detail on content ideas requested. This was clarified by the Committee to be a two-sided postcard which people would keep and to be both a welcome to new residents and reminder for everyone about the website. There was no decision around the fridge magnets.
RESOLUTION: ***That costs for a three-hour volunteer workshop upstairs at the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall on a Saturday when Cupcakes, Coffee and Chat is running are researched and taken as a recommendation to the next Full Council meeting for approval.*** **ACTION: Community Co-ordinator.**

RESOLUTION: ***That circa 2,500 A6 postcards are researched and costed.*** **ACTION: Community Co-ordinator.**

PK 2610/06 Town Events

James Richard Circus (September) – the visit was successful with lower audiences than last year but they had expected this to be the case. They have donated £200 to the Town Council in gratitude and towards the ongoing maintenance of the Green.

RESOLUTION: ***That a letter of thanks is sent for leaving the Green as they found it and for the £200 donation.*** **ACTION: Town Clerk**

SportsZone. The Assistant Clerk provided the attendance figures for the year, with a total of 105 averaging 5.5 attendees at each session that ran. Wright Way Sports & Education are happy to continue providing the sessions next year if funding can be sourced. Councillor Garritt offered to look at options for funding through North Lincolnshire Council.

Christmas Festival - Sunday 29 November. Bookings and stall enquiries continue. Love in a Cup Community Café have agreed to provide the selection boxes for Santa to hand out, they will purchase 200 and ask that any leftover are shared between themselves and the Glanford & Lindsey Lions. Little Enchantments have advised they don't have a male performer available this year and the Events Working Group have recommended Ghost Spider as the alternative to Spiderman for the characters. Three local companies were approached for road closure quotations, but only one company has provided one. The Primary Academy will sing after the lights have been switched on and following approval at the last meeting the Christmas tree is now booked for installation with the date for the lighting installation to be confirmed. The offer of the Christmas tree from the resident was discussed in detail. The Assistant Clerk provided the draft schedule for the event with no comments made other than to check that parking at the Academy site was organised. The Assistant Clerk confirmed this would be checked. Cllr Fox outlined her plans to run an information stall about the Town Council potentially with leaflets and refreshments.

RESOLUTION: ***To provide a mix of Disney and Superhero performances, Ghost Spider is booked in place of Spiderman.*** **ACTION: Assistant Clerk**

RESOLUTION: ***That the Nationwide Traffic Solutions quote at £600 (including VAT) is approved for the road closures required.*** **ACTION: Assistant Clerk**

RESOLUTION: ***That with deep regret the generous offer of the Christmas tree from the resident is not possible to be accepted and if there was a way that it could have been achieved the Council would have done so. An option that lower branches could be used if provided by the family to decorate Santa's Grotto.*** **ACTION: Town Clerk**

2027 Civic Event(s). The difficulties around holding a Civic Dinner were discussed due to the limited venues in the town. The George have declined after many years of involvement and generous support and Cleatham Hall are no longer taking event bookings. Cllr Fox is considering a quiz night with buffet and the idea of a race night was also put forward as successful and memorable when held by the WI. It was discussed that presentation of the Civic Award is likely to work better at the Annual Town Meeting.

Annual Town Meeting - Monday 15 March. The Town Clerk noted receipt of the new reusable cheque boards.

Summer Gala – July 2027. No matters required attention at this time.

PK 2610/07 Open Spaces

a. Cllr Frankish provided a brief update that Bloom had plans in place for winter bedding and had recently held a litter picking event. With low numbers, the group continue to struggle.

b. Alison Birkett offered to plant bulbs in the verge a few metres from the boundary sign. The Town Clerk reported that a response from Bloom was awaited about plans for South Cliff Road and Redbourne Mere town entrances as they had not yet met to discuss this. The Town Council contractor had advised planting solutions would be summer and winter bedding intensive; the most impactful locations would be at the boundary signs; any perennials would need to be replaced around every two years to keep them to size and stop them taking over/roots absorbing all the water; planters attached to poles which can be raised off the ground would be one solution and built sloping planters another; watering would likely to be needed more than twice a week over summer months. The Community Co-ordinator noted that HMP Hatfield had

previously built planters when provided with the materials to do so. The Town Clerk offered to circulate the information which came out of the discussion with the contractor.

RESOLUTION: ***That the generous offer to plant bulbs was approved.***

c. The Committee received notice of an invitation to the CPRE Northern Lincolnshire AGM taking place on Saturday 17th October.

PK 2610/08 Date of next Meeting and Agenda Deadline

The Committee confirmed, subject to any change in circumstances, the date and time of the next Promoting Kirton Committee meeting as **9th November 2026 at 6:30pm.**

NOTE: Agenda items to be submitted in writing prior to Friday 30th October in line with Standing Orders.

The meeting closed: 7:26pm