

KIRTON IN LINDSEY ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY 2009



**Minutes of the meeting held on
WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL 2009
AT 6.30 P.M.**

IN THE TOWN HALL, KIRTON IN LINDSEY

Present – Cllrs Frankish (Mayor), Bunker, Hinks, Boyd, Stamford, Kofoed, Tyzack, Startin
Ward Cllr John England, C Neal (Clerk)

Local representatives – Lynne Duffin (Kirton First), Martin Hollingsworth (KLRP, KLEO, KLAGS, Community Transport Partnership, Kirton in Lindsey Society), Patrick Ranyell (Torksey Charity), Janet Saunders (WI), Clare Startin (Outer School), Jenny Cripss (DJTH), Penny Hoey (FOTH, Exhibition Endowment Foundation), Martin Eccles (KLASSIC), Sue Bond (Huntcliff School), Janet Goude (NL Alzheimer's Society), J Lees (Cemetery Clerk), J Bray, L Alexander (handyperson)

Before the meeting commenced Janet Goude of the Alzheimer's Society was presented with a cheque for the monies raised at the recent Charity Dinner.

1. Apologies

Received from NLC Cllr Foster, Wise Owls Pre School, Kirton in Lindsey Primary School, Heather Bunker of UMC Cllr Tyzack apologised as she may be a little late.

2. Minutes of the Annual Town Assembly 2008

Accepted as a correct record.

3. Town Accounts for 2008/9

Accepted unanimously.

4. Parochial Registered Charities

The Green and Market Place

The Clerk reported that the Teen Shelter, built with funding obtained through the HWRCC, was in constant use and would shortly have a concrete base added to protect the grass. The Green area would be looked after this year by a new contractor in conjunction with the newly appointed handyperson who would take responsibility for the cleanliness and maintenance of the play area. The handyperson would also be taking care of the Market Place. Six new cascades had been added to the Market Place area last summer and the WI had kindly offered to sponsor these. Two benches and one bin from the Green and Market Place had been vandalised and were subject to an insurance claim which would be settled shortly. The Annual Update form had recently been returned to the Charities Commission and all administrative matters were in hand.

War Memorial and Garden of Edward Elmhirst Duckering

The bedding areas and cleanliness of the War Memorial would be the responsibility of the new handyperson this year, though the trustees were currently looking into the best method of cleaning the memorial. The Remembrance Service had again been a success and with the advent of the Kirton in Lindsey Royal British Legion Branch it was hoped that a successful partnership could ensure that the War Memorial receives the attention that it deserves.

Poor's Close Charity

No claims on the Charity Funds had been made in the past year, or in the preceding 5 years. With this in mind the Deputy Clerk had prepared a report to be submitted to the trustees within the next few months in which it would be recommended that the objects be updated so that monies could be freed up to benefit projects within the community.

Kirton in Lindsey Society

Martin Hollingsworth reported that the society now had 70 members and had celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2008. An oral history project had recently been completed from which a book and CD had been produced, 450 copies of this had been sold. The society enjoyed a varied programme of speakers and meetings were generally well attended.

Torksey Charity

Patrick Ranyell reported that the rent from the agricultural land had been received in full. The Annual return had also been submitted. The end of year accounts represented a balance of £30.61 in the current account and £7805.36 in the deposit account. Five requests had been made in the past year, four of which had been granted and one refused. It was also reported that Cllr Ellerby had resigned as a trustee.

Exhibition Foundation Charity

Penny Hoey reported that the scheme had been running since 1910 and was still widely advertised. Thirty five book grants had been awarded to students last year.

Relief in Need

No report.

Women's Institute

Janet Saunders reported that the year had been very successful with a membership of thirty seven. Twelve meetings had taken place with speakers on many subjects. The WI had entered the UMC's Christmas Tree Competition and had also had Christmas Dinner at The George. Kirton in Lindsey WI feel they are a happy and busy group.

