

2017/18 MAYOR'S REPORT

Since the last Town Meeting in April 2017 the Town Council and its committees have been very active.

The Community Library officially opened on the 1st of April 2017, which was a huge success and well supported by the town with support by the Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band offering the occasion a true feel of community spirit. The adoption of the library services by Friends of Kirkbymoorside also facilitated the relocation of the Town Council office to Church House. The arrangement means that the Town Council supports the Community Library by contributing to the running costs of the building.

The Community Library officially opened now celebrates the success of its first year as a volunteer run Community Library. Well done to all the volunteers involved in retaining this greatly appreciated service to Kirkbymoorside.

Kirkbymoorside remains the only town in Ryedale to offer free public wi-fi throughout the open space in the town centre, which was made available by the Town Council in the town centre from April 2017.

Financial Matters:

The Audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017 was concluded with no matters raised (Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234))

Precept At the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council in October recommendations were received from the Finance Committee regarding the budget for 2018/19 and unanimously agreed. The recommendations of the Finance Committee will ensure the Town Council maintains its record of retaining the precept at £73,500 for the 5th year whilst not compromising on service provision. Furthermore the Town Council has managed to retain adequate reserves and allocate sufficient funds to the future development of the play areas as a commitment to the younger members of the community.

Grants Awarded by the Town Council from 2017/18

(Minute 16234 a.) The grant application submitted by All Saints Parish Church in the amount of £2000.00 to contribute towards the cost of grass cutting and maintenance of the churchyard was unanimously agreed.

(Minute 16234 b.) The grant application submitted by Kirkbymoorside Cricket Club in the amount of £2096.51 for the installation of showers and mixer valves in the home and away changing rooms was unanimously agreed.

(Minute 16234 c.) The grant application submitted by Moorsbus Community Interest Company in the amount of £400 to contribute towards contract costs was unanimously agreed.

(Minute 17016) The grant application submitted by Next Steps Wellbeing/Mental Health Centre for £1040.00 to pay for the annual rent and refreshment costs for the Kirkbymoorside programmes was approved. Cllr Watson commented that this is a worthy charity with excellent programmes offering support to the community.

(Minute 17053) The grant application submitted by Kirkbymoorside Football Club in the amount of £1,808.33 + VAT to cover the cost of supply and installation of replacement flooring in the cricket and football clubhouse as part of the refurbishment project was agreed.

The Football Club has also been awarded a further £4,145.05 of Kirkbymoorside and Ryedale S106 and Community Grant funds to cover the cost of electrical and building materials and labour charges for the full refurbishment of the club house. The works are now mostly complete with exception of painting in the changing rooms. It is hoped that the resultant upgrade to the facilities will be appreciated by all club members and visitors.

Grants Awarded by the Town Council from 2018/19 budget to date

(Minute 17230 a.) The grant application submitted by All Saints Parish Church in the amount of £2500 to contribute towards the cost of grass cutting and maintenance of the churchyard was agreed.

(Minute 17230 b.) The grant application submitted by Kirkbymoorside Environment Group in the amount of £250 to contribute towards the cost of printing the local Shopping Guide was agreed. It was proposed by Cllr Dowie and agreed that details of the Plastic-Free initiative should be included within the publication to ensure maximum coverage of the issue. Additionally it was suggested that an electronic version of the guide should be made available if this is not already

Funding available to Kirkbymoorside

There remains £4,787 of S106 monies available to Kirkbymoorside community based organisations or groups for projects that provide or improve Public Open Space and Recreation facilities in line with the relevant S106 Agreements.

Applications will be considered by Ryedale District Council Members at three meetings in 2018/19. Closing dates for applications are 14 May 2018 for a decision on 22 July 2018, 7 September for a decision on 15 November 2018 and 4 January 2019 for a decision on 14 March 2019.

How to apply

Applicants are required to submit an application online via the Ryedale District Council website where guidance notes for each type of grant and full details including closing dates are available.

www.ryedale.gov.uk/living-here/community-living/community-grants

Parking

You will no doubt share the Town Council's frustration at the inadequate line markings on the cobbles on Market Place. After much persistence The Town Council have received a response from NYCC Highways explaining that due to changes in central government legislation concerning the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions there is no longer a requirement to have both signs and road markings in order to satisfy the criteria for enforcement. This means that the line markings will not be repaired.

On the matter of parking in the centre of town, motorists are reminded that it is not appropriate to stop vehicles on the road next to Pump Hill, regardless of whether or not you only intend to stop for a short time to pop into the newsagents! By parking here the line of sight for motorists exiting Tinley Garth is completely obscured and it is a great concern for the safety of pedestrians and motorists alike. Please would all motorists ensure that they drive and park responsibly.

Please be reminded that there is 1 hour free parking available in the Town Farm car park between 12 midday to 2pm. The Town Council is in negotiations with RDC to offer the 1 hour free parking at any time during the day and to re-programme the ticket machine so that the free time is issued automatically as an extension of the paid time. So far the discussions have been met with reluctance.

