

Minutes of the Business Meeting of 4th June 2026

The meeting of the Louth & District Lions Club C.I.O. was called to order on the 4th June by Lion President Sam at 7.30 pm at Louth Indoor Bowling Club, Birch Road, Louth with those in attendance as shown in the attendance register also incorporating the Trustees of the Louth & District Lions Club C.I.O. Account.

Welcome: L.P. Sam extended a warm welcome to all members present and a special welcome to prospective new member Con and also a special welcome to our guest speaker this evening Alan Mumby from East Lincolnshire Dialect Society (Far Welter'd)

Apologies: Lions Bruce, Stuart W, Isabel, Sara, Elaine, Susan, Lindy, Steve R, Mike, Christine, Tony, Eleanor and John.

Attendees: L.P. Sam, Derek, Carol, Florence, Fiona, Andy, Mark, Peter, Liz W, Amanda, Sue, Laura, Jayne, Bob, Steve C, Karen A, Marshall, Andrew, Jeff, Liz S, Karen P, and prospective new member Con.

Presentation from E.L.D.S. by Alan Mumby:

L.P. Sam welcomed Alan and invited him to address the meeting. Alan went on to give a background to the project and how the dialect speaking team got together in 1999. The group had decided that they wanted to leave a legacy in memory of the dialect and had decided to raise funds to design, produce, with ongoing licensing and the installation of an interactive touchscreen unit that will allow users to learn about Lincolnshire dialect. The unit will be located in Louth Museum and the Louth Library on a 6 month rotational basis. The total cost of the project would be 17.5K and they currently have raised 7K with a possible grant from Awards for All. Several questions followed on the touch screen, interaction for younger people and the promotion of businesses that contribute. L.P Sam thanked Alan for an interesting and informative presentation.

Review of the Presentation by Alan:

L.P. Sam asked for members' thoughts on the project. The general feeling was that it is a great project and we should support it. Andrew proposed a donation of £500.00 and to come to a social evening to talk more about Lincolnshire dialect, seconded by Andy. Amendment proposed by Derek that we contribute £1000.00 now and also include the social evening at a convenient time, seconded by Jeff.

Carried.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 7th May:

Proposed by Mark, seconded by Amanda. **Carried.**

Report of the Trustees Meeting:

L.P. Sam explained that the Trustees had discussed the subscriptions for 2026/2027 and invited Karen to give a summary. Karen explained that the administration account is healthy at the present time, and that the District, Multiple District and International dues have all increased and some of the costs associated with insurance costs would come from the charity account. Karen therefore proposed that the subscription payable in July and January for the Lions year 2026/2027 would be £23.50 each time and reviewed again in June 2027, seconded by Derek. **Carried.**

L.P. Sam also reported that due to work pressure Isabel had decided to resign her membership.

Matters Arising or Pending Action:

Specsavers. Andrew reported no further progress.

A.M.

All Stars Arena, Mark reported that the project had stalled with them unable to find a favourable building and there was currently no progress. Mark proposed that we withdraw the support donation and should matters change in the future then we can revisit, seconded by Fiona. **Carried.**

North Somercotes Football Club: L.P. Sam noted that we had discussed this matter at the last meeting and had since received a grant application which had been circulated. Members showed some concern with the project and viability. Jayne proposed that no donation be made, seconded by Steve C. **Carried.** Derek to write and advise them of our decision.

D.B.

King Edward Cadet Forces: Derek reported that he had carried the agreement from the last meeting by emailing the leader and received limited response and no interest in attending and holding a stall at the classic car show, only further request for funds. Karen proposed that we do not make a donation this time, seconded by Fiona. **Carried.**

Derek to notify the Cadet Forces of our decision.

D.B.

Donated Sky T.V.: Carol reported that the T.V. donated by a friend would be collected and stored in her garage until required. Much discussion followed on possible options from auction to raffle at various events. Final decision to organise a raffle with tickets priced at £5.00 and have further prizes of basket from Pink Gin and a voucher from The Splash all prizes recently donated. The draw will take place at the Christmas Market with final ticket sales on the day. Books of raffle tickets to be arranged following a check on the lottery licence. Proposed by Amanda, seconded by Laura. **Carried.**

A.R.

