

KIRTON IN LINDSEY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2019



MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 2019 AT 6.00pm IN THE TOWN HALL

PRESENT – Councillors: Joy Kofoed (Chair); Billy Boyd, Kathy Cooper, Pat Frankish; Geoff Cossey; Maggie Davies; Karen Gunn; Tony Kitchen and Jack Startin
Ward Councillors: Cllr Trevor Foster and Cllr John England
Town Clerk: Neil Taylor-Matson
circa 45 Residents of Kirton in Lindsey

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ATM2019/01 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr David Garritt, Kirton in Lindsey Junior Football Club, Kirton Call Drama Group, Kirton in Lindsey Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Kirton in Lindsey Youth Club and Kirton in Lindsey Exhibition Endowment.

ATM2019/02 Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting 2018

The minutes of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting were noted as approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor, Cllr Joy Kofoed.

ATM2019/03 Reports from the Town Council, town groups and organisations

a. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

Mayor's Report 2019

Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey, Councillor Joy Kofoed, thanked everyone present for attending the meeting and gave a visual overview of the work of the Town Council over the previous year and explained about the Mayor's Charities for 2018-2019, Lincolnshire's Lancaster Association.

Civic Award 2019

Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey, Councillor Joy Kofoed presented the 2019 Civic Award to Mary Hollingsworth who gave an acceptance speech.

Promoting Kirton Committee

The work of the Promoting Kirton Committee was explained with an overview of the year and a call for residents to assist with future projects and events.

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Town Council Registered Charities

The Green and The Market Place

War Memorial and Garden of Edward Elmhirst Duckering

Poor's Close and Torksey Charities

Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey, Councillor Joy Kofoed presented an overview on each of the Town Council charities including the work carried out over the previous year and work planned going forward.

b. Groups and Organisations

Humberside Police

PC O'Neill gave an overview of crime and police work and allocation around Kirton in Lindsey, including input at both the Primary School and Huntcliff.

Glanford & Lindsey Lions

Alan Hall, President of Glanford & Lindsey Lions presented an overview of the Lions, who they help and the work that they do.

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No report received.

Kirton in Lindsey Branch of the Royal British Legion

Pete Yallop, Secretary presented an overview of the Royal British Legion, the membership, the Remembrance Service works and appealed for new members explaining how to join.

Huntcliff Academy

Patrick Daley, Headteacher, presented an update, noting the increased achievement in exam results with further increases also expected this year. Due to intake numbers the school will be oversubscribed for the first time in a number of years from September. The school are very proud of their Gateway provision providing inclusive learning and Enrichment Programme on Wednesday afternoons. The school is making increased contact with the local community and continuing to look for partnership opportunities. Mr Davey noted thanks to Brigg Rotary Club for their recent input with the students related to maths.

Kirton Lindsey Primary School

Nicolien Lawson, Vice Chair of Governors presented an update, including new schemes focussing on reading and mental health which have not only been successful but popular with the children too. There have been a number of improvements to the school grounds including a successful Awards For All bid for a tarmac track to encourage exercise and also the clearance of a wooded area by Community Payback to enable the creation of an accessible area which can also be used for learning. Collaborations with Huntcliff have formed to ease the Year 6 transition and a larger than usual intake is expected in September.

Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group

Nicolien Lawson gave an overview of the work of the group, noting the formation in Summer 2018 with a steady group of ten members now, which was noted by North Lincolnshire Council as the largest in this area. The specified area for the plan was approved in February which unlocks funding to progress the work. A public drop-in session was held at the end of March for residents to have their say on how they want to see the town develop over the next 10-15 years. Nicolien noted how important community engagement was for the entire process.

North Notts and Lincs Community Rail Partnership

Barry Coward, Chair of the Partnership explained the aims of the organisation are to engage communities with their railways and explained the campaigning they have undertaken to try to

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link Kirton Lindsey Station to Nottingham with the Robin Hood Line, but had received information earlier in the day that this had been unsuccessful. There is now a five year wait until improvements to the Saturday service can be made, which is when the Northern franchise runs out. The NNLCRP plan to prove the need for improvements to the rail provision but need the user numbers to support this work. An updated travel guide produced by the NNLCRP for Kirton in Lindsey and Brigg public transport services will be distributed with one of the editions of Kirton First later this year, delivered to every home in the town.