On the matter of Town Farm car park, the benefits of having a parking permit far outweigh the frustrations of having to find a free parking space. For as little at **£4 per week** you can park for as long as you like, any day of the week, in any long stay car park in Ryedale with a **long stay permit**

(quarterly permits cost £52, annual permits cost £208). For as little as **£1 per week** you can park for up to 2 hours anytime, any day, as often as you like (within the local car park bylaws) with a **short stay permit** (annual permits cost £52). Permits & Smart Cards are available from the Post Office.

Please be aware that the Town Farm car park is owned and regulated by Ryedale District Council. On-street parking is regulated by NYCC. The Town Council has no authority on parking and can only make representation on behalf of the residents to the relevant Authority.

Highways

Works to upgrade Ings Lane, including alterations to the A170 roundabout were facilitated by the successful bid by NYCC Highways & Transportation for £475,000 from the National Productivity Investment Fund to promote economic growth which will be achieved by improving road safety and access to the industrial site on Ings Lane.

The Town Council has raised concerns with NYCC Highways & Transport with regards to prioritising repairs to address the very poor condition of the roads on West Fields and Tinley Garth which pose a risk to both motorists and pedestrians. Support of the proposal to implement double yellow lines between Shaw Drive and West Fields on Tinley Garth has been submitted.

Bus Shelter - The Town Council accepted the proposal and recommendations by Northern Ryedale Public Transport Group to purchase and install a bus shelter on the A170 eastbound. The latest update was that work would be commencing in May 2018. Northern Ryedale Public Transport Group are managing this project.

Street Lighting

Phase 1 of the street lighting upgrades, being the replacement of 18 concrete street light columns with tubular steel columns, and Orangetek Arialed LED lanterns was completed in 2017.

Phase 2 & 3 of the street lighting upgrades was approved at the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council in December. This will include replacement of the last remaining concrete column and all the obsolete mercury MBFU lanterns and replacement of SOX and Fluor lanterns. All upgrades will be completed by 2020.

Community Resilience & Emergency Plan was adopted in June 2017.

Christmas Lights – Lesley Temple has very generously offered to purchase, on behalf of the town, Christmas lights for the A170 roundabout. The Council expressed their appreciation of the offer and agreed that it was a very fitting way to commemorate her years of work in Kirkbymoorside.

The Town Council acknowledged that the Christmas Lights throughout the town made Kirkbymoorside look very festive and appreciation was expressed to everyone who has participated in the town tree scheme. Particular thanks go to Pam Towler who set up the scheme for the small trees and has been running it for 35 years!

Thanks to the a group of volunteers who install all the town lights and put the trees uinto the brackets for everyone, led by Mark Robinson and Darren Collier, including Paul Featherston, Tony Barnet, Shane Johnson, Andy Prout, Doug Taylor, Phil Ward, Sid Brackley, Paul Todd and Phil Gospel.

Without the volunteers festive spirit and willing to contribute to the community there would be no Christmas lights in Kirkbymoorside.

Christmas Shop Window Competition 2017

Congratulations to the winners, as decided by the public:

1st Place – Carolines Hair Studio; 2nd Place – Jems Hair Design; and 3rd Place– Beccis Blooms

Remembrance Day As usual Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band gave a humbly performance at the Remembrance Day Parade. They expressed that Remembrance Day is one of the opportunities for the band to give something back to the community and they are proud to be able to be a part of it.

Repair Café – the Town Council agreed that the Kirkbymoorside Environment Group could use the Moorside Room to host their Repair Cafés. The first Repair Café, held in The Moorside Room on Saturday 23rd September was an experiment to see how it worked here in Kirkbymoorside and it was very successful. There have now been several Repair Café's and the next event will be on Saturday 12th May 9.30 – 12.30

Old Road Play Area

The project to install the new half basketball court at the Old Road Play Area has been funded by the Big Lottery in response to a letter sent to the Town Mayor by two Kirkbymoorside boys on behalf of the Children of Kirkbymoorside. A big "Thank you" to George Stead and Bailey Crossland for their detailed proposal which they presented to the Town Council. This enabled the Town Council to successfully apply for grant funding. Thanks also go to the children at Kirkbymoorside and Sinnington Primary Schools and Ryedale School, who supported the project and were involved in the consultation process.

Cllr Jill Wells accompanied the Town Mayor to Ryedale School on Monday 9th October to announce success of the grant fund award and congratulate Bailey Crossland and George Stead personally for initiating the project.

It is hoped that this additional facility will be a popular asset to the Old Road Play Area.

Remedial repairs to the play area equipment are carried out as and when necessary. In the last year the following works have been necessary:

Old Road: Replacement of the post and rail element of the kissing gate at the south east entrance and part of the Playdale Trim Trail

Ryedale View: Repairs to the boardwalk

Inspections are carried out weekly but if you notice that any of the equipment has been damaged, or there is some litter etc please get in touch with the Town Clerk. It is useful to have extra eyes and ears!