Treasurers Report: Karen reported a slight change to the Charity Account which was now £17177.00 and that the £3000.00 held for All Star Arena would come back into the account. Karen also reported that the money of £45.00 had been traced back to a payment for a Christmas Market stall

Correspondence Information:

All circulated with no questions or comments.

Correspondence Actions:

Ukraine appeal for funding for generators, Derek reported that there had been no discussion at M.D. Convention on making a request for a specific value of money but that the appeal had opened up to supporting the Baby Lifeline Appeal also directed towards Ukraine. Karen P proposed a donation of £250.00 to each appeal, seconded by Andy. **Carried.**

Darren Johnson Edwinstowe and Dukeries Lions Club. Darren, who is blind was conducting a skydive in support of Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind. Jayne proposed a donation of £250.00, seconded by Steve C. **Carried.**

Club Projects:

Naomi's Garden Project, Andrew reported on the video recently circulated and a visit by Derek to the site which indicated good progress is now being made with the inner walls almost now covered, first fix electric work completed and the ceilings to be boarded out next and a great deal of progress made. Andrew also commented that he will be arranging for a site visit by Louth Lions and planning to invite all the other Lions Clubs who have contributed along with a date in the diary shortly.

A.M.

Vision Camera Project, Andrew reported a recent visit to Kidgate Primary School and Fiona added that the team went to start at 9.00 am not knowing how many pupils would be involved and ended the day having screened 230 pupils with 40 referrals. What a fantastic effort well done I think a cup of tea/coffee may well have been appreciated on the day. Andrew also reported 2 more schools to be screened next week, Springwell Academy Mablethorpe and Tetford Primary School.

A.M.

Spout Yard. Jeff reported attending a recent Trustees meeting where concern was expressed about an ongoing issue with vandalism caused particularly by young students from King Edward School. The Trustees had closed the facilities at 5.00pm to deter the problem. Jeff had offered the suggestion to play classical music which Andy noted a specific music can be sourced which has high frequency and not appreciated by younger people. Another suggestion made was to invite the trouble makers to a social gathering with tea and a chat to try to establish their motive for causing such trouble. Jeff reported on a social evening with a play on Saturday 13th June, 6.00 pm at a cost of £5.00 per ticket. Further request for support with the gardening was required and Jeff planned a program of general clear up in Spring, Summer and Autumn which members supported. Jeff informed members of a likely request for a specific table and bench which would be user friendly for those in a wheelchair. **J.F.**

Community Teams:

Welfare. Jayne reported on a family with new born twins and an urgent need for a new mattress that Jayne had sorted using the emergency fund at a cost of £45.00. Recent email from another lady requiring floor covering which prompted Jayne to comment that we have this as a regular request and should the club consider putting a cap on what support we may provide. Much discussion followed with several other groups around the area that could possibly help. Jayne to investigate the request and report back. **J.J**

Environmental Group, Jeff reported that he had painted and planted the cart with the help of his good lady Karen and everybody considered it an excellent job and looked very welcoming to those approaching the town. Rota of members available to maintain the watering program over the coming weeks. The Young Farmers sign had been placed under the cart for safe keeping. **J.F.**

Karen reported on a shortage of ring fenced funds for the Environmental Projects, the pot was dry. Derek proposed that we use the 500 Euros donated by Bad Konigshofen on their recent visit and add additional money to bring the value to £1000.00 and we can then report in our conversations the work we have carried out in the community to our friends in Germany, seconded by Fiona. **Carried.**

Youth/Peace Poster/ROAR, Laura had been in contact with the school and awaiting confirmation of a suitable date to make the trophy presentation to the winning student. Laura to follow up with the Peace Poster with all schools for next year. **L.M.**

Club Support Teams:

Social, Nothing to add apart from Fiona will be sending out a WhatsApp Poll to confirm number for the handover social on Saturday 27th June 1.00 to 4.00 pm to be held at Holly Hill, Mount Pleasant, Binbrook, LN8 6BQ. Christine will be asking for salads and puddings. **C.V.**

Bad Konigshofen Lions Club. L.P. Sam thanked all members involved in arranging the visit of our friends, providing the interesting visits and hosting on the Saturday and Sunday bbq's and a very successful weekend, well done. Final review next meeting.