Women's Institute

Olive Ovington, President of Kirton in Lindsey WI, reported on the activities of the WI following an interesting and busy year including a visit to a mine, flower arranging and involvement with the poppy cascade at St Andrew's United Church. The WI have an active evening walking group, book club and crafts group which always welcome new members.

St Andrew's United Church

Revd Kathy Colwell presented an update on the activities of the United church, and noted good regular attendance at services both on Sundays and mid-week. Mention was given to special festivals and seasons throughout the year, the hugely successful poppy cascade, town Civic Service and links with both the Primary School and Huntcliff. Kathy noted the recent local repair of the flagpole and thanked those that helped, noting there are rules on the flags which the church can fly. The church is about to start a stewardship campaign to help raise further needed funds for maintenance, and plans to open more over the summer months to encourage people to access the building. It was stressed that the building is everyone's church and the volunteers try hard to make everyone feel welcome there.

Kirton in Lindsey Archery Club

Dave O'Brien, Secretary, reported that the club is now in its fifth year and is one of the top three clubs in the county with 70 members. Examples of the standard of the members was given and the encouragement given by the club for members to enter competitions. An Open Shoot was held over the summer which was very successful, helped by the good weather but with excellent feedback received improving the clubs reputation further. The club continues to encourage community groups to take part and try archery and anyone interested should contact the club.

Kirton in Lindsey Junior Football Club

Simon Morton, Secretary, supplied a report to the meeting. Kirton Lindsey Junior Football club continues to offer juniors the opportunity to play football and develop at their own pace. Our goal is very simple in that we aim to provide the best possible environment for a local junior to enjoy their first step in to football. Every junior is welcome and there are no trials or tests...you just turn up, play and most importantly have fun.

The last year has seen the club introduce 2 new teams at the lower age groups (u7s and u9s) taking the number of KLJFC league teams to 6 for the current season, playing our home matches at KLASSIC. The club has also significantly improved our social media reach, implementing a new website and a refreshed Facebook page. The website will enable online registration for the first time removing the need for paper registration forms making it easier for our members. We have also added new goals for training and matches plus maintaining our FA Chartered Standard club status which when relying on volunteers is not always easy to maintain.

The current football season finishes within the next month, but the club continues to offer all year-round football training to local juniors. Special thanks go to Jack Tighe Ltd whose generous loan of the playing field next to Huntcliff School enables the club to offer floodlit training during the winter months. Not only is this a great facility in the winter but it also allows the club to keep our annual subscriptions as low as possible for local juniors. ...ensuring as many juniors as possible can play football.

The coming year will see familiar challenge's that so many other local amateur clubs face but fundamentally we hope that our volunteers keep volunteering! Not only is it important for the

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club to have as much help as possible but it's underlying success is built on the quality of that help. Our volunteers also give their time at events such as the Christmas Festival and the Gala, so community based events not just training nights and match days.

Kirton in Lindsey Table Tennis Club

Rod Boyers, Chairman and Treasurer presented information about the club including a potted history of its formation and the locations they have played at. The club currently has 74 members, the average attendance is around 10 players and an average age of 57 years. Encouraging younger players to become involved is always a challenge and there are aspirations to form a daytime club if there is enough interest. Funding raised through North Lincolnshire Council and the A Team enabled the purchase of four new tables which are still in use. The 2018 Yuletide Race Night raised funds for the club and the WWI Commemorative Bench placed near the War Memorial and the club have held four coaching sessions this season. Due to the success of their fundraising the club are keen to make a further £200 available to fund other projects within the town.

Cadets

No report received.