Manor Vale

An assessment of trees was carried out in 2017 by JK Arboriculture at Manor Vale Woodland, Ryedale View and Old Road play areas in accordance with insurance requirements. Subsequent works were authorised with works to the shrub belt at Ryedale View play area, the removal of a Rowan tree at Old Road and tree works throughout Manor Vale. Details of the survey are available on the town council website as supporting document to the Manor Vale Management committee meeting dated 9th October 2017.

More recently extensive surfacing improvement works have been carried out by NYCC PRoW to the top bridlepath in Manor Vale Woodland. Kirkbymoorside is very fortunate to have benefitted from this budget allocation which is largely due to the diligence of Andrew Hall, NYCC Countryside Officer who is a member of the Manor Vale Management committee.

Old Highways Depot The outcome of the Planning Application 17/01450/FUL for erection of 6no. three bedroom terraced dwellings along with parking areas and shared amenity space at North Yorkshire Highways Depot Manor Vale Lane Kirkbymoorside YO62 6EG is pending.

Gladman Developments

Final approval for the development on West Fields has yet to be granted. In order for the development to achieve complete approval to proceed the applicants will need to satisfy all of the reserved matters and thereafter satisfy the conditions of the Conditional Approval previously granted. Future considered of the planning application will be assigned to Gary Housden, Head of Planning and Housing at Ryedale District Council, and not the full Planning Committee.

Fracking Debate Cllr Brampton proposed, and the Council agreed, to host a debate between appropriately qualified representatives on the motion "This house believes that UK regulations make fracking safe".

The feedback received from members of the public demonstrates that overall, people were impressed by an event that put both sides of the argument, and was indeed valuable for local citizens.

Mayor's Charity Ball held at Kirkbymoorside Golf Club raised approximately £900 for the Kirkbymoorside Community library. The event was supported by the local businesses who contributed prizes for the raffle and auction and entertainment was provided by a local band, Midnight Junction.

Moorside Room has been the venue for:

- Musical Memories sessions held by Neil and Ruth Hannah on a Tuesday morning
- Local Surgeries for MP Kevin Hollinrake
- Fund Raising events by Marie Curie, St Catherine's Hospice, Age UK,
- Tennis Club AGM
- Music lessons by Sarah Louise Ashworth School of Music and Dance
- 'In Memory' celebration
- Christening
- Ryedale Market Towns Promotion Project Meeting
- Thirsk & Malton Constituency Labour Party
- 1st Kirkbymoorside Scout Group
- Art exhibitions by Jennifer Tetlow, JRB Photographic, Maggie Roberts,
- Showcase of Holme Lea Interiors
- Exhibitions by 'Friends of The Harrison Collection'
- Joint Minerals & Waste Plan Review
- Forthcoming events include :



'Open House' & Photographic Exhibition
The Moorside Room
Saturday 19th May
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Musical Memories will play 'special request' songs for you to sing along to
and
Rob Townsend will exhibit a series of portraits which explore the connection between music and memory
Come along and see what we do!
You are assured of a warm welcome and there will be songs/music, tea/coffee and cake all day

This event is free
www.musicalmemoriescic.org.uk



You are invited to
'A Celebration of Nature'
AN
ART EXHIBITION
by Maggie Roberts & David Shaw
at
The Moorside Room
(The old library)
Church St. Kirkbymoorside,
YO62 6AZ
Open for 3 days only
10am - 6pm
Fri: June 1st
Sat: June 2nd
Sun: June 3rd
A diverse selection of original pictures from fine pencil studies and oil pastels to hand embroidered collages & batik
All works for sale
Reasonable prices... Admission free... All welcome

The railings and benches at Pump Hill, Market Place, and in proximity of 'Simply Delicious' deli, Piercy End have been refurbished.

Tour de Yorkshire and events on the weekend of 5th and 6th May – Thanks to everyone who helped to showcase Kirkbymoorside. Particular thanks to Angela and Malcolm Richardson who were responsible for painting and siting all the bikes and bunting and to Karen Hartas who was instrumental in organising the decorations and bunting throughout the town.

Additionally a group of Kirkbymoorside residents lead by Cllr Chapman with the support of a local filmmaker Julian Freeman, local artist Tom Kendall, the Cubs, Scouts, Youth Club and various volunteers were responsible for the land art project which shows the Evolution of Kirkbymoorside man.

General Data Protection Regulations come into force on 25 May 2018. So if you would like to be kept informed by the Town Council please contact the Town Clerk to provide your contact details and consent.

It has been a privilege to be represent Kirkbymoorside in my capacity as Town Mayor during the past year. Thanks to the Town Clerk and my fellow Councillors for their support over the past year.