

Minutes of the Business Meeting of 7th May 2026

The meeting of the Louth & District Lions Club C.I.O. was called to order on the 7th May 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.

Apologies: Lions Bruce, Stuart W, Isabel, Andrew, Sara, Fiona, Andy, Liz S, Karen A, Marshall, Karen P, Elaine, Peter, Eleanor, Sue, Maggie, Bob, John, Laura, Tony, Christine, Amanda and prospective new member Helen.

Attendees: L.P. Sam, Mark, Liz W, Jeff, Susan, Lindy, Steve R, Florence, Carol, Mike, Steve C, Jayne, Derek and prospective new member Con.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd April:

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

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 16th April:

Proposed by Jeff, seconded by Susan. **Carried**

Matters Arising or Pending Action:

Specsavers. Andrew will be progressing this item when Specsavers confirm a possible date. **A.M.**

All Stars Arena. No further progress and agreed to wait until the business meeting in June. **M.T.**

Manby Parish Church. L.P. Sam reported that the Parish Church had been able to purchase 4 heaters following a grant received from East Lindsey Council, letter confirming to follow.

Treasurers Report: Karen the balances had been circulated with the following note from Karen which L.P. Sam commented on the report to members.

Andrew and I have identified treasurer roles and we hope that is working for members.

The Gift Aid return has been made, total was £5852.43... so assuming all is accepted should realise £1463 (approx 60/40% split Charity to Admin)

Anyone who has not paid their exchange monies, please do so by Friday 15th May so that there is still time to chase!!

The 100 club has 2 unsold numbers ... anyone wanting them please let me know. The Draw for the first three months will be in June.

Correspondence Information:

Comment or question that Louth Lions events are not featured in the District Newsletter, Derek to pursue and try to get future events listed.

Correspondence Actions:

Lincoln/Hykeham Lions Charter lunch, Derek to respond no members attending.

Market Rasen Charter, several members attending and a note of the discrepancy in the payment details to be circulated to members.

Ukraine Appeal, this matter to be held over until the next meeting when further information will be available following the M.D. Convention.

Club Projects:

Naomi's Garden Project, Derek reported good progress is being made and a build program has been made available. **A.M.**

Vision Camera Project, Susan reported that the screening program had taken place in 3 more schools and now that we screen all primary school children it is noticeable how we now have a higher referral rate. **A.M.**

Spout Yard. Jeff reported that he was finding that being a Trustee of Spout Yard a very interesting experience and that Kate Mansfield thinks the Lions Club are a superb group. Jeff reported that they have applied for a grant to fund new signage and promote the chalk stream bed of the area and other planting improvements. Jeff explained that there will be further projects of planting and tidying as we approach the autumn. **J.F.**

Club Support Teams:

Social, Club Charter budget had been circulated and L.P. Sam commented that we didn't lose money, rather the opposite, a rather healthy return and thanks to all involved in the preparation. **C.V.**

Bad Konigshofen Lions Club. Mike explained for the benefit of our newer members the Bad Konigshofen Lions Club visit and the background to the event. Mike explained that it was 3 weeks to our guests arriving and that we have a full program of activities which Mike went on to give a summary of the activities over the weekend. 52 guests will be attending the evening at The Splash which will be a 7.00 for 7.30 pm meal in the conservatory. **M.A.**

Website. Mark reported 600 visits to the website in the last month and now all the events are on the home page. This is working well with the classic car show, the most visited page. Mark had added a page for the Akeru Shin Karate Club. **M.T.**

Facebook/Instagram, Nothing to update at present.

First Aid, Steve reported 5 young ladies had successfully completed the First Aid Training Course. Steve also reported the completion of a C.P.R. course for the Manby and Grimoldby W.I. with a thank you card and a donation to Lions of £50.00, well done Steve. **S.R.**
Lindy read out a thank you card from Covenham Village Hall with a voucher for lunch and drink. Steve reported the request from Mablethorpe Lions to provide first aid at their classic car show and was waiting for confirmation of the date.

Fundraising Teams:

Easter Hampers, Liz reported the final result of the hampers with a profit of £2290.50. The White Horse generated the most money at £357.00 the highest amount from one venue ever. L.P. Sam gave a well done to Liz for all her hard work.

Tractor Road Run, Lindy reported all in place for the road run and a work rota will be circulated in the next few days. Midday stop will be at Ludborough Railway Station for a picnic lunch. **L.R.**

Classic Car Show, Mark reported 120 entries to date with 7 more to confirm which makes the position similar to last year at this point in time. Final reminder to be circulated on 21st May. The team had a meeting last week and decided no entries will be taken on the day due to the difficulties this causes and a reminder note will be sent to all contacts. Display stalls are proving a challenge but Fiona is working to encourage more people to come along. Sponsorship is going well and the Louth Fire Station will be displaying their vintage fire engine. Peter is dealing with ELSAG, Health and Safety reports and with road closures.

P.W.Beer Festival. L.P. Sam reported all progressing well and explained that we would approve the budget figures circulated in principle and ratified at the next meeting. Steve R proposed the budget as

set out, seconded by Mark. **Carried.**

F.W.

Casino Evenings. Steve C noted the next casino at Cleethorpes Golf Club is on Saturday evening and took names of those members available to help.

Corporate Casino Evening. Steve reported 6 confirmed tables sold with 2 further companies to confirm. Steve asked if any member had contacts for further tables would be appreciated. Jayne reported that a painting of the Moon had been donated and it was agreed to auction this off at the event. **S.C/A.W.**

Golf Day. Report next meeting.

Duck Race. Carol reported that the small ducks have arrived and that we will have 18 races and currently 19 sponsors.

C.T.

Louth Christmas Market, Carol reported 60 pitches have been booked for stalls with a good variety of businesses supporting the event. Some paperwork to be completed and a similar number of stalls that came along last year.

K.P.

Community Teams:

Welfare. Jayne reported on a single parent with a 4 year old child that had been moved to a house with no carpets. Jayne spoke with Marris Carpets and prices were being sorted. The lady had contacted Jayne over the weekend with a situation of no food and no support from food larders and Jayne had used the emergency fund to provide a £75.00 voucher for Morrisons store to help the situation. **J.J**

Environmental Group, Jeff reported that the litter pick on Sunday 26th April had proved successful with 7 bags of rubbish from 12 carparks, well done the team. The Lions cart has been tidied and will be painted in the near future. **J.F.**

Youth/Peace Poster/ROAR, Derek reported that the District Trophy was missing and L.P. Sam was purchasing a trophy to present to the winner.

Membership/New Members for Calling: Jeff reported a prospective new member was talking to Mike and himself and further information at the next meeting. Several prospective members had come forward at the Friendship Festival.

A.O.B:

King Edward Grammar School Combined Cadet Force. The request had been circulated and Fiona had suggested perhaps they could help at the classic car show and also have a stall to promote their work and needs. Derek to contact and ask if they are interested and find out more details. **D.B.**

Theddlethorpe Tigers Football Club. No members had any real knowledge of the project and Derek will send a funding application form and ask them to complete and the club would review again **D.B.**

Donated T.V. Carol reported on a 55 inch Sky Glass T.V. which had been offered to Lions to turn into charity money, all agreed it was a positive idea. **C.T.**

Getaway Club. Mike reported that the new bus for the Getaway Club starts next week and all the details have been circulated to the drivers

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Tail Twister, Tail Twister had been very quiet all night..

There is no meeting on Thursday 21st May with the hosting of our Bad Konigshofen Lions Club.

The date of the next Business Meeting Thursday 4th June 7.30 pm

Meeting Closed 8.51 pm