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2024/25 MAYOR'S REPORT

"I welcome this opportunity to express thanks, alongside looking forward, to our future.

Thanks to colleagues present and past, those who stayed, and to those who have left for what they did whilst working on the Council and for what they do now for our community. Particular thanks too to our Clerk, to our partner organisations and trusted contractors and above all thanks to our community.

Times change, challenges evolve... We all face economic and financial challenges, some more existential than others. I believe it is our duty to our community to keep the precept as low as possible whilst maintaining the minimum sufficient for necessary, essential grants consistent with our community's needs. As a council it is our duty to celebrate our community but also to encourage disparate elements or groups in our community to work together and bring external funds in – one of the best examples this year being the Sportsfield initiatives, the culmination of years! It is wonderful to see commercial organisations active in well-being – such as the Padel Tennis courts. It is particularly heartening to be able to encourage and support initiatives from within our community such as the Music Festival, the In Bloom tubs and baskets, the Veteran's Breakfast Club, community organisations across arts, sports, education and commerce – even when this means in ways other than financially. Our business community is vital to us in so many ways... commerce is the lifeblood of our community and we are going to have to find ways to increase the business activity in Kirkbymoorside...what is the future of local retailing? How can we best encourage a growing local economy? Whilst we can, each and every one of us, support our local retailers, our local businesses: the council must work to ensure we voice our community's interests in the county and regional debates and planning. We do not exist in isolation; an increasingly digital economy nevertheless needs people as creators as much as consumers: we can work on that, keeping the best, creating the rest.

I commend this report to you and welcome all positive suggestions and contributions going forward."

Cllr Joe Coughlan
Kirkbymoorside Town Mayor
19 May 2025

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2024/25 KIRKBYMOORSIDE TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

There are two casual vacancies on the Town Council. Expressions of interest are invited. Please email the Town Clerk town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk or speak to a member of the Council for more information.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

GRANTS

Description	Supplier	Amount
Contribution to hire of Memorial Hall for Horticultural Show	Kirkbymoorside Horticultural Society	80.00
Grant contribution - Maintenance of All Saints Graveyard & Millennium Garden	Kirkbymoorside PCC	1,500.00
Grant to purchase and install a bell simulator	All Saints Kirkbymoorside Bell Ringers	895.00
Award to support 3G Pitch Project	Ryedale School	2,000.00
To cover cost of room hire	Ryedale Community Foodbank	720.00
Purchase of a Remembrance Wreath with Assignment	Royal British Legion	60.00
Traffic Management - Remembrance Day	Roadway UK TM Limited	568.00

24016 Agenda item 15. Grant Policy and Applications 20 May 2024

- a. The revised Grant policy in draft was **received**. Cllr Illingworth proposed additional wording to explain that ‘the Town Council has discretion to consider applications in excess of 10% of the grant budget in exceptional circumstances, subject to agreement.’ **Agreed.**

The revised Grant Policy was **adopted**.

- b. The sum of £8,000 available for allocation from the 2024/25 grant budget was **noted**.
- c. The contribution of £1,560 to Ryedale Community Foodbank (Minute 22208), being £30 per week for room hire, was **reviewed**. In view of the revised grant policy and the ambition of the Town Council to support as many local initiatives as possible, Cllr Coughlan proposed a 50% contribution of £780 for the year 2024/25 in line with the revised grant policy and taking into consideration the Town Council’s financial support since March 2022. **Agreed.**
- d. The grant application submitted by Kirkbymoorside Horticultural Society for £80 to contribute to the cost of hire of the Memorial Hall for the Annual Horticultural Open Show was **agreed**.
- e. The grant application submitted by Kirkbymoorside PCC in the amount of £3,000 to contribute towards the cost of maintenance of All Saint's graveyard and Millennium Garden was considered. In the interest of consistency, as with considerations of the financial contribution to support the Ryedale Community Foodbank, Cllr Wells proposed a 50% contribution of £1500. **Agreed.**
- f. The grant application submitted by North Yorkshire Citizens Advice & Law Centre (NYCALC) in the amount of £3,360 to cover the costs associated with monthly attendance at the Kirkbymoorside Community One Stop as part of Ryedale Charities Together was considered and **not agreed**. Cllr Illingworth proposed the North Yorkshire Citizens Advice & Law Centre (NYCALC) be encouraged

to engage with the Community library to offer its services in conjunction with the support offered to members of the community by the library volunteers.

- g. The grant application submitted by Kirkbymoorside Community Library (CLiC) in the amount of £2,795 to contribute to the annual cost of cleaning Church House was **considered**.

It was noted that the Town Council already contributes to 50% of the annual cleaning costs of Church House in addition to rent for the Town Council office, utilities and meeting room hire.

The application in the amount of £2,795 to contribute to the annual cost of cleaning Church House was **not agreed**.

24088 Agenda item 8. Grants 21 October 2024

- a. Receipt of thanks from Kirkbymoorside Horticultural Society for supporting the Annual Show this year was **noted**.
- b. The grant application submitted by the Kirkbymoorside bell ringing band for £895.00 to purchase and install a bell simulator was **agreed**.

24111 Agenda item 6. Financial matters 18 November 2024

- e. Payment of the award of £2000 in support of the 3G pitch project at Ryedale School (resolution recorded at Minutes 19021b dated May 2019 and 22123 dated November 2022) was **approved**.

24074 Agenda item 17. Remembrance Sunday 16 September 2024

- a. The cost of £568 for traffic management of the Remembrance Day parade, expenditure budgeted to Cost Code 22, was **agreed**.
- b. Cllr Coughlan proposed a contribution of £60 towards a poppy wreath. **Agreed**.

Having the Town Council office located downstairs in Church House allows continued support of Kirkbymoorside Community Library by payment of approximately £4500 per annum to cover rent and payment of 50% contribution to utilities and cleaning costs of Church House.

2023/24 AUDIT & 2025/26 BUDGET

24079 Confirmation has been received from PKF Littlejohn of completion of the external audit, AGAR 2023/24 with no matters raised.

24139 Agenda item 7. 2025/26 Budget

- a. The 2025/26 Budget Monitoring Document was **considered**.
- b. Recommendations of the Finance Committee regarding the budget for 2025/26 were **received** as follows:
- i. Capital Budget - Allocation of £80,000 reserves:
- I. To retain the level of general reserve at £40,000¹ in line with recommendations for Smaller Authority's.
- II. Allocation of £40,000 to specific reserves: £5,000 Staff sickness; £4,000 By-election provision; £6,000 Manor Vale provision; £10,000 Moorside Room provision—earmarked for project costs to improve the Moorside Room (considerations at Minute 24115 dated 18 November 2024); £15,000 development (including repairs) of the sportsfield, play area and skatepark.
- ii. Revenue Budget for the financial year 2025/26 of £102,650, as detailed in the budget monitoring document.

¹ JPAG (March 2020 edition) advises: "The generally accepted recommendation with regard to the appropriate minimum level of a Smaller Authority's General Reserve is that this should be maintained at between three (3) and twelve (12) months Net Revenue Expenditure (NRE)."

- iii. To set the 2025/26 precept of £102,650 being the budget requirement for 2025/26 and the amount needed to meet the general expenses of the Town Council applying to the whole of the Kirkbymoorside area.

The clerk explained that the proposed precept of £102,650 would equate to a -3.10% adjustment to the Council Tax.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were **agreed**.

- c. The budget for 2025/26 was **agreed** and the Council **resolved** to set the precept of £102,650.

PLAY AREAS

Description	Net
Play Areas Grass Cutting & Maintenance Contract	1,220.00
2024 CCTV Monitoring	500.00
Tree works and remedial repairs	570.00
Annual play equipment inspection	250.00
Bark for Net Climber @ Old Road	842.20
Credit for 3 Bags - Bark for Net Climber @ Old Road	-252.66
4G Data Sim Contract - CCTV @ Old Road Play Area	720.00
Footpath Resurfacing @ Old Road	6,520.99

CCTV @ Old Road play area, total annual cost @ £1,220 monitored by North Yorkshire Council and accessible to the Police

23139 Agenda item 10. Play Areas

- b. The cost of £6,520.99 + VAT for repairs to the footpaths throughout Old Road play area was **agreed**.

