



**Minutes of the Meeting of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
Promoting Kirton Committee held on Monday 11th July 2022
at the Town Hall, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey at 7.15pm.**

Members Present: Cllr Pat Frankish (Chair), Cllr Kathy Cooper, Cllr Hazel Fox, Cllr David Garritt, Cllr Karen Gunn, Cllr Jared Priestley, Cllr Suzanne Stephenson, Martin Hollingsworth and Alison Birkett.

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

Public Participation: A member of the public gave an overview of the Pop-Up Market held in the Town Hall on the 1st Sunday of each month. The market now opens for a longer period of time between 10am and 2pm due to demand and is very well supported, with funds raised for local charities. Interest from regulars at the Pop-Up Market in having stalls during the Christmas Lights Switch On was detailed, with some keen to have outdoor stalls at the event. The variety of stalls was explained and the interest in helping with the organisation for the indoor section of the market offered. There would be space for community groups and organisations to also have spaces within the Town Hall for the event and for the Women’s Institute to run refreshments.

MINUTES

- PK2207/01 Election of Members
No nominations were received.
- PK2207/02 Apologies
Apologies were received from Olive Ovington.
- PK2207/03 Declaration of Interests / Dispensations
a. Cllr Frankish declared a personal interest in item 2207/06.
b. No dispensations were granted.
- PK2207/04 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
a. The Committee considered the Minutes of the PK Committee Meeting held on 13th June 2022.
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 a list was circulated prior to the meeting and any queries could be addressed. The Clerk noted a meeting with the tree officer from North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) arranged for Friday to provide further information about trees at Wormwood Hill and Church Street with anyone interested welcome to attend. The Assistant Clerk noted discussions with Garden Fest organiser re Beer/Food Festival and support for the idea but with a view that the Garden Fest attracts a different crowd to that which a Beer/Food festival would. Research on this is continuing.
- PK2207/05 Town Events
The Committee discussed information and actions required at this time regarding Town Events:
- Christmas Festival –The Committee discussed the need for a meeting of the Town Events Working Group to begin to make plans. Information was required from NLC about the potential hire of outdoor stall equipment. Potential ideas discussed included a lantern trail, swing band or brass band. The Clerk noted that decisions did need to start to be made to allow progress to be made including a scale of charges for stalls, risk assessment for the event and information for organisations such as the school with as much notice as possible.
RESOLUTION: That the Town Events Working Group should meet within the next two weeks to begin planning the event. **ACTION: Town Events Working Group**
RESOLUTION: That the offer for helping with the organisation of the indoor market is gratefully accepted. **ACTION: Town Clerk**
RESOLUTION: That donations of selection boxes are sought from local stores. **ACTION: Cllr Cooper**
 - Platinum Jubilee beacon – The Clerk noted that decisions around the retention and storage of the beacon were required to be agreed.
RESOLUTION: That the beacon basket is to be kept at the Town Council storage. **ACTION: Martin Hollingsworth**

Signed:

Dated:

- KLASSIC Open Event (Review & Debrief) – the Assistant Clerk noted the event went well with a steady stream of visitors throughout the day. Feedback so far is positive. The Committee congratulated the Assistant Clerk on a well-planned and thought-out initial event. Discussion took place about potentially combining the event with future galas and the potential of running competitive sporting activities during a future event. Further feedback to be sought.
- Funfair – the Clerk reminded the Committee that the Fair was planning to visit in July but had not yet confirmed.

PK2207/06

Open Spaces

a. Martin Hollingsworth provided an update from In Bloom, noting the visit from the judges for East Midlands In Bloom and the activity taking place immediately prior to this, a reminder of the additional works required outside of routine tasks. Valuable help was given by the Brownies, Guides, Scouts and Fire Station in demonstrations of community efforts and interest. The judges gave favourable comments and spent time at the new sensory garden at Huntcliff with students involved. Results will be announced in September. CPRE Best Kept Village judging will take place in August. The Committee noted the good displays in the Market Place this year. It was discussed that litter picking continues and requested that the Committee helps drum up more support for this activity.