Kirton in Lindsey Society

Mary Hollingsworth, Chair of the Society, reported that the club is small but active and membership is currently 64 with a regular attendance of between 30 and 40 at indoor meetings with a wide range of topics covered. The Society organise the displays in the Town Hall Heritage Room which are part of the requirements under the Heritage Lottery Funds 25 year charge requiring heritage related activities to take place; 'Hatched, Matched and Dispatched' is about to be changed to a display on 'Law and Order'. Mary detailed other activities of the society including family history queries and the upcoming Spring Festival thanking the Town Council and North Lincolnshire Council for financial support enabling the event to take place. As a registered Civic Society it receives information about planning applications and can provide a response, in terms of the social, environmental or historic well-being of Kirton. The Society also forms part of the membership of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group with involvement in developing a coherent land use plan for Kirton in Lindsey.

Diamond Jubilee Town Hall

Mary Hollingsworth, Chair of the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall Trustees, reported on the ninth year since the Town Hall was reopened, noting the cost of £34,000 a year to run the building equating to £92 needed each day. The Town Hall remains a busy place, but always room for more activities to be taking place. A Community Lunch Club will be launched on 23rd April following a grant from the Key Fund and the supply of food from the Co-Op as part of their waste reduction strategy. If successful a Family Bistro may be launched in the evening twice a month. The Spring Festival in May forms one part of the heritage activities the Town Hall are required to put on as part of the Heritage Lottery Fund award enabling the refurbishment of the building. Mary offered thanks to all trustees, volunteers and staff involved with the Town Hall. The grant received from the Town Council is for the maintenance of the lift. The Diamond Jubilee Town Hall received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £2,300.

KLASSIC

Martin Eccles, Trustee, reported on the role of KLASSIC as a facilities provider now in their sixth year. The regular use by groups and clubs generates the income to keep the site going. The grant funding received from the Town Council covers the grounds maintenance costs for an estimated 10,000 visits from members of the public each year for leisure, recreation and dog walking. The plans for the small multi-use sports halls which obtained planning permission and secured funding from North Lincolnshire Council and the Town Council is currently on hold following the news that the former gym at the former MOD land may soon be available for sale.

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Martin thanked the Town Council for their previous and continuing support. KLASSIC received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £4,775.

Kirton in Lindsey Fire Station

Returning from an emergency call out, Ian Steedman, Watch Manager reported statistics showing the significant increase in attendances the Fire Station has provided in the first quarter of 2019. This demonstrated the importance of the continued recruitment of On Call Firefighters. The successful refurbishment and expansion of the station was completed early this year and the recent Open Day had proved a lot more popular than originally anticipated with around 150 visitors over the four hours. The Fire Station are currently working on reinvigorating their medical response and Ian also gave details of the meeting/lecture room available for free hire to community groups within the Station.

Kirton First

Jenny Cripps, Treasurer, gave an overview on the 17th year at Kirton First with volunteers delivering 17,000 copies of each edition in all weathers. Advertisers from Hemswell and beyond demonstrate the reach the magazine has and a sixth annual edition was introduced in January, however costs have increased with a 10% increase in printing fees which will prove to be challenging. Jenny appealed to the many representatives from groups and organisations at the meeting to send their updates and interesting stories to Kirton First for publication. Kirton First received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £1,200.

Evergreens Club

Nancy Smith thanked the Town Council for their grant to the Evergreens Club, as without the funding they would not be able to keep going. Nancy explained the grant pays towards the hire of the Town Hall as their venue. Nancy also detailed the activities of the club and welcomed people to spread the word to welcome new members hoping the new Community Lunch Club may bring in more members too. The Evergreens Club received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £750.

Kirton Call Drama Group

Shani Flear, Director, provided a report. We have had 2 very successful and sell out shows, 'Citronella' and 'Aladdin'. We have continued to recruit new members of various ages. We have just cast our third pantomime show for this year, which one of our members have written for us, so we all are looking forward to making a start on it. With the funds granted by the Town Council last year, we were able to purchase a versatile back drop and new props which improved our performances. Thank you to the community for the continued support. Kirton Call received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £2,000.

Trent Valley Gliding Club

Geoff Davey, Chairman, provided the meeting with details of how the grant funding received from the Town Council would be spent. The grant is to fund the installation of safety measures in the form of an anti-collision device in the gliders. The Gliding Club have forged links with North Lindsey College and the local schools to provide two day courses with lectures and team building exercises, so far 208 students have passed through the scheme. Mr Davey invited community groups to get in touch for opportunities with the gliding club and noted that a glider would again make an appearance at the Summer Gala in July this year. Trent Valley Gliding Club received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £1,500.