The project to replace play equipment at Ryedale View is in progress. Secondary public consultation will be held from June 2025 to determine the choice of equipment. Once determined applications can be made to secure grant funding for the project.

MANOR VALE WOODLAND

At the last annual Town Meeting a member of the public requested a review of the woodland management plan. This has subsequently been carried out by the Manor Vale Management Committee and the updated Plan is available on the Town Council website.

The management plan is designed to maintain the natural character of the woodland as a wildlife habitat and promote biodiversity. *“The ‘naturalness’ of Manor Vale Wood contributes much to the character of the site, its appeal to local people and its value to wildlife. Maintaining its natural qualities should be a key consideration in all management decisions.”*

In the interest of updating the reference section of the Management Plan a variety of specialists have been invited to catalogue the flora and fauna of the woodland. The response has been very encouraging and North York Moors National Park will be assisting with surveying woodland ground flora in the areas of ancient woodland as part of the GrubsUp! Project. The Ryedale History Society have confirmed the interest of their members which include a botanist and recorders of arachnids, botany, fungi and mammals. Other

interested parties include the Ryedale Beekeepers Association, British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and Yorkshire Naturalists.

Information on progress of the surveys and the findings will be provided when available. This information will be recorded as Appendices to the Management Plan.

Here are some frequently asked questions about the management of Manor Vale woodland:

Q. Why is the felled wood left in situ?

A. Wood decomposition is one of a woodland's essential recycling processes and a natural part of every tree's lifecycle. Dead and decaying wood also provides a nutrient-rich habitat for fungi, a nursery for beetle larvae and a larder for insectivorous birds and other animals.

Q. Why are the brambles not cleared?

A. The bramble is a source of food for many species of insect and mite, with some species feeding exclusively on bramble. The bramble is also important to dormice, which eat their flowers and fruit; they and other animals/birds seek refuge in bramble thickets. Brambles offer protection from grazing/browsing (by deer/rabbits) to young tree seedlings.

Q. Who is responsible for the surfacing of footpaths and bridleways?

A. All adopted footpaths and bridle paths in the woodland are the responsibility of North Yorkshire Council as the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) Authority. The surfacing of these paths is regularly assessed by the Countryside Officer to ensure they meet standard

Q. Why are there no owl boxes in the wood?

A. Owls need nest sites adjacent to open fields in order to have a flight path to their hunting grounds.

FYI if you would like to propose a location for a nesting box (species specific) please contact the Town Clerk in order that the Management Committee can determine its suitability.

Q. Who is responsible for keeping the access road to the golf course and the adjacent verges in good condition?

A. The Golf Club. Arrangements have been made for the increased frequency of cuts to the verge of the golf course road, the cost to be shared between the Town Council and the Golf Club.

Neville Castle

The Management Plan refers to the protection of the archaeological interest of the remains of Neville Castle within the site. "Any works which may affect the Scheduled Monument, and its setting require consent from the Secretary of State via advice from the County archaeologist (North Yorkshire Council) and/or the local Historic England Inspector of Ancient Monuments.

In response to concerns raised by a member of the public about the stability of Neville Castle an Inspector of Ancient Monuments from Historic England was invited to inspect the monument. The inspector determined "*no structural problem with the standing fabric of the monument, no cracking, and no visible signs of movement.*"

WILDFLOWER FRIENDLY VERGES

24118 Agenda item 13. Wildflower Friendly Verges

- a. An update on the wild flower areas trial was **received**. Cllr Dowie praised the efforts of the volunteers involved in the raking exercise on 2nd and 3rd November. Lessons learnt from this year's trial are that the wild flower areas need to be cut in early spring and the cuttings removed. There should then be no further cuts until September and no later than the end of September. The grass must be cut when it is dry to avoid it being flattened by the machinery. After that the cuttings should

be left in place for a week before being removed. Ideally some machinery should be used for this but if that isn't possible then volunteers will need to be recruited again.

