



**Minutes of the Meeting of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
Promoting Kirton Committee held on Monday 10th March 2025
at the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey at 6.30pm**

Members Present: Cllr David Garritt (Chair), Cllr Kathy Cooper, Cllr Pat Frankish, Cllr Hazel Fox, and Victoria Rumary.

Members not present: Cllr Suzanne Stephenson, Cllr Karen Gunn, Alison Birkett, Martin Hollingsworth, and Tanya Salvador.

Also present: One member of the public, Assistant Clerk: Cheri Morton and Town Clerk: Neil Taylor-Matson.

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Suzanne Stephenson, Cllr Garritt was nominated to Chair this meeting.

MINUTES

PK2503/01 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Stephenson, Denise Sayles, Alison Birkett, Martin Hollingsworth and Tanya Salvador.

PK2503/02 Declaration of Interests / Dispensations

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

PK2503/03 Public Participation

A member of the public expressed concerns over private signage at South Cliff Road reading “Hangers Straight” and the potential to encourage racing along the stretch of road as the name comes from the Silverstone Circuit. Cllr Garritt advised that as the signage was on private land enforcement action was unlikely but advised the resident to contact North Lincolnshire Council highways with their concerns.

PK2503/04 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Committee considered the minutes of the PK Committee Meeting held on 10th February 2025.

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

PK2503/05 Community Co-Ordinator report

- a. The Community Co-Ordinator had sent apologies ahead of the meeting and had not had opportunity to submit a report. The work over the last month has focused on continued promotion of the website and activities in the town and the Men in Sheds project. The initial information sharing event around Men in Sheds will take place at the Community Café this Thursday.
- b. The Committee considered the future of the Community Co-Ordinator role, with Cllr Frankish noting the National Lottery had rejected the funding application but provided constructive feedback and recommended a resubmission with further clarity around the funding needs. Cllr Frankish has asked Cllr Fox to progress the resubmission application which Cllr Fox reported she hoped to work on before the end of the month.

PK2503/06 Town Events

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

- Civic Dinner – Cllr Fox reported the success of the event, with positive comments from other committee members and a note of thanks to the Assistant Clerk for organising and running the event. The Assistant Clerk thanked Cllr Fox and Cllr Cooper for their assistance with the clear up afterwards, and also wished to acknowledge thanks to the Town Hall Venue Manager for staying to assist with the washing up. It was noted that costs for washing up were included in the quotation for catering by The George and that this should therefore be queried on the invoice.

RESOLUTION: That the invoice from The George is queried when received. ACTION: Assistant Clerk.

- SportsZone – the Assistant Clerk noted that Wright Way Sports have now confirmed an increase in costs to £27.80 per session. The Committee agreed these sessions should continue but be monitored for attendance levels.

RESOLUTION: That the increased costs to £27.80 per session is approved. ACTION: Assistant Clerk

- Annual Town Meeting (9th April) – the Assistant Clerk noted that further information about the running of the event is required prior to sending out invitations and information. It was discussed that more information should be provided during the event about the organisations and groups represented and the presence of Town/Ward Councillors for any queries or information approaches. Event posters are now displayed around the town.

RESOLUTION: That information is provided during the event about those present in the room.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk to liaise with Cllr Fox

- 80th Anniversary of VE Day (8th May) – Cllr Garritt noted that he had not yet had opportunity to speak to the town eateries but plans to do so this weekend. The timing was confirmed as 8pm start with beacon lighting at 9.30pm. Town eateries may provide pre-sold picnic packs but this needs confirming for publicity by both the Town Council and eateries.

Signed:

Dated:



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The lighting of the beacon was also discussed.

RESOLUTION: That Kirton Academy is approached about potential students who could assist lighting the beacon.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

• **Summer Gala and Scarecrow Trail** (July) – The Assistant Clerk reported that craft sessions were planned for May half term to help with making scarecrows. The option of flowerpot people as an alternative as well as scarecrows was discussed. The reintroduction of the successful ‘hidden word challenge’ was also suggested. The discussion concluded around provision of prizes. Invitation/information has gone out about the Gala date with booking forms to go out for the new financial year. Refreshments, stall costings and entertainment/activities were discussed. Schools will be encouraged to create games stalls. The link between the Gala and Christmas Festival was considered and the reintroduction of the fancy dress competition with the scarecrows theme of Heroes was discussed with the prize of switching on the Christmas Lights with the Primary School Christmas Lights poster winner.

RESOLUTION: That only scarecrows are part of the trail and consideration is given to a flowerpot people trail next year.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That the hidden word challenge is introduced in some form with a prize.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That three prizes are presented, 1st place, 2nd place and word challenge.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That stall booking hire fees remain the same as last year; a suggested donation of £15 for community groups and charities and £20 for refreshment stalls.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That refreshments including waffles and ice cream are booked.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That Kirton Academy are approached about providing band entertainment.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That a fancy dress competition with the theme of Heroes is held with the prize of switching on the Christmas Lights with the Primary School Christmas Lights poster winner.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

• **Baton of Hope** (15th September) – the Town Clerk reminded the Committee that Baton Bearers are sought and that it would be worthwhile putting nominations from Kirton in Lindsey forward.

• **Christmas Festival** – the Assistant Clerk noted that invitation/information has gone out about the event with booking forms to go out for the new financial year. The Assistant Clerk is looking to arrange a meeting with local eateries to discuss options including potential for food stalls along Sylvester Street. The Assistant Clerk is to approach the Town Hall to discuss a display of stained glass style art by the Primary School during the event. It was discussed that walkie talkies were borrowed and used successfully last year and it may be worthwhile buying a set for town events. A hidden letter challenge was suggested, for display at stalls and in shop windows with a lollipop prize for entries. The application to the Lincolnshire Co-Op Community Champions scheme for gifts to be given by Santa in 2026 was discussed, with options for this year deferred to a future meeting.

RESOLUTION: That a meeting is arranged with local eateries to discuss food provision.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That the Town Hall are approached for permission around stained glass style art displays during the event.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That costings for walkie talkies are brought back to the next meeting.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That a hidden letter challenge is organised with entries and prizes to be exchanged at a craft stall.

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTION: That the written statement for the Lincolnshire Co-Op Community Champions

ACTION: Assistant Clerk

application for gifts to be given by Santa in 2026 was approved.

PK2503/07 Open Spaces

Tanya Salvador had provided an update that permission is granted to In Bloom from North Lincolnshire Council to add an ‘entrance flower raised planter’ to the welcome sign on South Cliff Road. Final details are yet to be provided of the arrangements for the planter from the supplier. This will be sponsored by Kirton in Lindsey Old Timers (KLOTs) Football Club for five years. It was also noted that In Bloom had agreed at their AGM that Town Council were to be approached about the future maintenance of the rose beds at the peace garden near the War Memorial. The sponsorship would remain in place but the work to be requested to be completed by Town Council contractors. In Bloom do not have the manpower or interest from the community to continue with the upkeep of these.

RESOLUTION: That information is gathered around the schedule of works required and costings for presentation to Full Council for consideration around maintenance of the peace garden.

ACTION: Town Clerk/Cllr Frankish

PK2503/08 Date of next Meeting and Agenda Deadline

The Committee confirmed the date and time of the next Promoting Kirton Committee meeting as 14th April 2025 at 6:30pm, with agenda items to be submitted in writing prior to Friday 4th April in line with Standing Orders.

The meeting closed at 7:26 pm.

Signed:

Dated: