



Penrith Town Council

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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the:

MEETING OF PENRITH TOWN COUNCIL

to be held on Monday 15 July 2019, at 6.00 p.m. Room 2, Parish Centre,
St Andrews Place, CA11 7XX.

Membership

Cllr. Bowen	Pategill Ward	Cllr. Kenyon	North Ward
Cllr. Burgin	South Ward	Cllr. Knaggs	West Ward
Cllr. Clark	South Ward	Cllr. Lawson	Carleton Ward
Cllr. Davies	West Ward	Cllr. Shepherd	East Ward
Cllr. Donald	North Ward	Cllr. Snell	West Ward
Cllr. Fallows	East Ward	Cllr. Whitby	North Ward
Cllr. Hawkins	East Ward		
Cllr. Jackson	North Ward		

Mrs V. Tunnadine, Town Clerk

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF PENRITH TOWN COUNCIL MONDAY 15 JULY 2019

1. Apologies for Absence

Receive apologies from members.

2. Public Bodies (Admission To Meetings) Act 1960

Consider whether items 3, 21 and 22 should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2as the matter involved exempt information of a legal context.

3. Declaration of Interests

Receive any declarations of interest of any disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interests relating to any items on the agenda for this meeting. Members are reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it becomes apparent that this may be required when an item or issue is considered.

Note: If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the Clerk in advance of the meeting. Members are reminded to regularly review their Register of Interests to ensure their register

4. Co-option to Council – Carleton Ward

Consider two applications for co-option to the single vacancy after the May election in Carlton Ward.

The press and public will be asked to leave the Council meeting, for the applications to be considered. The Council may choose who they like but the person must be qualified to have been a candidate. After due consideration, the chairman will reconvene the meeting and it will be reopened to the public and press and voting takes place. Voting will be according to the statutory requirements, in that, a successful candidate must have received an absolute majority vote of those present and voting.

If there are more than two candidates for one vacancy and no one of them at the first count receives a majority over the aggregate votes given to the rest, steps must be taken to strike off the candidate with the least number of votes and the remainder must then be put to the vote again; this process must, if necessary, be repeated until an absolute majority is obtained. Therefore, if there are more candidates than vacancies, the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be excluded. If two candidates poll the same number of votes a separate vote to eliminate one of them will be held. Voting will continue with the lowest polling candidate being excluded until the number of candidates matches the number of vacancies.

Councillors shall vote by show of hands, or, if at least two members so request, by signed ballot. If any member so requires, the Clerk shall record the names of members who voted on any question to show whether they voted for, against, or abstained.

In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting has a second or casting vote. Councillors may be minded not to fill the vacancy and there is no appeal procedure.

Only Councillors present at the full council meeting may nominate, second or vote upon a person to fill the vacancy. At this meeting, members will be informed of the names of anyone wishing to be considered as a councillor.

5. Requests for Dispensations

Apply for a dispensation, if a councillor has a pecuniary interest in an item on this agenda and who wish to remain, speak and/or vote during consideration of that item, they may apply for a dispensation in writing to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting. Applications may also be considered at the meeting itself should the nature of the interest become apparent to a Councillor at the time of the meeting.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meetings of Council held on Monday 20 May 2019 as a true record.

7. Public Participation

a) Members of the public, who have requested in writing to speak prior to the meeting, are invited to speak on matters related to the agenda for up to three minutes.

b) Receive Representations From:

- Town Councillors
- District Councillors
- County Councillors

c) Receive a report from the Mayor

8. Members' Briefing

Receive oral reports from meetings and briefings attended by Councillors. Members are asked to note that if there is agreement that there are matters arising from the information shared, that these items will be scheduled on to the agenda of the next most appropriate Council agenda.

9. Resolutions Report

Note the Resolutions Report for the 20 May 2019 meeting.