- b. Proposals for revisions to the grass cutting schedule were considered.

Cllr Illingworth proposed that, in line with the approach to verge cutting by North Yorkshire Council, having declared a climate emergency, the Town Council should consider leaving some additional areas uncut in order to provide a 'corridor' for pollinators.

Cllrs Dowie and Illingworth proposed a revision to the designated wild flower verges to include:

- i. A170 east verge, on the raised bank outside the sports field
- ii. A170 east next to the road signposted Keldholme only
- iii. Old Road, on the west bank side opposite Springfield Lane
- iv. Old Road, on the east verge south of Eastway Close, north of the memorial bench
- v. A170 west, on both sides of the junction with West Lund Lane and extending along the verge east towards Sylatech.

The area to the north of the A170 west at the junction of West Lund will return to the original grass cutting schedule of 14 cuts per annum.

Each of the areas will be cut once in the spring, and all arisings collected, and then be left uncut until the end of September when the final cutting exercise will be carried in the same way as hay making, again with all arisings removed. In each of the designated wildflower areas the compulsory 1m safety strip will be mown frequently, as appropriate. **Agreed.**

Following a meeting on 18 November with the grass contractor, attended by Cllrs Dowie, Illingworth and the Clerk, quotations are awaited for the costs associated with the collection and disposal of arisings from the autumn cut.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

24218 Agenda item 7. All Saints' Churchyard 15 April 2025

- a. Pursuant to the Notice (recorded at Minute 24092 dated 21 October 2024) the Order dated 18 December 2024, that burials should be discontinued in All Saints churchyard, Kirkbymoorside (Burial Act 1853 as amended) (received by the Town Council, recorded at Minute 24161 dated 20 January 2025), was again **noted**.
- b. The formal notification of the intention of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to transfer the responsibility for maintenance of the Graveyard at All Saints Church, Kirkbymoorside in accordance with the 1972 Local Government Act Section 215 was **considered**. The decision was taken **not to accept** responsibility for maintenance of the churchyard. It was **agreed** to refer the matter to North Yorkshire Council in accordance with the formal, certified proposal of the PCC dated 18th August 2024, to transfer the responsibility for maintenance of the churchyard to North Yorkshire Council.

SPORTSFIELD DEVELOPMENT

Talks are in progress between the Town Council and sports clubs to determine the feasibility of development at the sports field. The squash and football clubs propose an extension of the squash club building to accommodate additional changing facilities for the football club. Architects have been engaged to produce plans for submission with funding bids in order to secure grants to cover the majority of the project costs. The Football Federation is engaged in the process and collaboration is ongoing.

KIRKBYMOORSIDE COMMUNITY AWARDS

In 2023 the Town Council agreed to change the format of the Community Award, from the understated presentation at the town meeting in May each year, so 2024 was host to a dedicated event with the sole focus on community contribution.

Throughout the day there were demonstrations of everything Kirkbymoorside has to offer. Many of the town's community groups had stalls in the Memorial Hall and in The Moorside Room there was an exhibition by the History Group. The community awards were presented at an evening event in the Memorial Hall, to which shortlisted nominees, nominators, sponsors and their guests were invited. No public funds were spent on this event and the Town Council is very appreciative of the very generous support of Rack Systems Engineering, Sylatech, Marshall Slingsby Advanced Composites and Forum Energy Technologies.

The proceedings kicked off with a mini concert by the Kirkbymoorside Brass Band, followed by the presentation of awards by Angus Ashworth, 'The Yorkshire Auctioneer' and myself as Mayor of Kirkbymoorside.

The awards were as follows:

Window dressing competition As part of the Community Celebrations, shops and businesses dressed their windows, making the town look extra special.

