



# KIRKHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2026, 7.00 PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KIRKHAM

### ATTENDEES:

Adam Brierley	Councillor (Cllr.)
Neil Byers	Cllr.
James Cameron	Cllr.
Chris Hopkinson	Cllr.
Diane Ireland	Cllr.
Stewart Jones	Cllr. and Chair
Maggie Ledger	Cllr.
Elizabeth Squires (Minutes)	Town Clerk and RFO

### 26/02/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

*To accept apologies for absence.*

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Hesketh, Sutcliffe and Wellings. Lancashire County Cllr. Josh Roberts has also given apologies.

### 26/02/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

*To receive any declarations of interest in an Agenda item. Members are reminded that in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act, 1972, and the Council's Standing Orders, any direct or pecuniary or other interest should be declared.*

No declarations.

### 26/02/03 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

*To accept as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13 January 2026.*

The 13 January 2026 minutes were proposed and seconded. Members who had attended this meeting voted:

Voting: 4 for, 0 against, 3 abstentions.

**26/02/04 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY UPDATE**

PC Unsworth provided an update to the members. A detailed report will be provided later in the week. The Chair asked about partnership working with the local constabulary.

**26/02/05 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Matters brought to the Town Council by residents. The Chair may limit a member of the public to 3 minutes of speaking in order to ensure the smooth running of the meeting. Overall, this section will typically be limited to 20 minutes, although the Chair may, at their discretion, extend this.*

There were two members of public in attendance. No issues were raised, one member of the public talked about a local walking group.

**26/02/06 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR (FYLDE EAST) AND CABINET MEMBER (RURAL AFFAIRS, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITIES)**

**(i) Update**

Deferred due to unavailability of the Lancashire County Council Cllr. Cllr. Brierley provided an update for Milbanke, particularly in respect of the Day Centre. A decision will be made in April 2026 and formalised in September 2026 in respect of the Day Centre. A letter to be written to Lancashire County Council clarifying their position in respect of the Day Centre was proposed and seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

**26/02/07 MATTERS ARISING**

Matters arising from the previous meeting were addressed as part of the agenda, except for:

**(i) Boiler at the Community Centre**

The Town Clerk updated the members that a meeting is still be arranged with the supplier.

**26/02/08 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(i) Events Attended**

Burns Night and Holocaust Day.

**(ii) 2026/27 Precept**

The Chair requested that this discussion be moved to Part 2 with the agreement of the members. Members agreed.

**26/02/09 LEISURE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES**

**(i) LPAOS Issues**

- Contract with Fylde Council

Discussed at Part 2.

- Bowling Club

The Bowling Club electricity supply will be in place 18 February 2026.

- Tree Maintenance – St. George's Park and Wrangway Wood

The Town Clerk provided an update. The work that has been commissioned requires planning permission. This is underway.

- Peoples' Park

The lease on Peoples' Park is due for renewal, a 5-year lease has been offered by Lancashire County Council. The 5-year lease was proposed and seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

- Allotments – Tenant Request

A tenant has asked if they can have chickens on their allotment. Cllr. Byers asked about bird flu and the impact of this. The tenant to have hens was proposed and seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

- Bench on William Segar Hodgson Playing Field

Cllr. Brierley asked if a bench can be sited at the William Segar Hodgson Playing Field. Members discussed this and agreed to support the bench. This was proposed and seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

A discussion took place about the siting of a bench on Poulton Street. This to be discussed at the LPAOS Committee.

#### (ii) **In Bloom Update**

The Annual General Meeting of the In Bloom Committee will be held on Friday 13 February 2026 at 8am. The Town Clerk raised a request from residents (volunteers) to clear rubbish in a wooded area. This area belongs to Lancashire County Council and the Town Clerk will liaise with them about potential future works.

## **26/02/10 PLANNING**

Fylde Council planning details are added to the Kirkham Town Council meeting agenda. These continue to be forwarded to the members when they are received by the Town Clerk.

#### (i) **Applications**

Agenda reported applications were discussed. The applications were proposed and seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

(ii) **Decisions**

An additional decision was presented. The decisions were noted.

**26/02/11 FINANCES**

(i) **Ratification of the Payment of Invoices**

Cllr. Byers presented the invoices paid during January 2026. The payment of invoices was proposed, and seconded. The Town Clerk informed the members that the January 2026 VAT return had been completed. Members voted:

Voting: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

(ii) **Presentation of Bank Balance(s) 5 February 2026**

Members noted the bank balance(s) as at 5 February 2026. The interest earned on the Corporate Notice account will be withdrawn to support the 2026/27 precept.

**26/02/12 EVENTS**

(i) **Update**

Cllr. Byers presented three events that will occur in 2026.

**26/02/13 BOOKINGS**

(i) **Update**

The Town Clerk provided an update.

**26/02/14 STAFFING**

Part 2.

**PART 2 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS DISCUSSION (IN COMMITTEE)**

*The proposal is for:*

*Exclusion of Press and Public Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and defined in Paragraph 1, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public are excluded from the forthcoming items of business.*

**26/02/15 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 February 2026 at 7.00pm, Kirkham Community Centre.

**Signed**

**Cllr. Jones, Mayor and Chair**

**Dated:**

**Elizabeth Squires, Town Clerk**