

Minutes of the Business Meeting of 2nd July 2026

The meeting of the Louth & District Lions Club C.I.O. was called to order on the 2nd July by Lion President Fiona 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. Fiona extended a warm welcome to all members present

Apologies: Lions Bruce, Stuart W, Mike, Andrew, Tony, Eleanor and Liz S.

Attendees: L.P. Fiona, Derek, Andy, Sam, Susan, Elaine, Maggie, Liz W, Peter, Mark, Carol, Steve C, Christine, Sue, Lindy, Steve R, Con, Amanda, Florence, Sara, Bob, John, Karen A, Marshall, Jeff, Jayne, Laura, and Karen P.

Opening Remarks from Lion President Fiona:

L.P. Fiona asked if we all commit to reading all the reports etc before the meeting then at meetings we can just take questions and have discussion when needed.

Please have reports to Derek in good time – at least by the Sunday prior to any meeting.

Investment meetings – forms are working well but meetings not so much as members don't attend. Often not quorate so can't vote. In future when we have a request for help Derek, Karen, Sam and myself will consider and if necessary ask one of the members who might have an interest or knowledge of the person/people/organization to investigate further and come back with a proposal.

This will free up time for more social events – something people have been asking for.

Lions Question of the Day: Who founded Lions Clubs International and what was his vision for the organisation? And why.

L.P. Fiona asked the question and then gave members a summary.

Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917 by a Chicago businessman named Melvin Jones. He believed that personal success was not enough — that people who were fortunate in business and life should also give back to their communities. His guiding principle was: "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." With that idea, he gathered like-minded individuals and created an organisation that focused not just on networking, but on service. That small club grew rapidly. By 1920, Lions had become international, with the first club outside the U.S. established in Canada. Today, we are in over 200 countries and have more than 1.4 million members. What's inspiring is that this entire global movement started with one man's idea and a simple commitment: to serve. As Lions, we're part of a living legacy — and each of us carries forward Melvin Jones's dream of making the world a better place through voluntary service.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 4th June 2026:

Proposed by Jayne, seconded by Susan, with a noted correction of the mistake in the minutes of a welfare payment which should read £35.00 and not £45.00. **Carried.**

Report of the Trustees Meeting:

L.P. Fiona explained that a number of people who had expressed an interest in Louth Lions at the recent Louth Friendship Festival Jeff had spoken to them and gave a summary of the outcome.

One couple had decided that the project was not for them and no longer interested.

The second couple had been in some discussion and the outcome was, awaiting their response.
A third person had expressed interest through Facebook and this was pending.
A lady who had previously attended a meeting was currently moving house and encountering some challenges and this was pending.
A further gentleman had been proposed, helped at the Classic Car Show and he was to be followed up and invited to attend our next meeting.
Club members all agreed that this was acceptable.

Matters Arising or Pending Action:

Specsavers. This project was still pending.

A.M.

Treasurers Report: Karen reported that the accounts had been circulated and that the second report was only an update and not the year end accounts. Karen noted that the year end figures placed the club in a strong financial position. Our donation to L.C.I.F. on the percentage of charity money raised would be calculated and paid in the near future

Correspondence Information:

All circulated with no questions on the papers circulated. Relating to the thank you letter from Tetford Primary School, Christine read out the following comment received from a parent.

Taken from an email from a parent received today:

Finally, a huge thank you for last week's vision screening. Following their suggestion, we took R to the optician for a full eye test and found out that she has astigmatism. She will be wearing glasses starting next week.

We are extremely grateful, as otherwise we would not have discovered this so soon. R has not complained of any symptoms or difficulties with her reading and writing.

Stuart Spendlow

Headteacher **The Edward Richardson Primary School**

Correspondence Actions:

Venezuela Appeal, members agreed that we cover these appeals with our donations to L.C.I.F.

Undesignated Funds. Explanation of these funds was given and a review of our agreed donation to take place at the next meeting.

Club Projects:

Naomi's Garden Project, Sue reported that following a recent visit with Andrew the project was running some 2 weeks behind schedule and expected a finish date by the end of August, although good progress continues with the fitting out. Sue explained that the team at Naomi's Garden project were benefitting from some of the materials being used having come from showroom displays no longer required. Sue asked if the environmental team could take a look at the gardens and come back with a plan to tidy and improve the garden area. Jeff to consider and come back with a proposed plan and dates.

A.M.

Vision Camera Project, Christine reported all progressing well with Binbrook Primary School screened earlier today.

A.M.

Spout Yard. Jeff commented nothing further to report.

J.F.

Donated Sky T.V. Amanda, all in progress with books of raffle tickets to be available shortly.

A.R.

Club Support Teams:

Bad Konigshofen Lions Club. Nothing to add at this meeting, update next meeting. **M.A.**

Facebook/Instagram, Sue reported experiencing a nightmare at present with Facebook clamping down due to restrictions on drink and promotion to under 18 year olds, proving very difficult at the moment but was trying various methods to get round the problem. Sue proposed that following some research that we consider a separate Facebook page next year just for the beer festival, members agreed. Sue also reported that Instagram was not blocking promotion at the present time. **S.T.**

First Aid, Steve reported that the Mablethorpe Classic Car Show was not going ahead this year.

Mark asked about training and Steve suggested that he will run a C.P.R. and Defibrillator training day planning to organise possible dates and circulate to those interested. **S.R.**

Social, Christine commented on the proposed horse race night report circulated to judge the interest for such an evening. Much discussion followed on social or fundraising and the issue of gaining sponsors which is certainly a challenge at present. Agreed that the social team will review and consider the event for January/February time of the year.