Kirton in Lindsey In Bloom

Pat Frankish, Chair of In Bloom, reported that In Bloom continues to be a small but active group and in conjunction with the Town Council won the East Midlands in Bloom Silver Award and joint first place in the CPRE Best Kept Village competitions for the town last summer. Litter picking sessions and some planting work continues with regular events targeting specific areas.

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The litter picking teams are pleased that they are now finding less litter to pick up. More people are needed to assist with the projects around the town with projects at the library car park, surgery area, the town entrances, new beds along South Cliff Road and a future project planned around the Wormwood Hill area. There is involvement with both the Primary School and Outer School to encourage the younger generations to also take pride in their environment. Kirton in Lindsey In Bloom received an approved grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £2,000.

A photo was taken of those groups presented with cheques for their approved grant funding with the Mayor.

Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners

Martin Hollingsworth, Chairman for the Amateur Gardeners, reported a few new members had joined the group but membership overall is dropping. The May sale in the Market Place last year was a huge success and this year's Daffodil Delight Competition held last weekend had the best turn out since the competition started six years ago. The photo competition was very well supported, a newcomer won the overall prize and both the Brownies and the Outer School joined in with entries. The Amateur Gardeners tend to the Town Hall garden and sponsor two flowerbeds in the town through the In Bloom scheme.

Kirton Lindsey Entertainment Organisation

Martin Hollingsworth reported that the organisation was formed in 2002 as part of the Planning For Real exercise and the development of the Parish Plan. As part of LiveLincs the organisation enters its 15th year providing a wide selection of shows in the town. The spring show, Climb That Tree proved successful but a low audience attendance overall. The A Team provide raffle prizes for events and the Town Hall trustees run the bar. Ideas are welcomed from the community for future performances.

Kirton Klipper and bus services

Martin Hollingsworth provided a final report on the Kirton Klipper service which ceased in June after 16 years and carrying 38,000 passengers on the loop around the town. The service originally came out of the Planning for Real exercise and was provided as a community partnership between North Lincolnshire Council and the Town Council out of the community plan. In 2014 the service was taken on solely by North Lincolnshire Council. The new 94 Service provided by Hornsby's started in July and this is a wider service to Brigg and the villages on the route. The passenger figures provided by Hornsby's show that the service is currently well used, however, as has been seen with other bus services, it is a use it or lose it situation as the service needs to be viable for the business and so needs the support of the community if it is to survive.

Kirton in Lindsey Guides and Brownies

Elaine Tattershall provided an update on the work of the Guides and gave apologies for the Brownies. The Guides have sought financial support from the Town Council in the past and keep in mind that availability in case of future need. The groups both currently need more volunteers, and an example is that the Rainbows provision ceased. Due to safeguarding regulations and the need for DBS checked leaders to be present there are limits on the events the groups can attend. There are currently 23 Guides aged 10-16 attending regular meetings. They enjoy a huge programme with a variety of activities, and have enjoyed input from the Gliding Club and the use of KLASSIC for rounders as well as Archery Club input. The Guides have recently twinned one of their lavatories with Iberia. If people are available to help or know of those interested in joining the membership, please contact the leaders.

Kirton in Lindsey Cubs, Beavers and Scouts

Nigel Clarke provided a report to the meeting for 1st Kirton Lindsey Scouts. The group has three sections; Beavers – 16 members and a waiting list to join; Cubs – 24 members; Scouts – 12 members. The group is open to boys and girls from Kirton Lindsey and its environs.

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All sections have undertaken a considerable amount of badge work. The focus of the Scouts is very much activities in the outdoors. Kirton Scouts were the only group from North Lincs which took part in Wolds Challenge in March, a 12 mile hike in the East Riding. Equally impressive, we were the only group from this District who entered the Fells Marathon – an 18 mile hike over two days, carrying full kit (in the Peak District). Saturday 6th April saw us cycle over 20 miles to East Ferry and back.

