



Penrith Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the:

FULL COUNCIL

Held on:

Monday 28 January 2019, 6.00pm - 8.00pm, Rm.2 Parish Centre, St Andrews Place.

PRESENT:

Cllr. Baker	Penrith Pategill Ward
Cllr. Bowen	Penrith East Ward
Cllr. Burgin	Penrith South Ward
Cllr. Jackson	Penrith North Ward
Cllr. Kenyon	Penrith North Ward
Cllr. Lawson	Penrith Carleton Ward
Cllr. Whipp	Penrith North Ward

Town Clerk

Responsible Finance Officer

PENRITH TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY 28 JANUARY 2019

Members received a presentation from Eden Arts.

PTC18/81 Apologies for absence

Members received apologies from Cllr. Clark.

Cllrs. Briggs, Donald, and Thorley were absent.

PTC18/82 Declaration of interests

Members were asked to receive any declarations of interest of any disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interests relating to any items on the agenda for the meeting. None identified.

PTC18/83 Requests for Dispensations

Members were asked to apply for a dispensation, if a councillor had a pecuniary interest in an item on the agenda and who wished to remain, speak and/or vote during consideration of that item. None identified.

PTC 18/84 Minutes of the previous meeting

Members authorised the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meetings of Council held on Monday 26 November 2018 and 10 December 2018 as a true record.

PTC 18/85 Public participation

a) Members noted that no requests from the members of the public had been received, to speak prior to the meeting.

b) Receive representations from:

• **Town Councillors**

Cllr. Baker submitted an unreserved oral apology to the owners of Speedwel, Eamont Bridge, for incorrectly stating that their property was uninhabited since 2015, during a representation he made at Eden District Council's Planning Committee held on 13 December 2018.

• **District Councillors** –Members noted apologies from District Cllr. Taylor.

PTC 18/85 Public participation continued

• Cumbria County Councillors (CC)

CC Cllr. Bell informed Members that the redesign of the parking and pavement area in front of Mansion House was scheduled to be carried out by the end of March 2019, subject to favourable weather conditions.

Cllr Bell informed the meeting that both she and County Cllr Carrick were concerned about improving walking routes into Town especially from Scaws down into Benson Row and Forest Lane.

CC Cllr. Carrick informed the meeting that the Parking and Movement Study for Penrith had not proceeded. CC Members have therefore taken the decision to provide an opportunity to re-scope the study in collaboration with the Town Council and Eden District Council. Cllr. Carrick hoped to include in the new scope of the Parking and Movement Study, the CCC Sustainable Movement Study and actions/policies from the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr. Carrick commissioned in 2018 a survey for the Salkeld Road junction and a revised scheme would be consulted locally. The work had already been planned into the annual CCC managed improvements scheme.

CC Cllr. Whipp was pleased to inform the meeting that the Town Council had achieved a grant for Fairhill Recreation Ground via the District Council.

Cllr. Whipp informed Members that CCC administration were exploring ways to devolve activities to the Local Area Committee and the way that Local Area Committees operate was under review and likely to evolve.

Within the Eden Local Area Committee, three working groups had been established for rural matters, children and younger adults and Penrith.

CC Cllr. Whipp, shared the first Penrith Business Improvement District newsletter for the current tenure.

c) Mayors Report

The Mayor attended the Eden District Council (EDC) Chairman's Christmas Carol Service. The Mayor thanked the EDC Chairman for organising the event and was delighted to have been asked to present Lanyards and Caps to North Lakes School Mini Police cadets. The Mayor was pleased to be asked to open a new shop "Another Weigh" and planted a tree with MP Rory Stewart in Castle Park for the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy.

The Mayor expressed congratulations and appreciation to the Fairhill Community Group, local residents and the Council's Services and Contracts Manager for securing a grant from Eden District Council for further site improvements.

PTC18/86 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Members would consider if agenda item 14 should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2 prior to the matter being considered.

PTC18/87 Members' Briefing

Members received oral reports from meetings and briefings:

- Cllr. Bowen attended the monthly Scaws residents meeting.
- Cllr. Burgin attended the CALC executive meeting.

PTC18/88 Matters from Finance Committee

Member considered the following reports and recommendations from the Council's Finance Committee:

a) Draft Budget 2019-20

The Chairman proposed the budget: **Appendix 1**

Members considered the proposed budget and precept: **Appendix 2**

RESOLVED THAT:

The draft budget for 2019-20 including staff pay awards for 2019-20 as appended to Council members as a pink confidential report be approved.

b) Precept Application

RESOLVED THAT:

The Council request Eden District Council to pay the sum of £437,813 to Penrith Town Council as its precept for the year 2019/20.

c) Draft Policies

RESOLVED THAT:

The following policies be approved as recommended by the Finance Committee:

- I. Reserves Policy.
- II. Investments Policy.

PTC18/89 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Members noted an oral update from Cllr. Baker.

PTC18/90 Cumbria County Council Consultation

Members noted that the Council's committees considered the CCC survey for the Joint Health and Well-being Strategy and the committees' and that there were no comments returned.

PTC 18/91 Local Council Award Scheme

Members considered registering for the Local Council Award Scheme, Quality Gold Award, in May 2019, assuming the Council would be then eligible to apply.

RESOLVED THAT:

- I. That in May 2019, if the Town Council met the eligibility criteria of 11 out of 15 members being elected or elected un-opposed to Council, and the Council had retained a CiLCA qualified clerk, the Council would confirm its eligibility by resolution and apply for the National Association of Local Councils, Quality Gold Award.
- II. That if the Council had insufficient elected members to qualify, the Council would apply for the Foundation Award.

PTC18/92 General Power of Competence

Members considered applying for the General Power of Competence in May 2019, assuming the Council met the eligibility criteria of 11 out of 15 members being elected or elected un-opposed to Council, and the Council had retained a CiLCA qualified clerk.

RESOLVED THAT:

That the Town Council apply for the General Power of Competence if after the May 2019 elections, the Council was eligible to do so.

PTC18/93 Councillor Vacancy

Members noted that Cllr. Monk resigned from Penrith West Ward and in accordance with Section 89(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, where the vacancy occurs within six months before the day on which the councillor whose office is vacant would regularly have retired, an election shall not be held under Section 89(1) of the above Act, and the vacancy would be filled at the next ordinary election of councillors on 2 May 2019. Vacancies in the office of councillor would not be filled by co-option prior to the 2 May 2019 election.

The Council submitted their thanks and appreciation to Cllr. Monk.

PART TWO

PTC18/94 Asset Management

Members considered if this item should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2 prior to the matter being considered.

RESOLVED THAT:

The matter be considered in the absence of the press and public.

Members received an oral briefing report from officers regarding asset management issues. The briefing was for information only and no resolutions were agreed.

PTC18/95 Close of Meeting

Members noted that due to Purdah the next meeting of the Full Council would take place on Monday 20 May 2019 at 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm, Rm.2 Parish Centre, St Andrews Place. Emerging urgent matters will be dealt with by standing committees up to the date that Purdah commences.

The Annual Town Meeting would take place on Monday 29 April, 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm, Rm.2 Parish Centre, St Andrews Place.

CHAIRMAN:



DATE:

20th MAY 2019.

For the attention of all members of Penrith Town Council