Diamond Jubilee Town Hall Charity

It was reported that the year had been very successful with the DJTH finally securing the funds from the Heritage Lottery to go ahead with the project. Works were due to start on the town hall in June and were expected to take around a year. The town hall would be licensed for a range of events including weddings. Currently, there was a project up and running to encourage people to "sponsor" items for the town hall which ranged from bricks to door handles. Funding had been secured from the Town Council to assist in the provision of the toilets which would be accessible for all and the trustees were currently awaiting the transfer of the land from NLC.

5. LIVES

No report.

6. KLRP Report

Martin Hollingsworth reported that the KLRP meet quarterly. The partnership had sent out a community survey in September but the response had been poor. The Community Plan had been carried out in 2002 and required updating – any ideas were welcomed. The KLRP supports active groups and also administers the accounts for KLEO along with maintaining the Community Notice Boards.

7. Evergreen Club

No report.

8. Kirton in Lindsey Transport Partnership

Martin Hollingsworth reported that the Klipper was in its seventh year of operation and carries an average of 14 passengers a day. A few days had been lost this year due to snow and NLC driver problems but otherwise the service had run well. The town council continues its financial support of the Klipper with Christine Ranyell acting as project manager.

9. Kirton in Lindsey Entertainments Organisation

Martin Hollingsworth reported that KLEO had had a busy year with the Live Lincs touring programme, events had been held at Huntcliff at which refreshments were provided and the A Team held fundraisers.

10. Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners

Martin Hollingsworth reported that the organisation had been more successful than ever this year with the May plant sale having been the best ever. The annual show had also been very successful and there had been a number of speakers throughout the year who had passed on their skills.

11. KLASSIC

Martin Eccles reported that planning permission had been granted on the land. The group had had a long break over Christmas following which plans had been drawn up for the road improvements which were awaiting highways approval. The group are looking at various sources of funding for the development. The power lines on site need removing and the group were in discussions with YEDL regarding this.

12. Junior Football Club

None.

13. Wesley Centre

None.

14. Kirton First

Lynne Duffin reported that Kirton First is now in its seventh year and the response to the magazine has mainly been positive. Lots of businesses are keen to advertise in the magazine and the editors try to achieve a balance between advertising and articles. The magazine is currently distributed to 1450 households in the area. Kirton first are grateful to the Town Council for their financial support and the magazine also helps to keep residents in touch with town council issues. A distributor is currently needed to assist with delivering the magazine.

15. Huntcliff School Report

Sue Bond reported that the school had had a busy year with 66% of pupils achieving 5 A-C grades at GCSE which is above the national average of 55%. Several subject areas have undergone development, in particular sport has been a priority with a variety of sports such as cheerleading, taekwondo, table tennis and golf now on offer. The swimming pool is very expensive to maintain but is used every night by swimming clubs and the school would like to open it for community use, they are therefore seeking grants to improve facilities.

Links were strong with local primary schools and primary pupils come into the school. The school is keen to support community and charity work and are this year supporting the British Heart Foundation. Monies were also raised for Children in Need and Comic Relief and to educate two children in Brazil. Senior Citizens had visited the school for Christmas lunch.

The school had made a bid for £25,000 of specialist schools status funding, Corus and others within the business community had supported this and there were plans for a new engineering suites. The school hoped to offer an engineering diploma from September. A new lift had now been installed making the whole school wheelchair accessible.

16. Kirton in Lindsey Primary School Report

Patrick Ranyell reported that the school is at a transitional stage with the recent appointment of the new headteacher who would take up the post on the 6th May. The current headteacher had retired and the Deputy was Acting Head for the time being. Planning permission had been sought for a Children's Centre to be built on site, details of which would be published soon.

17. Kirton in Lindsey Branch of the British Legion

Cllr Boyd reported that the branch met every third Tuesday with around 40 people being members. The old standard had been laid in the church and the new one raised. Remembrance Day had also been well attended.

18. Wise Owls Pre-School

None.

