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**Kirkbymoorside Town Council**

**Information for the meeting on Monday 20 April 2026**

- 8. Kirkbymoorside Community Support Group's project funded by York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority VSHS Fund**
- a. To receive information regarding the proposal to install flag pole brackets on the lamp posts for the length of Piercy End, Market Place and High Market Place**
  - b. To consider the request for approval of the installation of brackets to the lamp posts**
  - c. To consider making application to North Yorkshire Council to determine the feasibility of the project**
  - d. To consider any requirements for the new design of the 'Welcome to Kirkbymoorside' signs on the A170 as part of the project**

For the Attn of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council

Dear Councillors,

Re: Lamppost Flags

You will be aware that in the summer of 2025, as part of the Kirkbymoorside Music Festival, within the Market Place area of the town we had festival flags hanging from specially made flagpoles that fitted into existing Christmas tree brackets. This created a lovely festive atmosphere and added to the happy mood in the town: over around 2,000 people attended events in the town over the festival weekend.



In line with recommendations within the NYC commissioned report '**Kirkbymoorside Feasibility Study & Action Plan for Growth**', it is planned to extend the flags to the whole of the main street, from the roundabout on the A170 to the mini roundabout at the top of High Market Place, and funding has been sought, and kindly given, by the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Vibrant and Sustainable High Street fund to cover this.

The intention was to continue to utilise the Christmas Tree Brackets, however, the manufacture who was going to produce these has now dropped out and we have been unable to find another manufacture – not helped by the sudden increase in the cost of metal due to the world situation. Last year my husband kindly made the brackets, but he is awaiting heart surgery and unable to assist this year. So, in looking for a Plan B, we have decided to use the large, black lampposts and an off the peg premium quality lamp post bracket for mounting banners to lamp posts. These self-tensioning system are compliant with EN40 regulations as required by councils to mount banners to lighting columns and are wind tested up to 90mph.

These would be used to display the new Kirkbymoorside Town Brand for some of the year, and the Kirkbymoorside Music Festival emblem in July and early August. In subsequent years, with more time, we could have 10K banners up earlier in the year, and other banners to mark special events in the town as they arise. Along with the proposed new Welcome to Kirkbymoorside signs, these banners, visible from the A170, are intended to promote the town and prompt visitors to turn off and explore what we have to offer, hopefully shopping in our shops and boosting the local economy.





We understand that NYC requires that a structural survey of the lighting columns is undertaken ahead of attaching anything to them, and I write to seek approval from the Town Council to explore the feasibility of flying banners from the lamp posts. We would be grateful if this could be progressed as soon as possible with NYC as time is now short for manufacture and installation before the music festival at the end of July. We would need to know cost and timescales and whether NYC's own contractors would need to do the installation as soon as possible please, as the survey is not within the original budget costs and I need to 'find' it from other parts of the grant allocation and seek agreement from the Combined Authority for it.

Many thanks.



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