



**Minutes of the Meeting of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
Promoting Kirton Committee held on Monday 9th December 2024
at the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey at 6.30pm**

Members Present: Cllr Suzanne Stephenson (Chair), Cllr Kathy Cooper, Cllr Hazel Fox, Cllr Pat Frankish, Alison Birkett and Victoria Rumary.
Members not present: Cllr David Garritt, Cllr Karen Gunn, Tanya Salvador and Martin Hollingsworth.
Also present: Assistant Clerk: Cheri Morton and Town Clerk: Neil Taylor-Matson.

MINUTES

PK2412/01 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr David Garritt, Cllr Karen Gunn and Tanya Salvador.

PK2412/02 Declaration of Interests / Dispensations

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

PK2412/03 Public Participation

No matters were raised.

PK2412/04 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Committee considered the minutes of the PK Committee Meeting held on 11th November 2024.

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

PK2412/05 Community Co-Ordinator report

- The Community Co-Ordinator had provided a written report. The Committee noted the work around potential provision for a Men in Sheds scheme.
- The Committee considered the future of the Community Co-Ordinator role, with Cllr Frankish confirming that the application to the National Lottery fund was now submitted. The Committee thanked Cllr Frankish for completing this work.

PK2412/06 Town Events

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

- Best Kept Town Centre Frontage Competition – The Committee thanked Cllr Fox for distributing this years prizes and agreed that the winners of the competition 2022-24 be noted in the minutes.
2024: Businesses – Winners – Kirton Pottery with No. 12 Chocolatier Highly Commended.
Residential Winner – 1 Sylvester Street with 2a George Street Highly Commended.
2023: Commercial – Winners – The George Bar & Restaurant; 2nd – AcuMe, 3rd – No. 12 Chocolatier.
Residential Winners – 1 Sylvester Street, 2nd 28 High Street, 3rd – 31 High Street.
2022: Commercial – Winners – No. 12 Chocolatier with Old Butchers Bistro & Studio 23 both Highly Commended.
Residential: Winners – 29 High Street with 29a High Street, 1 Sylvester Street & 28 High Street Highly Commended.
- Christmas Festival – the Assistant Clerk provided an overview of the event and discussed cancellations at short notice. It was agreed to approve the updated booking form with an additional amendment to include that cancellations received a month ahead of the event will receive a 50% refund on their booking fee. Cancellations after this period will not be refunded. Cllr Stephenson declared an interest and did not take part in the vote. The Committee discussed obtaining selection boxes for Santa and noted the difficulties faced this year and the quantity left over. It was agreed that early research should be conducted into the different options which may be available including selection boxes and activity packs. The Committee noted thanks to the volunteers and staff who had worked hard in difficult conditions to make the event a success. The Committee noted thanks to the Brick Hut for their community spirit in providing indoor accommodation for three stall holders due to the weather.
RESOLUTION: That the updated booking form is approved with an additional amendment to include that cancellations received a month ahead of the event will receive a 50% refund on their booking fee. Cancellations after this period will not be refunded. **ACTION: Assistant Clerk**
RESOLUTION: That an early request is put into Lincolnshire Co-Op for community funding next year and Alison Birkett makes initial enquiries about the likely options which will be available. **ACTION: Assistant Clerk/Alison Birkett**
RESOLUTION: That a formal letter of thanks is sent to the Brick Hut. **ACTION: Town Clerk**
- Christmas Window competition – It was noted that so far there was limited entries, with a total of five received. Options for the future were considered and this to be kept in mind during the planning for next years events.

- Civic Dinner – 1st March 2025. Cllr Fox noted that entertainment was booked and menu options under preparation by The George. The preference is currently to use Town Hall tables and hire any additional required tables in from KLASSIC. The Assistant Clerk is finalising invitations to go out prior to Christmas.
RESOLUTION: *That the menu options are chased up from The George.* **ACTION: Cllr Fox**
- 80th Anniversary of VE Day – 8th May 2025. The Assistant Clerk noted that Little Enchantments are extending their services and may have options suitable for this event. Further research into this ongoing. The Events Working Group is to meet to generate ideas to bring back to the Committee prior to the NLC grant application deadline in late January.
- Summer Gala 2025 – 12th July 2025 – discussion was deferred to January.

PK2412/07 Open Spaces

a. There was no representative from In Bloom at the meeting, however a request was received about locations for planting daffodil bulbs next to the silver railings that enclose the park on the Green and potentially around bus shelters and street name signs where possible. This was considered by the Committee noting that the area next to the silver railings is treated to prevent growth around the railings and there was concern that planting around street name signs would create maintenance issues into the summer. The Committee discussed the proposal for replacing the planters in the Market Place with more modern self-watering planters.

RESOLUTION: *That the idea is appreciated but it is recommended that planting in the borders around the cemetery edges would work better.* **ACTION: Town Clerk**

RESOLUTION: *That it should be made clear that any replacement of the planters would be a Town Council decision as the current planters are owned by the Town Council.* **ACTION: Town Clerk**

PK2412/08 Date of next Meeting and Agenda Deadline

The Committee confirmed the date and time of the next Promoting Kirton Committee meeting as 13th January 2025 at 6:30pm, with agenda items to be submitted in writing prior to Friday 3rd January in line with Standing Orders.

The meeting closed at 7:25pm.