



## Penrith Town Council

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# ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

Penrith Town Council budget as approved February 2018:

	£
Planning committee	30,000
CCEG committee	98,500
Finance committee	292,501
Contingency	4,796
CTRS grant	-8,058
Net Expenditure	417,739
Plus: Contribution to Reserves	0
Precept	417,739



**Penrith Town Council works with its partners to make Penrith:**

***A safe, attractive and economically strong market town, which is pedestrian and cycle friendly, and with very high environmental standards and an active leisure and arts culture.***

***A pre-eminent rural service centre that is admired as a destination market town –dynamic, economically active and distinctive, with an enviable quality of life.***

***A place where all residents and traders have a stake in its success and a sense of belonging.***

The budget provided money to manage and maintain the devolved assets from Eden District Council and included the cost of creating the post of Services and Contracts Manager. The Council appointed a part time Responsible Finance Officer, an external contractor to maintain Fairhill Recreation and play area, and an external contractor to provide community caretaking services.

**Penrith Town Council strives to make a difference by:**

- Giving views on behalf of the community, on planning and other proposals that affect the parish.
- Undertaking projects and schemes that benefit local residents
- Working in partnership with other bodies to achieve benefits for the parish
- Alerting relevant authorities to problems that arise or work that needs to be undertaken
- Helping the other tiers of local government keep in touch with their local communities.

We engage with residents on and off-line, and work in partnership with all stakeholders, including public bodies, community groups and other organisations, to improve provision of services and resources in Penrith. We co-ordinate the regional 'Cumbria in Bloom' and the national 'Britain in Bloom' applications, working closely with local groups to support them in greening the town and improving the environment.

Among other actions, we have upgraded playground equipment, allotment and street furniture as well as further improvements to Town Centre Greening, which encourages tourism and inward investment.

The Town Council has been participating in the Devolution of Assets and is now responsible for the Cornmarket Bandstand, Fairhill Playing Field, St Andrews War Memorial, Musgrave Monument, Morrisons Bring Site, Bus Shelters and Seats and Benches. The Council are currently seeking to progress the transfer of Coronation Gardens and have had an expression of interest for the transfer of land known as 'Thacka Glen' approved by Cumbria County Council, which is hoped will transfer in the coming months. As we take over more assets in the town from Eden District Council, we will strive to maintain and further improve those services.



## What We Have Done!

### Working Together We Are Improving Penrith



In partnership with EDC, we have funded 3 signature events each year for the last 3 years! This arrangement finishes at the end of March 2019.

We have established a grants event fund and we will continue to support fantastic established local events such as May Day, which is organised by Penrith Lions. We also hope to support exciting new events such as "Tea in the Park".



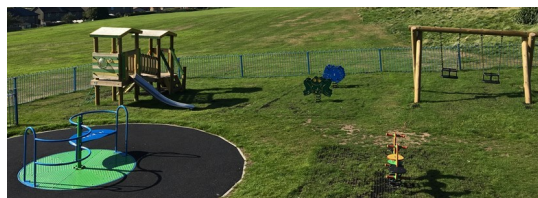
We have supported initiatives to improve transport infrastructure including grants to the 106 Bus Partnership and Fell Runner Community Bus Service.



We hold funding events to encourage community groups to start new projects, provide financial support for new events and advice on finding funding.



Funding has supported playground improvements, outdoor pursuits for young people, flight simulator for air cadets,



Penrith Football and Cricket Clubs and music drop-ins, as well as projects run by Cumbria Youth Alliance.



We have helped improve community facilities by providing grants for St Andrews Parish Centre, 4Eden and Penrith Reading Round.



We asked you how you would prefer to be consulted about what we are doing and we aim to carry on consulting and keeping you informed. We have provided support and help to many members of the public who have visited or contacted the Town Council Office, many of whom were desperately seeking help!



All households and businesses in Penrith along with over 90 Statutory consultees were consulted during The Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation.

Drop-in sessions were held in Penrith Library, Sainsburys, Morrisons, The Gathering and the Town Council Offices, which were also open to the public from 9.00am-1.00pm Monday-Friday.

Those who attended drop-ins were able to engage with Officers and Members to find out more about the Objectives and Policies currently included in the draft Neighbourhood Plan.



We have responded to

655

planning applications



PENRITH REMEMBERS  
1914-1918



Members of the community created and helped distribute poppies around town to mark the Centenary of the 1914-18 War. A series of special events took place, such as lighting Penrith Beacon as the town remembered the fallen. The Town Council also installed 6 benches to mark the Centenary.





Partners from the Voluntary and Community Sectors have benefited from free use of our meeting rooms and the Bandstand.



Having had numerous meetings with youth organisations and young people, we will be launching a Youth Advisory Panel in the summer of 2019.



Another amazing year of success at both County and National levels with Cumbria and Britain in Bloom events throughout the Town gaining prestigious awards. Penrith's success was only made possible by the enthusiasm and creative input by the Town's hardworking volunteers and local businesses.



**All the 'in bloom' projects are promoted to residents and help create a sense of pride in the town. Moreover, the creative themes, blooms and environmental projects make a difference to the quality of life as well as the health and well-being of volunteers and people who live in the town.**

**In addition, they also help to attract tourists and investment to Penrith.**

## GET INVOLVED IN COUNCIL MEETINGS

You are welcome to attend our council meetings. For agenda, minutes and more information, please visit our website.

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