There are also more sedate activities – Hull transport museum plus climbing wall, cooking exotic meals and doing quite a bit of First Aid and a link forged with REME who have very kindly offered to help us gain the Scouts' Mechanics Badge at the TA centre in Scunthorpe. We'd very much like to form an Explorer Group – this is for ages 14 to 18. At present youngsters tend to leave Scouts at 13/14 and drift away as the nearest group is in Messingham or Ashby. We need some resources to make this work and the group would be open to anyone in that age cohort, irrespective of whether they'd previously been in Scouts. The challenge for all groups is getting sufficient adult leaders (Barton Scouts sadly shut down last year as there was no one wanting to carry on after the leader retired). We are in need of folk willing to help with admin too.

We were very pleased when one member was selected to represent North Lincolnshire at the World Jamboree in West Virginia this summer, beating off a lot of competition to gain her place. Our thanks to go all who've supported us, parents, KLASSIC and the local community who we try to serve. We're probably the oldest established group in the District (formed in 1942 by the headmaster of what was the brand new Huntcliff School).

We are always interested in hearing if we can help the community in other ways. In the past we've collected litter. We regularly do the poppy selling and have a stall on at the gala and the lights event. But if there are other groups – would really like to get something done with KLAGS or the Kirton in Lindsey Society, but open to all ideas.

Kirton in Lindsey Youth Club

Jane Webster, Project Youth Worker, provided a report to the meeting. To keep everyone up to date on the Youth Club this is what we have been doing and hope to do in the future.

Every Monday and Tuesday evening we are providing a safe environment for any young person in Year 5 and over to come and have fun, be creative and hopefully learn something along the way. We were very proud when both a current and previous member of Youth Club won awards at this years North Lincolnshire Council Community Champion Awards. One member is now in the school band "Impact" and they have performed at the Youth Club.

We are encouraging the young people to care and become more involved in what is happening in their town. They are going to do an article for the Kirton First Magazine and hopefully this will be a regular feature. Making a Scarecrow is also on the cards.

Our current goal is Healthy Eating and the massive challenge being to exchange the range of sweets and drinks available to things which are much better for them whilst at the same time being things they want to eat and drink.

Please feel free to come and visit at any time, and meet these great young people and the staff. One last point about the staff team which we are proud of is their length of service of our team to the young people of Kirton; Jane 19 years, Ellen 15 years, Becky 12 years and Alesha 4 years (previously as a volunteer and prior to that as a young member). Our aim is to help our young people become good happy adults.

Exhibition Endowment

Julia Melling, Clerk to the Governors, provided a report to the meeting. The Kirton in Lindsey Exhibition Endowment is a local charity that functions under a 1910 Scheme made by the Board of Education under the Charitable Trusts Act. Each year, Book Grants are awarded to local students going into Higher Education with 37 grants of £90 each made to qualifying students in 2018.

These grants are advertised at all local sixth form colleges, online and through local advertising. As well as Kirton Lindsey, students from the following parishes may also be eligible:

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Blyborough, Grayingham, Hibaldstow, Manton, Messingham, Northorpe, Redbourne, Scotter, Scotton and Waddingham. Enquiries for further details and requests for application forms are welcomed by Julia, Clerk to the Governors.

Outer School

Martin Hollingsworth who has recently become involved working with the Outer School provided the meeting with a report. The Outer School is provided to assist busy parents with before and after school care of children with varied activities and even a snack provided after school. The Outer School members will be involved with the Spring Festival in early May by producing drawings to be displayed around the Market Place prior to the event and they were also involved in the Amateur Gardeners Annual Show. The provision is a very useful service for parents to help with adjusting the time of school drop off and collection.

Meeting Closing

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or points to be made, and there were none.

The Mayor gave thanks to all the people who had spoken at the meeting and taken their time to come along, noting that the town is a lovely place to live which is demonstrated by the demand for more houses and more people moving here. The Mayor thanked all the groups and volunteers for their continued hard work and activities around the town and urged the continued community support for groups, organisations and events around the town wishing everyone a successful year ahead.

The meeting closed at 7:55pm