19. Outer School

Sarah Spencer and Claire Startin reported on the history of the group which had been formed as a social enterprise by parents when out of school provision in Kirton had ended. Sixteen parents had been affected. The group needed to be Ofsted registered which required 22-25 weeks to register, but the parents had only 5 weeks to find alternative provision. The Wesley Centre assisted in providing after school sessions, following which a room was found within the school and decorated with money donated by the A Team, town Council and the Lions. The group is run as a not for profit organisation and money will be ploughed back into the group once it is sustainable. Policies and procedures have been written which have been approved by Ofsted and the group has now been registered and inspected, receiving a "good" rating. The group won the award for the Humber Region Social Enterprise of the Year and were runners up in Yorkshire. There are currently around 60 children per session and the group is not yet totally sustainable. Two contracted staff and two relief staff are employed, one of whom has gone through Literacy and Numeracy training and nearly completed NVQ2.

20. Reports from any organisations not noted on the agenda

None.

21. Yorkshire in Bloom and Kirton in Bloom Competitions

Cllr Frankish reported that the town had not done as well as expected in the Yorkshire in Bloom Competition this year, receiving a bronze award, but had won the CPRE Best Kept Village Award for North Lincolnshire. It was felt that the whole town was looking better over the last three years..

22. Seasonal Lights 2008

The Clerk reported that the event had again been a success despite the very cold weather, with a range of Market Stalls, fairground rides and entertainment. Structural testing procedures that NLC had enforced had been carried out successfully, though this had put a strain on the budget. Rigorous Health and Safety Legislation imposed by the principal authority means that the council are unable to provide as many lights as in the past due to the expense. Due to the works on the Town Hall, it was unlikely that any lights could be erected next year as the electricity supply is taken directly from the Town Hall. It was hoped that a re-launch of the event would take place in 2010, hopefully with a bigger and better Switch-on!

23. Ward Councillors Report

Cllr England reported that the NLC budget had been set in February with a 3.8% increase – the opposition group had proposed an alternative with a 2% increase. The controlling group had taken away free car parking in Brigg which the opposition group were opposing. The costs of the Baths Hall had spiralled to £16 million and the planning had been pushed through despite objections. Work had been done in Kirton on drainage at a cost of £500,000, a further £500,000 of work was needed to complete the works.

24. Civic Award

Two awards had been presented this year to Cecil Brumpton and Norma and Charlie Hamilton. The awards had been presented at the Civic Charity Dinner which had been very successful.

25. Mayor's Report

Cllr Frankish gave the following report:

‘It’s been a busy year. We have met every month except August and conducted the business of the Council without any problems. We still do not have a full complement of members but those who are here all work very hard.

We succeeded in saving the Fire Station and everyone in the Town is to be thanked for this. It was people pressure that made the difference and we must always remember that.

Sadly we were devastated by floods again this year. A lot of the Council effort has gone into helping North Lincs Council to identify the problem areas. Local knowledge is invaluable in these circumstances. A lot of work has been done and more is planned to manage the water more effectively. The Council has hosted two public meetings in Kirton. Councillors have attended meetings at NLC and it has felt like a joint effort.

A lot of Council time is spent on promoting Kirton by making sure the flowers and grass are well looked after. There have been problems with the Cemetery care and we have changed the contractor for this next year as we were not satisfied with the grass cutting. The Christmas event also brings people into the Town and was again successful this year, although we are limited in what lights we can have.

The Council made Civic Awards to Cecil Brumpton and Norma and Charlie Hamilton. It also ran the Kirton in Bloom competition and presented prizes for some excellent gardens. These are ways in which local people can be recognized for the contribution they make to their locality. The Civic service and Civic Charity Dinner were well attended. Civic Pride is essential in well run communities and we have lots to be proud of.

The Scunthorpe Telegraph has been very helpful to us this year, helping with the Fire Station campaign and high-lighting the cemetery problem.

The day to day business of the council has continued with Jenny Cripps holding the fort until Cate Neal returned from maternity leave. Thanks to both of them for all their hard work. Last of all thank you to all the councillors for their support throughout the year.’

26. A.O.B.

None.