Christine asked Derek to give a summary of the next social evening on the 16th July which would be a skills evening of bowls with guidance and a presentation by a young lady at the Louth Bowls Club who is representing England at the Commonwealth Games later this year. The bar will be open, no food just nibbles and 7.00 for 7.30 pm. WhatsApp message to be circulated for those members interested. **C.V.**

Website. Mark reported 888 visitors to the website, 1400 views of which 900 for the car show. Interest picking up on the beer festival and Mark had added a Q.R. code for the beer festival.

Mark has completed a number of updates which includes Naomi's Garden.

M.T.

Fundraising Teams:

Tractor Road Run, L.P. Fiona thanked Lindy and the team for an excellent event with a successful outcome. Lindy commented on the report circulated which had seen a good return of £1400.00. Lindy explained that there are several tractor runs now and perhaps we need to consider something different for next year, joining with the car show or some different format. Agreed to review and consider options. Lindy proposed a donation of £200.00 to Lincolnshire Wolds Railway for their support, seconded by Florence. **Carried.** **L.R.**

Classic Car Show, L.P. Fiona congratulated Peter and the team for an excellent event and very successful financially. Peter commented that the number of visitors to the show was down on last year and the team are planning a wash up meeting shortly to discuss the various points and if any member has any thoughts or ideas please forward to Peter.

Peter proposed the following donations, £100.00 to Charles Dobson for Elkington Church, £200.00 to a charity chosen by Paul Bennett and a £50.00 hamper to the farm manager Ian for all his efforts and support towards the event, which Jeff will organise, seconded by Mark. **Carried.** **P.W.**

Beer Festival. Fiona reported all going well and that the work rota had been circulated and trusted all members are happy with the allocated jobs. L.P. Fiona commented that we still have few gaps for Saturday night and if anybody has friends or knows somebody who can help, please inform Fiona as soon as possible. **F.W.**

Corporate Casino Evening. Steve has nothing further to add, currently, 7 tables confirmed. **S.C/A.W.**

Golf Day. Amanda reported 12 confirmed sponsors at £60.00 per hole, J Darke has agreed £350.00 and 2 further sponsors at £100.00 each. The budget had been circulated and was proposed by Amanda, seconded by Karen P. **Carried.** **A.R.**

Duck Race. Carol reported all moving forward very well and race sheets passed round to all members to help in getting ducks sold in preparation for the day. **C.T.**

Louth Christmas Market, Karen P reported all progressing well and a WhatsApp poll circulated for those available to help on the day over and above the planning team. Karen commented that there were a number of points to pick up that we had not the time to discuss at the last meeting, namely do we want

Santa in attendance and how many stalls for the Lions for fundraising. Much discussion followed on managing the stalls and the timing of the event for Santa. Jayne proposed that we leave Santa at home for the day, seconded by Fiona. **Carried.** **K.P.**

Regarding a stall, Karen will plan a stall for selling tickets for the donated Sky T.V. and supporting prizes.

Community Teams:

Youth/Peace Poster/ROAR, Laura nothing further to report.

L.M.

Environmental Group, Jeff nothing further to report.

J.F.

Welfare. Jayne reported on a family with the mother 26 weeks pregnant and 2 teenagers and no food in the home. Jayne reported that a Morrisons voucher for £125.00 to help the situation had been provided from the emergency money fund which all members approved.

Jayne also reported on the previously reported 2 families who required carpeting and floor covering which was proving a challenge to obtain a quote for the supply and installation. Derek commented that time was moving forward and it will be another meeting before a decision is reached. Karen P proposed that Jayne has available £1500.00 to cover both families if required, seconded by Carol. **Carried.** **J.J.**

Membership/New Members for Calling: Jeff reported the second calling for the person who helped at the car show and would make contact to invite him to the next meeting.

J.F.

A.O.B:

Elaine reported on a number of points from the Multiple District Convention.

1 Unfortunately Elaine had not been able to make a presentation on the Navigo project and planned to approach District Governor Lion Ian to gain support and momentum.

2 The Ukraine request for baby bags which was noted that we had already donated at the last meeting.

3 Elaine had looked at the Lions webpage shop listing and noted Lions logo stickers were available, however it was suggested that we first try G.R.S. Sign Company who have supplied in the past.

4 Elaine reported on purchasing a new table cloth for the display table when we have a membership stall at a cost of £6.00.

5 Elaine reported on the District plans that each club have a deaf awareness officer appointed and promoted as part of a health program.

Gazebo Repairs:

Lindy reported completing the repairs to the gazebos and the carrying bags have been restitched. Lindy went on to comment that we are short of 2 sides for the gazebos at a cost of £120.00 each and we require a number more tent pegs. Lindy proposed that we purchase the sides and pegs including carriage at a total cost of £298.96, seconded by Sam. **Carried.**

Santa Sleigh:

Sam suggested a working party get together in August as the sleigh is looking rather tired and requires a revamp and sprucing up before Santa starts his travels. WhatsApp poll to be circulated for helpers.

Cleethorpes Lifeboat Station:

Following a very successful visit with our friends from Bad Konigshofen Lions Jeff proposed a donation to the Cleethorpes Lifeboat Station of £200.00, seconded by Jayne. **Carried.**

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Tail Twister, Tail Twister had been very quiet all night, possibly in retirement ??

The next meeting on Thursday 16th July will be a social evening of bowls at the Indoor Bowling Club 7.00 for 7.30 pm.

The date of the next Business Meeting Thursday 6th August 7.30 pm

Meeting Closed 8.55 pm