10. Council Business Plan 2017-23

- a)** Note that the Council Plan and individual committee work plans have been reviewed by each Council committee and members noted the progress made. That the Council Plan has been refreshed accordingly and has been updated to include the electorates feedback to three Neighbourhood Plan Consultations.
- b)** Consider the refreshed Council Business Plan going forward for a eight-week period of consultation.

11. Neighbourhood Plan

Receive an oral report on the progress of Neighbourhood Development Plan for Penrith.

12. Devolution

Receive an oral report on the progress of Devolution.

13. Motion from Cllr. Snell

The Penrith Town Council notes that the term 'chairman' is currently used in our meetings and on Council papers to describe the role of the person chairing a meeting, whether they are male or female. Though some organisations still use chairman for the head of the board/meeting/committee for both men and women, most modern organisations have stopped using the term in order to demonstrate their commitment to inclusion and gender equality. A frequent problem associated with using the term chairperson is that people tend to use chairman for a man, and chairperson for a woman which consequently maintains the place of gender-specific identification.

The Penrith Town Council believes that as records show that the gender-neutral title of Chair has been recognised and used, in the sense of 'occupant of the chair', since the 17th century, for an organisation to shift to using a gender-neutral term is not a particularly radical change. Throughout history, many notable people have recognised and reflected on the importance of language. For instance, the scholar Benjamin Whorf noted that language shapes thoughts and emotions, determining one's perception of reality. John Stuart Mill said that language is the light of the mind and the linguist Edward Sapir said that language is a vehicle for the expression of thoughts, perceptions, sentiments, and values.

The Town Council therefore recognises the importance of language and that it is no longer appropriate to refer to those carrying out a function by their gender and that by not using gender-specific titles, this helps overcome the stereotyping of male-dominated roles/jobs.

We believe that it is now commonly recognised that, in the context of meetings, the noun 'Chair' is derived from the verb 'to chair' as in chairing a meeting and not from the noun associated with a four-legged piece of furniture made to support people in the sitting position.

We believe that this small, yet significant change may enable more women and younger people to perceive the Town Council as relevant to them and something that they would be happy to join.

Recommended to resolve that the Town Council:

Approves the use of the term Chair in all future meetings and Council documentation.

14. Motion from Cllrs. Clark and Lawson

Members are asked to consider, in liaison with the relevant authorities, identify areas in Penrith where speeding vehicles are an issue and explore using "Community Speedwatch" in these areas.

Recommended to resolve that the Town Council:

- i. Recognises the ongoing action taken by the police to tackle this problem and that limited police resources restrict the amount of police time that can be devoted to this;
- ii. Notes that "Community Speedwatch" initiatives, where members of the public are trained by the police to use speed guns, across the UK have played a part in reducing speeds and changing driver behaviour;
- iii. Liaises with local Police and "Community Speedwatch" organisation, to investigate options and report back to Full Council in due course.

15. Bench Disposal Policy

Ratify the Bench Disposal Policy as approved and recommended by the Council's Finance Committee.

16. Town Council Investments

Ratify the arrangements for the operation of the Council's new CCLA Deposit Fund account and to note the investment transactions.

17. Committee Membership

Request for a Member to join the membership of the Council's Planning Committee.

18. Penrith Car Parking and Movement Study

Consider a request from Cumbria County Council to provide a financial contribution towards the Penrith Car Parking and Movement Study: **to follow**

19. A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project Consultation

Note the Council's response to the Highways England A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project Consultation as resolved by the Council's Planning Committee on Monday 8 July 2019: **to follow**

20. Street Trading Consent for the Cornmarket Bandstand

Consider a report requesting support to apply for a Street Trading Consent for the Cornmarket Bandstand.

PART TWO ITEMS

21. Land Transfer Thacka Beck (Pategill)

Receive an oral update on the transfer of land at Thacka Beck (Pategill).

22. Councillor Personal Information

Consider the public disclosure of Members personal information.

23. Next Meeting

Note the next meeting is scheduled for 23 September 2019 at 6.00pm at Room 2, Parish Centre, St Andrews Place, CA11 7XX.