

Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister Parish Report

Kirkby Malzeard : May 26

Back Lane One Way System

I have not heard anything further from Highways on this and have chased again for an update.

Laverton Oaks

Nothing further to report regarding the s106, I am continuing to chase the Brierley directors.

Local Power Plan

Funded by Great British Energy this is a scheme that has been set up to support community energy schemes which I hope is of interest. This can be found here :

<https://www.gbe.gov.uk/local-power-plan>

Public Transport

It has recently been announced that NYC will continue with the provision of the bus services, meaning that there will be another 12 months before the Mayor takes on the running of them. I have asked that the proposals that have been put forward for improved or new routes but the Uredale Transport & Connectivity Working Group continue to be considered and developed and I am taking this forward with NYC officers. The Mayor is also currently reviewing the viability of rural franchising for bus services (where the local authority take on the provision of the service rather than contract with a bus operator) which will be interesting to see.

Community Transport

The LibDems are putting forward a motion at Full Council this week calling for better support for community transport, to help provide transport where budgets to buses services have been cut and NHS transport to hospital no longer available.

Connectivity

I have been forwarded a response to Julian Smith from the Minister for Digital Connectivity about the lack of mobile connectivity in the area. Whilst the Home Office have installed additional masts in the Settle and Leyburn areas, this part of the world has not had any investment and there are a disproportionately high number of not-spot areas. I have raised further queries in response to the letter which refers to a Mobile Market Review and to further delivery in "populated areas". No response yet on this, I will raise it with Julian at the next Area Constituency Meeting.

CIL funds

The Infrastructure Business Plan 25-30 has been published :

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-01/North%20Yorkshire%20Infrastructure%20Business%20Plan.pdf> I am attending a CIL Spending workshop at County Hall at the end of the month. I have had a response to

proposals I raised back in July of last year for potential projects. These have all been added to the list to consider when funding is available.

Ripon Mobility Hub

The current proposals were reviewed last week by the Uredale T&C Working Group, we have fed back our comments to the officer by way of informal consultation.

Ripon to Fountains Cycle Route

I have now seen a copy of the report. It recommends the route that was supported by the Uredale Partnership Transport & Connectivity Working Group which is good news. There is reference to a bridge being required which we are not sure is needed and is an expensive element which we are checking on. We will now be pushing for this to be delivered, first working through the elements that are within easy reach.

Locality Budget

The 26/27 budget is now available, if you would like to apply for financial assistance with any community projects please let me know.

Executive Meetings

The Executive met last week, the minutes are not available. The minutes from the meeting of 21st April are here :

<https://edemocracy.northyorks.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1147&MId=19608&Ver=4> and to note from these:

- it was proposed that a 40p fee be introduced for the use of public toilets, the proposal that receipts could be ringfenced was rejected.
- The Council Plan for 26-30 was approved which can be found here : <https://edemocracy.northyorks.gov.uk/documents/s67723/Appendix%20A%20-%20DRAFT%20Council%20Plan%202026-30.pdf> .
- An application for grant funding will be made to Homes England to enable the buy back of old Council housing (30 homes) which can then be provided as affordable housing

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