

Kirkbymoorside Town Council
Information for the meeting on Monday 21 July 2025

7. Vibrant and Sustainable High Streets Fund

- a. To receive information in respect of the [Vibrant and Sustainable High Streets Fund](#)
- b. To receive information on the proposal by Kirkbymoorside Community Support Group (KCSG) in partnership with Kirkbymoorside History Group for a Kirkbymoorside Town History Trail
- c. To consider the invitation by KCSG of partnership for grant funding application (Vibrant and Sustainable High Streets Fund Phase II) and the associated role and commitment to the project

Information received from Jean Illingworth on behalf of the Kirkbymoorside Community Support Group:

Sarah Barrowby is coming to the next council meeting to do a presentation on the Vibrant and Sustainable High Streets Fund, with, I hope, the intention to apply for Phase 3 in October.

The deadline for Phase 2 is 31st July, and with the Music Festival taking up all my time, I've done nothing about it, however, I have been speaking to Stephen Peet and we are both keen to do a simple application to fund a Town Trail. This is something that the History Group were thinking of producing later in the year in leaflet form, and I also spoke previously to Lousie about history information board around town, and she felt that 3 were needed.

We feel that we could put a bid in for funding for these items – a low tech Kirkbymoorside Town History Trail, just trail leaflets available at the library / local shops and the three information boards. QR codes on the boards could link to more info on the new town website. I already have costings for information boards, and just had 4000 leaflets printed for the music festival, so know the cost of that (about £5- 6k).

Although grant applications are never quick, it would be fairly straight forward.

This phase of the grant requires 'local partnerships' and the partnership would be KCSG and the History Group, but could also include the Town Council and the Library (Linda?) – would you (both) like to be involved? You may wish to include new information boards for Manor Vale perhaps? The more partners, the more favourably it would be looked at.

I'm happy for KCSG to be the lead applicant, as I'm already familiar with the process, and already have a relationship with Sarah (who actually suggested this); I am arranging to meet with Stephen to progress this. I would need to get straight on with it to meet the deadline, as I won't be able to do anything in the last week of August which gives me less than 2 weeks.

For each of the partners there are a couple of Compulsory File to uploads, so I would need those as soon as possible:

- a copy of the organisation's latest financial accounts
- copies of Partner Confirmation letters or emails which confirm their role and commitment to the project.

If successful, delivery of the project is October 2025 to April 2027, so apart from the application, designing the trail doesn't need doing just yet.

Please would you clarify what you expect the Town Council's role and commitment to involve by agreeing partnership for the grant funding application.

The Town Council's role (should they wish to do it) in a partnership in delivering a town history trail would be to support and promote it and facilitate the installation of information boards (should assistance be needed).

If it was a larger project it would also be to help with match funding, but in this small project, it would be 100% funded.

Regards

Jean