



**Minutes of the Meeting of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
Promoting Kirton Committee held on Wednesday 19th January 2022
at the Town Hall, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey at 7.15pm.**

Members Present: Cllr David Garritt (Chair), Cllr Kathy Cooper, Cllr Pat Frankish, Cllr Jared Priestley, Cllr Suzanne Stephenson, Martin Hollingsworth, Alison Birkett and Olive Ovington.
Also present: Assistant Clerk: Cheri Morton, Town Clerk: Neil Taylor-Matson and one member of the public.

Public Participation: A member of the public gave information about a planned project for a Halifax Bomber crash memorial and proposals for a change of location to that originally put forward. The Committee thanked the resident for the information and for attending the meeting.

MINUTES

PK2201/01

Apologies

- a. Apologies were received from Cllr Gunn.
- b. It was noted that as a Councillor, Jared Priestley was now a voting member of the Committee.

PK2201/02

Declaration of Interests / Dispensations

- a. Cllr Frankish declared an interest in items 2201/06a & 2201/06b.
- b. No dispensations were granted.

PK2201/03

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Committee considered the Minutes of the PK Committee Meeting held on 8th November 2021.

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

- b. The Committee received an update from the Clerk regarding tasks and actions, noting that North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) were to take responsibility for the works required at the path behind the bench at Steep Hill; and that Christmas event planning tasks previously assigned to Cllr Fox now require taking on by others following the resignation of Cllr Fox from this Committee.

PK2201/04

Town Events

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

- Remembrance 2021 – The Clerk updated the Committee on the problems encountered with the failures of the road closures during the event, and reported that the sub-contractor hired by NLC to carry out the closures admitted failings and had conducted disciplinary action, with assurances that the closures will be carried out differently going forward.
- Christmas Festival and Christmas Lights Competition – The Clerk noted approval for grant funding from NLC was sought to cover the costs of lighting the conker tree at Station Road and approval was granted, the day after the Christmas lights event and the contractors could no longer provide equipment or works at that point. NLC were thanked, and the situation explained to them with the impossible timescales. In addition, concerns about the potential removal of the conker tree by NLC due to deteriorating condition were noted, with consideration of preferences for a tree to be planted in its place if removal does take place to be discussed. The Clerk reported arranging for the removal of the baubles from the Christmas Tree, with the generous assistance of Clements Plant providing a cherry picker as the Fire Station were unable to return to help. The Clerk also noted concerns about the use of single-use plastic for the baubles, a point which Martin Hollingsworth had informed the Clerk was also brought up by the Primary School children themselves – this matter required some consideration in the planning for this year. It was reported by the Clerk that the A Team had provided an extremely generous donation for the town tree this year, which was again greatly appreciated and they were greatly thanked for this. The Clerk concluded that those involved closely with the event last year had noted the need for a working group to be formed to assist with the planning and coordination of the event, as one person left organising the event was not fair nor sustainable.

The Committee noted thanks to all those involved in the event, which proved to be a success with positive comments received from members of the public, with the outside only element of the event understood. Thanks were also expressed to Cllr Garritt for excellent provision of stall lighting solutions. It was noted that expert advice should be consulted around any replacement tree to be planted for the conker tree, and that solar Christmas lighting solutions should be researched for potential future use.

It was discussed that the current group planning for Platinum Jubilee events may form an ongoing

Signed:

Dated:

working group for town events.

Nominations for the Christmas Lights competition were discussed, and the winners 4 Lane End and 11a Church Street were agreed.

It was discussed that the lack of nominations for the competition was disappointing and that interest from the town should be gauged prior to launch next year, and if it does continue, for the event to have earlier promotion. A possible alternative of displays within people's windows was suggested to be considered.

RESOLUTION: That an events working group is needed for planning events, this might be naturally formed from the group currently planning for the Platinum Jubilee.

ACTION: Committee

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk contacts the tree officer at NLC for a clear understanding of the situation with the conker tree.

ACTION: Town Clerk

RESOLUTION: That Cllr Frankish contacts a resident for recommendations for suitable replacement trees to be potentially planted if the conker tree has to be removed.

ACTION: Cllr Frankish

RESOLUTION: That Cllr Garritt joins an events working group when set up.

ACTION: Cllr Garritt

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk informs winners and publishes information about the result of the Christmas lights competition.

ACTION: Town Clerk

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk orders a National Book Token to the value of £20.00 for one of the prizes.