The Clerk reported that the Duke of Edinburgh award students had expressed interest in developing a community flower bed and maintaining it. The Committee was positive about this suggestion.

RESOLUTION: That the positive response to the Duke of Edinburgh students is given.

ACTION: Town Clerk

RESOLUTION: That Committee members try to drum up support for litter picking.

ACTION: Committee Members

b. The Committee discussed the land off Redbourne Mere and noted that no progress had yet managed to be made about this. It was noted that the area did not appear to be affected by ragwort.

RESOLUTION: That links with North Lincolnshire Council are continued to be developed on this.

ACTION: Town Clerk/Cllr Priestley

PK2207/07

Public Transport

The Committee discussed current public transport provision in the town, including trains and buses.

RESOLUTION: That a letter is sent to North Lincolnshire Council to ask for information about the provision of public transport in Kirton in Lindsey in comparison to other parts of North Lincolnshire and in what way the provision is acceptable for a developing and varied population.

ACTION: Town Clerk

PK2207/08

Tourism

a. Cllr Stephenson provided an update to the Committee noting the working group had met prior to this meeting and that notes from the Tourism Partnership Meeting at Walcott Hall had been circulated.

- The working group had decided to put a hold on developing a public interest story about the listed RAF assets until a further meeting had taken place with the NLC Tourism Officer who appears keen to offer incentives to the asset owner.
- Members hope to push for NLC Museum Services and the Aviation Heritage Forum involvement with this.
- Martin Hollingsworth continues to develop detail for the heritage board with Cllr Fox to speak with the Lincolnshire Co-Op about potential positioning.
- NLC Tourism have agreed to update their website to include information about Kirton in Lindsey, with Martin Hollingsworth to supply information for this.
- The working group have planned the Best Kept Frontage Competition to encourage pride in the appearance of premises along the High Street to Queen Street, Sylvester Street, George Street and the Market Place. Judging will take place in the last week of September, with a commercial and a residential winner to be awarded. A prize to be switching on of the Christmas lights. Publicity will be within Kirton First and via flyers. A budget of £100 was requested to cover rosettes and commemorative mugs.
- The group are considering improvements to the approaches to the town, particularly along Redbourne Mere, with Cllr Fox to seek clarification of ownership and mowing regime.
- Concern was also noted regarding NLC's frequency of emptying the large bins in layby's, two of which are on approaches into Kirton in Lindsey. Cllr Fox to seek information about this schedule.
- A further update from KCOM is to be sought regarding the provision for outlying areas with no updates received since the meeting with Cllr Stephenson.

Signed:

Dated:

RESOLUTION: That the £100 budget for the Best Kept Frontages Competition is approved.

ACTION: Town Clerk

b. The Clerk provided an update from the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust, noting the keen interest in unveiling the memorial on Sunday 7th August. The Clerk has carried out utility searches for the area of land and asked BT to mark up their network for clarity.

c. The Clerk noted receipt of information about the 50th anniversary of GG Steels operating within the town and for the contribution to the town to be celebrated.

RESOLUTION: That a letter of congratulation for lengthy and loyal services to the town is sent and that consideration is given for nomination for a Community Champions Award.

ACTION: Town Clerk

PK2207/09

Community Champions

The Clerk gave notification of the call for nominations for the NLC Community Champions Awards, noting previous successful nominations recognising individuals and groups and also promoting the town. Three suggestions were put forward with a request for information to be put together by those suggesting them for the nominations to be formulated and categories to be decided.

RESOLUTION: That those suggesting nominations put together information to develop the entries.

ACTION: Committee Members

PK2207/10

Agenda for next and future meeting

None raised.

PK2207/11

Date of next Meeting and Agenda Deadline

The Committee confirmed the planned date and time of the next Promoting Kirton Committee meeting is Monday 12th September 2022 at 7.15pm, with Agenda items requested prior to Friday 2nd September.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm