

Olympic Coaches

FILEY TOWN SERVICE

Dear Mayor, Filey Town Council & David,

First, may I take this opportunity to thank you for all your financial support over the Covid period. It has been heart warming to know that the support behind the scenes has been as strong as ever. You may not be aware at this time that the passenger numbers have been dwindling to a gentle trickle over the last 20 months, mainly of course due to the pandemic and the age of the travelling passenger. However, I remain in high spirits, and I am almost certain that as we progress into the future that passenger figures will start to increase once confidence returns and many of our Clubs, Tombola's, Christmas Fairs etc start off once again. The onset of online shopping has certainly put a dent in the numbers travelling less frequently and I would assume that some businesses in Filey may also be feeling the hit a touch. However, I am going to begin a campaign of "use it or lose it", it won't be too dramatic, just a gentle nudge to help them think about the future and how I foresee it.

I spoke to David mid-week regarding an issue with the engine on the bus, I am experiencing a drop in oil pressure, basically the engine is tired. I have priced up a new engine direct from VW and the price is £4000 + vat, with around £2000 in labour costs. I asked David to put forward to the council if it would be possible to forward me the remainder of the 12-month assistance grant. At present the engine is fine, but according to the engineers at Cayton Commercials there is every chance that it may become a very big issue.

In January I spent £7000 on a new Gearbox and Clutch assembly to keep the reliability of the vehicle, they seem to think that by fitting all new it has exasperated the issues with the engine. I do not need this at the minute, I have enough money in the Business to cover all the costs, but it would leave me in a precarious situation financially.

Would the council please allow the early release of funds should this be required; it is a last resort, but it would put my mind at rest should the worst happen.

Also could I please arrange a future meeting with the council to discuss a long term strategy into the future funding of the Town Service.

Thank you for your time and once again Thank you for your support

Kind Regards
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