Shortlisted were 5 West End, Thomas the Bakers, Towler's Chemist and the Home Decorating Centre. The historic Lex Cup, kindly provided by Kitching Walker, last presented for the 'best dressed window' nearly 50 years ago was awarded to **Towler's Chemist**.

Voluntary/charity organisation of the year

The shortlisted nominations were Kirkbymoorside In Bloom, Kirkbymoorside Community Library and Kirkbymoorside Fruit Project .

Winner **Kirkbymoorside Community Library**. Run by dedicated volunteers the library in Kirkbymoorside is much more than a place where you borrow books it is a community space accessible to everyone. You can use a computer, access a wide range of information or get help filling in a form. It's a place that provides holiday activities for children and the opportunity to kickstart a child's lifelong love of reading.

For over 12 years, John and Chris Simmonds, together with a team of volunteers have taken tonnes of apples grown locally and turned them into delicious apple juice and cider. All profits from sales are donated to community groups and projects. They have rescued traditional varieties of fruit trees that once grew in Kirkbymoorside and have prevented large quantities of fruit from going to waste.

Membership organisation of the year

Shortlisted were Kirkbymoorside Town Band (conductor Sarah Woodward), Woolcrafters (under Carol Messham's leadership) and the Friends of the Moorsbus (Helen Gundry).

Winner **Kirkbymoorside Town Band**. Kirkbymoorside has had a band for over 200 years - it has played to celebrate eight coronations and won countless competitions. It is part of the very fabric and identity of the town, giving concerts and helping us celebrate all major town events. Band tutors are volunteers, giving children opportunities they may not otherwise have had, engendering a sense of belonging and pride.

Quiet Contributor of the Year (the unsung heroes that go that extra miles to help others and support our community) Shortlisted were Kathy Robson, Dian and Nick Hunt, Michael Stephens and Nigel Richardson.

Winner **Michael Stephens**. Michael has rung bells in churches for almost 80 years, the last 30 of those in All Saints', Kirkbymoorside (Tower Captain for 13 years) until earlier this year when he retired at age 95.

Young person of the year

The Town Council shortlisted 4 individuals for this award to emphasise their significance as the future of our town. Shortlisted were David Screeton, Storm Horvath, Annabel Kent and Sophie Maxwell.

Winner **Annabel Kent**. Annabel is a tutor in the Training Sections of the Kirkbymoorside Town Band, voluntarily teaching adults and children to play instruments. She leads a band, and does everything to support the band from conducting, organising and transposes music, selling raffle tickets, serving refreshments to tidying up afterwards.

Kirkbymoorside Town Council's Award - awarded at the Town Council's discretion for outstanding contributions to the Community of Kirkbymoorside.

Although this individual was nominated in another category, the Council overwhelmingly felt they deserved to be singled out. If you cut this person in half it would say 'Kirkbymoorside' down the middle. He was born and bred in the town and has dedicated his life to supporting his local community. Whatever he is involved in, he always gives 100% of himself, and in this year, when he has retired, Kirkbymoorside Town Council are delighted to present **Nigel Richardson** with the **Town Council own award** for his services to the community

Winner **Nigel Richardson**

This year's Community Awards will be held on 27 September. The awards will be categorised by individual, group/organisation, young person(s) and the Town Council's award.

This is an opportunity to acknowledge the positive contribution of any individual or group locally. Perhaps you know someone who has raised a significant amount of money for charity or a neighbour who always goes out of their way to help others. If you think they deserve recognition, please put them forward for a community award.

For further information please either visit www.kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk, contact the Town Clerk, Lisa Bolland on 01751 432 217, town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk or pop into the Town Council office, downstairs at the library.

MOORSIDE ROOM

The Town Council is currently exploring options available to improve the energy efficiency of the building. The first exercise is to replace the existing windows with double glazing. Planning permission has been given and the works will be carried out in July 2025 at a cost of £4,689 + VAT

24179 Agenda item 8. Moorside Room 17 March 2025

- d. Quotations for works to improve the energy efficiency of the building were **considered**:
 - ii. window glazing modifications – it was **agreed** to accept the quotation from Ryedale Joinery Limited £4,689 + VAT to manufacture and install new Georgian style double glazed casement windows. The new windows will be manufactured from Accoya and fitted with 4-16-4mm plain clear or plain satin effect toughened Planitherm Total Argon gas filled double glazed units with plant-on glazing bars. The new windows will be installed primed, ready for decoration by others and all standard range iron-mongery will be included.