ACTION: Town Clerk

- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – June 2022

Cllr Frankish updated the Committee on the work coming out of the Connecting Kirton project and the plans put forward so far:

Thurs 2nd June – proclamation & piper/choir in the afternoon with beacon lighting in the evening;

Fri 3rd June – Event in Town Hall, themed as a 50's music night with best dressed competition;

Sat 4th June – Market Place street party with food stalls;

Sun 5th June – Church Service and opportunity for residential street parties

The Connecting Kirton funding and grants already in place are expected to cover all costs.

- Community Sports Sessions – from April 2022

The Clerk updated the Committee on a meeting with the provider, Sean Clixby, the Assistant Clerk and Town Clerk on Tuesday 18th January. Plans are to launch during Easter half term with a £1 taster session in the afternoon, begin the evening sessions in the same time slot as last year when school term has restarted and for pricing to remain the same as last year, £2 a session but first session will be free.

RESOLUTION: That pricing remains as last year at £2 per session, however the taster session is run at £1 for the session and the first session will be free to attend.

ACTION: Town Clerk

RESOLUTION: That the main sessions will continue in the same time slot as last year, Thursday evening from 6pm.

ACTION: Town Clerk

- Summer Gala - July 2022

The Committee discussed decisions needing to be made around whether the Gala will be held this year or if the Platinum Jubilee and FoodFest events would take its place. It was agreed that the community should be informed of any decision as soon as practicable and that the Gala offers opportunities for local groups to carry out fundraising.

RESOLUTION: That the holding of the Gala is discussed at the next Committee meeting.

ACTION: Town Clerk

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk contacts NLC to establish any plan for a FoodFest to be held this year.

ACTION: Town Clerk

PK2201/05

Tourism

The Committee discussed interest in a sub-working group from the Regeneration Group for tourism matters. This would link the working group in with the NLC Tourism Lead.

RESOLUTION: That Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Fox, Cllr Frankish, Martin Hollingsworth and Alison Birkett form the sub-working group to work with NLC on tourism matters for Kirton in Lindsey.

ACTION: Town Clerk

PK2201/06

Open Spaces

a. The Committee received an update from the In Bloom Group; planting for spring is to be in the colours red, white and blue. Litter picking continues twice a month, this Saturday is the next planned event.

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Winter litter picking is harder to encourage, however the amount of litter requiring picking does seem to be reducing which is a good sign. Generally membership of the group is stable at this time. Barrel planters for outside the Town Hall are to be purchased following an application to the NLC Spring In Bloom fund. The group also plan to plant up the triangle of land near to the former RAF camp as an additional area of flowers for the town.

b. Cllr Frankish updated the Committee on Mayor’s Charity plans for development of a Peace Garden, and displayed the outline plan for the area and pictures of the roses planned to be planted. Snowdrops will also be planted for winter flowering displays. The plan is that the Peace Garden will in no way impinge on Remembrance Services.

RESOLUTION: That the Committee recommend to the Trustees of the War Memorial and Garden of Edward Elmhirst Duckering Charity that the plans are approved.

ACTION: Town Clerk

c. The Committee considered commemorating the donor of the land which became the Green and the location of the War Memorial and agreed any actions required. A discussion took place about information known about the donor of the land.

RESOLUTION: That not enough information could be found, and that a source of confirmed information would be required in order to do this.

d. The Committee discussed the proposal for a Halifax Bomber crash memorial and agreed any actions required. The Committee considered the proposed change in location from Sunny Hill to the proposed Peace Garden adjacent to the War Memorial. The project was considered valuable as a focal point and tourism lead.

RESOLUTION: That the proposal for the memorial is supported and the resident thanked.

PK2201/07 Agenda for next and future meeting

The Committee made note of any items for the agenda for the next or future meetings. Standing items were requested to continue and discussion of the Gala to also take place.

PK2201/08 Date of next Meeting and Agenda Deadline

The Committee confirmed the planned date and time of the next Promoting Kirton Committee meeting to be changed, so that the meeting is held on Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7.15pm, with Agenda items requested prior to Friday 4th February 2022.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr David Garritt		Martin Hollingsworth
	Cllr Kathy Cooper		Alison Birkett
	Cllr Pat Frankish		Olive Ovington
	Cllr Jared Priestley		
	Cllr Suzanne Stephenson	<u>Apologies:</u>	Cllr Karen Gunn