

**Kirkbymoorside Town Council**  
**Information for meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Agenda item 14 Community Support**

**a. To receive information on the proposal for a Community Fridge in Kirkbymoorside**

Please find enclosed an update on the Community Fridge development: Scarborough & Ryedale Carers Resource have made contact with key individuals:

\* Jo Laking - Coast and Vale Community Action. Jo is a real font of knowledge around community fridges and has established local fridges in the area. Jo has committed to supporting us with the development of our Kirby fridge 😊

\* Paddy Chandler - Local Stronger Communities Manager - we have written an application to Paddy for support funding (attached). This has been received positively and has been approved - payment will be made in due course to the Town Council to hold the funds. (Paddy will be in touch as I think the Town Council will need to sign the agreement etc)

\* Revd Gowland - Kirkby Methodist Church. Contact has been made with the church - they are taking the request below to their next committee meeting but Revd Gowland was very supportive of the ask.

\* Katy and Charlotte - key members of the local Mutual Aid group who have committed to leading the volunteer group necessary to manage the Fridge throughout the development and implementation phase. Katy and Charlotte will also be able to co-ordinate the support from wider Ryedale Volunteer Network, essential for food deliveries from central contributors (FareShare and Morrisons etc).

\* Sarah Cockburn - My Neighbourhood Co-ordinator at S&R Carers Resource - available to support from the CSO perspective and interested in ensuring we have an audience for the Fridge - both now and in the future (especially as the Fridge develops into a social opportunity for those who may be experiencing loneliness). Sarah may also have some contributory funding for the development and will be in touch with the Co-Op

\* Lisa Bolland on behalf of Kirkbymoorside Town Council - contacting local business to gather interest in contributing goods/produce

**Actions:**

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> we held an on-site visit - this was conducted by Katy and Jo. The outcome of the meeting was very positive and the space would be perfect to start the Fridge from the church. The church committee are to meet and confirm their thoughts asap.

Request to the church (extract of the ask to their committee)

In Kirkbymoorside we have a wonderful opportunity to bring together some key local partners to create a new food provision that has the potential to support all residents (those secure in their food supply as well as those in food insecurity). The development of a Community Fridge (along the lines of the national model) is a well-known and respected food project that has multi-layered impact:

\* To support (with no stigma) the food insecurities experienced by some households across the town and its hinterland

\* To provide a non-judgement space where food can be collected, and knowledgeable volunteers are there to offer social contact/support for those experiencing isolation

\* To provide an information hub to encourage attendees to seek the wider support they may need

- \* To develop a project that fits (and engages) with Kirkbymoorside's green/environmental ambitions
- \* To develop a project that focuses on waste reduction
- \* To build a strong collaborative project between key partners (Coast and Vale Community Action, The Kirkbymoorside Town Council, The local mutual aid group, the Methodist Church and My Neighbourhood (SRCR))

Our ask of the church:

- \* Consideration is given to the housing of the Kirkbymoorside Community Fridge - we are seeking support for the Community Fridge to be placed in a location considered to be open, friendly and with an established community presence within the town. All current members of the planning group thought instantly of the church
- \* The cost to establish the Free Fridge is approximately £1600 - we are currently fundraising to gain these starting costs - we would therefore like the church to consider free/minimal rental charges
- \* Initially we would request a space for a fridge, potentially a freezer, access to running water, a sink, and cupboard space (easy access for all levels of mobility) - once established and in the fullness of time we would love to think we could offer a coffee/tea to those accessing the Fridge - at this point we will be working together to not only feed and reduce waste BUT we will have provided a safe space for those isolated and lonely to find company, support and wider information as well as food.
- \* We would like the opportunity to meet with appropriate representatives from the church (potentially by zoom) to share our ambitions and hopefully relay the commitment and passion we have for this project to succeed. We have no specific timescale at this stage but would like to think we were established over the summer.

Next Steps

- \* We need to gain the final approval and support of the wider Town Council
- \* Consider the financial commitment possible from the Council
- \* We need to establish a core group of organisers who will help move this forward (Volunteer leads, Cavca, My Neighbourhood, Town Council rep, Church rep as a minimum)
- \* Start the action planning process and agree timescale and individual actions
- \* Ensure we have sufficient funding support to make a solid start.

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- b. To receive Scarborough and Ryedale Carers Resource's draft application for funding from the NYCC Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Community Support Grants Programme and agree participation in the project by managing the funds during the interim period whilst the mutual aid group is being established**

### Project Description

The Ryedale Food Support Offer is a strong collaborative response to the food insecurity/need across Ryedale households, highlighted over the last 14 weeks.

The offer includes a range of provision, some long-standing and some developed as a consequence of the C-19 pandemic. As an offer, we believe there are elements of the work which will remain well into the future - one such development is the need/desire to have a community food project in Kirkbymoorside.

Following initial discussions with Kirkbymoorside Town Council and the local mutual aid group, we concluded that the development of a Free Fridge in Kirkby would be beneficial on a number of levels:

- Support with the food insecurities within some households across the town and hinterland
- Fit with the town's green/environmental commitments - and reduce local food waste
- Provide a pilot waste project that local businesses can engage in
- Provide a positive collaboration between local partners with common goals/ambitions: including the Town Council, the Methodist Church, the local Mutual Aid group and My Neighbourhood (SRCR)
- Develop a project that has the potential to bring local communities together - with no stigma and only positive benefit for all who engage and access

Our funding request relates to a contribution towards start-up costs. We have a full budget profiled below - a contribution from Stronger Communities will help make this possible. Whilst some of the costs below are noted, we do expect will gain support and gifts to help with the start-up requirements. We will confirm with My Neighbourhood and the Town Council if they are also able to contribute.

Item	Cost £
Glass fronted fridge	469
Freezer	200
Insurance	200
Shelving	70
Scales	45
Fridge/Freezer Thermometers	6
Mobile phone	50
waste bins x 3	45
latex free gloves S M L	25
Wiped down aprons x 5	50
Blue disposable paper/cloths	30
Food bags	200
Bin liners	15
Labels	35
A board/notice boards	100

Comments book	10
Sanitiser	50
	1600

The Kirkbymoorside Town Council has offered to hold the funding to support the mutual aid group in the first instance.

Coast and Vale Community Action (CaVCA) have committed to working with us to ensure the mutual aid group is brought together with a simple constitution, some structured guidance and registration to the hubbub Community Fridge Network.

We have set ourselves a target of this summer to have the fridge up and running. The collaborative are very excited to be working on this together - and we will be presenting a plan of action to the Town Council in their July meeting. Over time and guidance permitted we will build on the Community Fridge to develop a social aspect to the project - where we start to consider how the development can work to reduce isolation and connect residents to essential services (in an informal and non-threatening format).