STORM DARRAGH 7 December 2024

Minutes of Town Council meeting dated 16 December 2024

24134 Agenda item 8. Community Resilience Plan

- a. Cllr Coughlan welcomed North Yorkshire Council representatives, Matt Robinson and Meirion Jones and invited them to report on the emergency response to the flooding subsequent to Storm Darragh on 7 and 8 December 2024.

Information reported by Matt Robinson, Head of Resilience and Emergencies and Meirion Jones, Flood Risks Manager:

As the Resilience Authority, North Yorkshire Council is a partner of the Local Resilience Forum (also known as LRF) that respond to large-scale emergencies when a combined multi-agency coordination results in a more effective and efficient outcome. All LRF partners share responsibility to develop York and North Yorkshire's ability to respond and recover from large-scale emergency situations, with support from lead government departments and agencies, local authorities, emergency services, health, utilities and communication providers, and transport companies.

- About 50 properties were flooded in villages including Kirkbymoorside (24), Sinnington and Marton due to the heavy rainfall that Storm Darragh brought across North Yorkshire.
- Hundreds more properties were cut off without power and there were 160 reports of fallen trees blocking the county's roads.
- North Yorkshire Council has been working closely with the town council and local partners and swiftly launched a local assistance centre in Kirkbymoorside to support residents affected by flooding.
- Residents who visited the Moorside Room in the town were offered advice and guidance and to ensure they could safely return to their homes.
- The centre is not only supporting the local community, but it is also serving as a base for operational staff to provide on-the-ground assistance.
- North Yorkshire Council's teams have been working closely with emergency services, town and parish councils, local volunteer groups such as a newly formed veteran group and the Major Incident Response team.
- The community response in the wake of Storm Darragh has been praised as North Yorkshire Council has pledged to take action to protect homes and businesses from the threat of future flooding.
- Householders and business owners are being urged to share their experiences of flooding in the wake of Storm Darragh in the county to help shape future emergency responses.
- North Yorkshire Council is overseeing the survey to gather people's views following the storm that swept across the country during the weekend of December 7 and 8.
- And work is under way to extend a major scheme that has provided vital measures to protect homes and businesses from flooding with the Government being asked to provide more funding for the initiative.
- Following significant flooding, the council has a duty to investigate events to try to establish the circumstances, including reviewing weather data, river levels and the experience of residents and any evidence they may have.
- The investigation will help to ensure that the council and other partner organisations are sufficiently prepared for flooding events in the future.
- The study will also result in a final report that may make recommendations for future improvements to support communities across North Yorkshire.
- The scheme has already proven particularly successful with high participation rates in Malton and Norton, with properties receiving flood door barriers, airbricks that close automatically to keep out water, non-return valves on drains to prevent floodwater or sewage backing up, waterproof copings on walls and pumps to remove water.

- Anyone affected by flooding caused by Storm Darragh is being asked to email floodriskmanagement@northyorks.gov.uk outlining their experiences. More information about the flood resilience scheme can be requested from the same email address.
- Support for householders and businesses affected by the flooding is available by calling North Yorkshire Council on 0300 131 2 131 and saying “flooding information” when prompted.

The Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) will be visiting some of the areas impacted from flooding during Storm Darragh in the coming week.

There will be LLFA officers visiting Kirkby Mills from 10am on Wednesday 18th December 2024. This is a site visit and an opportunity to investigate the extent of flooding, reach out to those impacted and discuss the ongoing Property Flood Resilience scheme North Yorkshire Council are running. As part of its responsibility to investigate flooding (Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act) North Yorkshire Council will be investigating the mechanisms and circumstances around this flood event.