The visit to Bad Konigshofen next year will be on June 10th through to the 13th all are welcome. **M.A.**

Website. Mark reported 1500 views in the last month and since the front page changes all events are receiving plenty of attention. **M.T.**

Facebook/Instagram, Interest in the facebook page has increased by 204% and 109670 viewings in the last 7 days with 11000 followers. Sue reported a number of scammers are active and was keeping on top of the trouble makers **S.T.**

First Aid, Nothing to add tonight **S.R.**

Fundraising Teams:

Tractor Road Run, Update at next meeting.

Classic Car Show, Peter gave an update and outlined the event with good progress made in preparing for Sunday. Some signs have already been placed out on the roads with final preparation on Sunday.

Field has been cut, Mark and Dave have strimmed all round the entrances and improved the appearance. Fiona, Andy and Peter have the field marked out with posts indicating the area for stalls and the sections for classic cars, final whitelining on Friday. The work rota, risk assessment, event notification and what is required on the day has been circulated, please check and read through any questions please contact Peter. Ellie, Philip, William and Dave will be helping on Sunday. Mark reported 185 cars are entered and it has been made very clear through direct email and Facebook there will be no entries on the day. Fiona will circulate a map for the cars and the places for all the stall holders with numbers and a directional arrow set up on the day. Mark and Fiona answered a number of questions.

Beer Festival. Fiona reported all going well with 40 barrels sponsored and an additional £2600.00 of sponsorship received. Fiona proposed the budget as set out, seconded by Karen. **Carried. F.W.**

Corporate Casino Evening. Steve reported 7 confirmed tables sponsored and a number of irons in the fire for further tables, however if any member can help please inform Steve as we plan to have 10 tables on the night. **S.C/A.W.**

Golf Day. Amanda reported 9 sponsors confirmed and chasing other businesses. Budget planned for the next meeting. **A.R.**

Duck Race. Carol reported all moving forward very well. The Swimming Club and Scouts have agreed to support on the day. **C.T.**

Louth Christmas Market, Karen P reported all progressing well with 61 stalls booked and paying, E.L.D.C. have confirmed a grant of £4000.00 and Simon Hollingsworth a donation of £1370.00. Louth Garden Centre have made a donation of £400.00 for the purchase of sweets for Santa over the Christmas travels. Karen P noted confirmed income of £11677.00, current costs £6200.00 with the underwrite from the Town Council of £2500.00, therefore a suitable profit. Karen P noted that the event would require additional marshals on the day as per the report. Further questions asked if we want to provide a Santa on the day and the team plans are to have 2 Lions stalls in the planning. One stall will be for the raffle of the T.V. The final detail to be discussed at the next meeting. **K.P.**

Membership/New Members for Calling: Jeff reported having contacted all the potential members from the Friendship Festival with pending situations with a few. Jeff further reported 4 potential members for their first calling, all had been visited and a Trustees meeting will be arranged. **J.F.**

A.O.B:

Con thanked members for the invitation to the weekend bbq and the warm welcome that had been extended to him at the events.

Alfredo Lounge, request received asking if we can support with a raffle prize or donation to help raise funds for Cavernoma Alliance U.K. which is a project close to the hearts of the family.. Jayne proposed a donation of £50.00 which she would create a hamper for the raffle, seconded by Karen P. **Carried.**

L.P. Sam presented a Lions Chevron to Lion Andrew for the support to increasing membership during his year as President.

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Tail Twister, Tail Twister had been very quiet all night.with only the secretary paying a fine.

There is no meeting on Thursday 18th June with the handover on Saturday 27th June.

There will be a Trustees meeting at 7.00 pm on Thursday 2nd July

The date of the next Business Meeting Thursday 2nd July 7.30 pm

Meeting Closed 9.30 pm