For any individuals not available on Wednesday 18th December 2024, appreciating that not all residents will be in during the day and with such short notice, drop-in sessions have been arranged at the Moorside Room on Tuesdays 7th and 14th January.

For those without insurance, or struggling with re-insuring post flood, Flood Re is a re-insurance Scheme that makes flood cover more widely available and affordable as part of home insurance: <https://www.floodre.co.uk/>

Cllr Dowie acknowledged that to support people who have been affected by an emergency it is good for there to be a familiar face at the response centre. However, the Town Council’s role in an emergency is unclear. She would welcome a review of the role of the Town Council as part of the process of the review of the Town Council’s resilience plan.

Cllr Moffat commented that the community works in spontaneous ways and it is not possible to predict the reaction to different emergency situations. Councillors can only be the local face if communicated with by the appropriate responsible authority (in this case North Yorkshire Council) and members of the community.

Cllr Coughlan explained that whilst the Town Council is best placed to provide responsible agencies with local intelligence and contacts, (detailed in the Community Resilience document which is logged with North Yorkshire Council so that it is available to the Resilience Forum), it is apparent that the Town Council is not best placed to act as the first responder to emergencies. There is now an opportunity for the Town Council to draw on this experience and explore the opportunity and interest of those local groups and individuals who have been active participants in this recovery, namely members of the Veterans Breakfast Club, to take on the role of emergency responders for future incidents. In tangent, it will also be opportunistic to determine the most appropriate composition of individuals to take on the role of community anchor organisation in direct partnership with North Yorkshire Council and the Emergency response agencies.

Cllr Illingworth explained that it is the intention of the Community Interest Company currently being set up, led by Ryedale Group, to act as the Community Anchor Organisation. More information will be received when available.

The recommendation of Matt Robinson, Head of Resilience and Emergencies, would be to have a de-brief meeting to assess how the emergency was responded to by North Yorkshire Council as the LLFA and by all active participants of the recovery. The second recommendation would be to liaise with Ray Wood, Resilience and Emergencies to determine the best strategy for emergency planning specific to Kirkbymoorside.

Cllr Coughlan proposed to schedule the de-brief meeting on 14th January at 7pm following conclusion of the drop in session scheduled to be held at The Moorside Room. **Agreed.**

Cllr Coughlan once again extended thanks to all North Yorkshire Council Resilience and Emergencies team members for their participation in the recovery efforts, and to Matt and Meirion for their attendance and the thorough information shared.

Cllr Coughlan reverted to consideration of agenda item 3. c. and d.

24140 Agenda item 8. Community Resilience Plan

- a. Further to report **received** earlier in the meeting from Matt Robinson, Head of Resilience and Emergencies and Meirion Jones, Flood Risks Manager an additional report prepared by Cllr Illingworth, detailing the emergency response to flooding subsequent to Storm Darragh, was **received**, in the supporting documents,
- b. Authorisation of expenditure to facilitate local flood recovery efforts, all expenses to be reimbursed by North Yorkshire Council, the Local Flood Authority, was **considered**. The Clerk explained that since issuing the agenda the grant offer of £3000 had been received from Two Ridings Community Foundation's North Yorkshire Disaster Recovery Fund to support the Town Council's emergency response to the impacts of Storm Darragh over the Christmas period.

At the request of North Yorkshire Council, Two Ridings Community Foundation have offered a grant of £3,000 from its North Yorkshire Disaster Recovery Fund to the Town Council. The purpose of this grant will be for Kirkbymoorside Town Council to make emergency purchases and hire essential equipment for the assistance of affected households in the vicinity of Kirkbymoorside affected by the impacts of Storm Darragh, such as flooding and prolonged periods without power.

This funding is separate to other funding awarded by Two Ridings Community Foundation through the Storm Darragh Emergency Assistance Fund, for which a separate application process is being administered by North Yorkshire Council.

Cllr Coughlan proposed delegated authority to the Clerk to administer expenditure of the grant for the specified purpose. **Agreed**.

Cllr Coughlan proposed to defer consideration of agenda item 8c) 'review the Community Resilience Plan' and d) 'development of emergency response protocol and strategies', pending guidance and recommendations from the de-brief meeting on 14 January 2025. **Agreed**.

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Cllr Coughlan wished to record thanks on behalf of the Town Council to the clerk, Cllr Dowie and especially to Cllr Illingworth for their participation in the recovery efforts following Storm Darragh. With particular credit to Cllr Illingworth for working tirelessly to assist everyone affected by the flooding, Cllr Coughlan explained that he had contacted the Lord Lieutenant to request a commendation by way of recognition for her efforts in response to the emergency.

Going forward.....

With regards to the funding made available from the Two Riding Community Foundation grant, herewith the details of expenses and allocation of remaining funds:

Expenses to date:

£142.54 Cleaning supplies for Flood affected properties

£19.61 Sundries for the Resilience & Emergency Base

£704.40 Hire of dehumidifiers

£480 costs associated with the use of the Moorside Room in Kirkbymoorside for flood response activity

The balance of £1,654 has been allocated to the following expenses:

- Costs associated with securing storage facilities at Kirkby Mills
- Purchase of flood prevention supplies and equipment (e.g. sand bags) upon recommendations of the NYC Resilience and Emergencies

Investigations are ongoing to determine a suitable site at Kirby Mills for a storage facility for equipment and supplies that will be useful in anticipation of, and in response to flooding. The exercise is currently being undertaken by the Town Clerk in collaboration with members of NYC Highways, and Resilience & Emergencies.

Once a course of action is determined residents will be invited to a meeting in order that the information can be shared and a community resilience plan for Kirby Mills can be established.

COMMUNITY MATTERS How to report Highways issues, street light faults, anti-social behaviour etc

“That pothole/streetlight/damaged [insert as appropriate] still hasn’t been fixed.....

It probably hasn’t been reported correctly, if at all.

Be responsible, don’t post it on social media, Report it! “

Report it. Report non-emergency crime online or call 101. If a crime is in progress dial 999.

Is it an emergency?

[Call 999](#) in emergency situations like these:

- there is an immediate danger to life
- someone is using violence or is threatening to be violent
- a crime is happening right now, like a house burglary or a theft
- the suspect is still at the scene

If it's not an emergency

If you’ve witnessed or been the victim of crime that isn't an emergency, please report it to the police online via www.northyorkshire.police.uk or call 101. Your report will be sent direct to the police control room.

Reporting and tackling anti-social behaviour.

Anti-social behaviour is a broad term used to describe the day-to-day incidents of crime, nuisance or disorder that can make a person’s life a misery – from litter and vandalism, to public drunkenness or aggressive dogs, to noisy or abusive neighbours.

The North Yorkshire Council Safer Communities hubs co-ordinates and facilitates a multi-agency problem solving approach to tackle these issues as such a wide range of behaviours means that responsibility is shared between a number of organisations for example the police, council and social landlords.

Report any incidents or concerns through the North Yorkshire Council portal <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/community-and-volunteering/community-safety/anti-social-behaviour>

Regular Community Safety Drop-ins will be started at the Co-Op on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 between 4pm and 6pm. The first drop was attended by PCSO Steve Ripley, Community Safety officer James Draper and Sally Roger, Community Safety Officer for Domestic Abuse. The focus was on stalking and harassment as it coincided with the national Stalking and Harassment week campaign.

Community Safety Drop-ins at the Co-op, Kirkbymoorside from 4pm to 6pm

- Wednesday 23/04/2025
- Thursday 29/05/2025
- Tuesday 24/06/2025
- Wednesday 23/07/2025
- Wednesday 27/08/2025
- Wednesday 24/09/2025
- Wednesday 29/10/2025
- Wednesday 26/11/2025
- Tuesday 23/12/2025

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Details of all the services are available on the North Yorkshire Council website www.northyorks.gov.uk

The most effective way to report highway issues/defects such as potholes, faulty street lights etc, is via the North Yorkshire Council Customer Portal

[Do it Online 24/7 www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk)