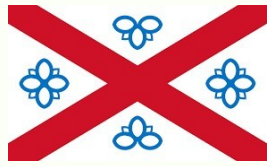




# Penrith Town Council



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN PENRITH

# NEWSLETTER

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## PENRITH TOWN COUNCIL

UNIT 1, CHURCH HOUSE,  
19-24 FRIARGATE  
PENRITH  
CUMBRIA , CA11 7XR

## MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

**2020**

### FULL COUNCIL

27 January 2020

Meetings start at 6:00pm and are held at Unit 2, Church House, 19-24 Friargate

### COMMITTEE'S

Planning Committee -

13 January - 2.15pm

CCEG Committee -

20 January - 4.00pm

Finance Committee -

13 January - 6.00pm

**Meetings take place in Friargate**

**Members of the Public are welcome to attend all formal Council and Committee meetings.**

## PENRITH FOODBANK



There are many reasons for someone to find themselves using a foodbank; ultimately though, whatever the complications, it comes down to having insufficient funding for meals. There are rising numbers of people using foodbanks like the one in Penrith, they don't want to be there but sadly circumstances mean that sometimes a little help is required.

The foodbank in Penrith is run by the Salvation Army from its base in Hunter Lane and is open to all, following referral from Citizens Advice, Schools, Probation services and other social services. An appointment is made so that the person in need can collect some food. Some people may only need to visit the foodbank once; others might need on-going support.

In addition to the standard foodbank service, the Salvation Army also offer free meals within the church and can help with clothing and toiletries.

Foodbank donations are always greatly appreciated. There is a list of common items on many foodbank websites; including longer life products such as cereals, tinned soup and stew, tinned meat and fish, pasta, rice and pasta sauce; tinned puddings, tinned beans and vegetables; butter, margarine, longlife juice, milk, toiletries and washing up liquid.

With Christmas coming up 'treats' such as new toys, toiletries and gifts are also being collected.

People are often reluctant to ask for help until they are in real crisis but I would urge anyone who needs help to get in touch with the Salvation Army as soon as possible so that they can get some advice and help.

There are many ways businesses and the community can offer help to people who are struggling within their own community so please think about organising a collection to make a donation to the foodbank.

The Salvation Army would be very grateful to hear from you on:

**01768 866732**



If you would like to meet with any of your Councillors, please contact the office and make an appointment by calling 01768 899 773 or email [office@penrithtowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:office@penrithtowncouncil.co.uk). Your ward councillor details can be found on our website.

# WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLORS

The May 2019 elections left the council with one vacant seat and in September, having been co-opted in July and undergone an induction, Councillor Stephen Clarke, attended his first Council meeting representing Penrith Carleton Ward.



"I consider myself to have gained a wide and varied experience in family life and business. I care passionately about the town I live in and we have four children all who attended QEGS. We have worked hard on community projects through our town centre business, supporting each other's retail businesses, sharing ideas and offering solutions for the benefit of the business and the wider community. I am a current board member of Penrith BID."

At November's Full Council Meeting, Councillor Mike Shepherd was co-opted to Council to represent Penrith North Ward.



"I became a Town Councillor because I believe that it is important for a community to have a voice at the local level to express its needs and concerns and to be able to influence decisions taken at District and County levels. I have worked as a teacher for 40 years from infants to GCSE pupils. During my working life I was always active in the wider community, serving of PTA committees, acting as a school governor and participating in community forums."



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## 2020

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### FULL COUNCIL

27/01/2020

23/03/2020

18/05/2020

#### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

16/04/2020

#### FINANCE

13/01/2020

09/03/2020

27/04/2020

#### CCEG

20/01/2020

09/03/2020

11/05/2020

#### PLANNING

13/01/2020

02/02/2020

06/04/2020

11/05/2020



## PLEASE NOTE:

# 2020

**Meetings are now held at  
Unit 2, Church House, 19-24 Friargate  
rather than the St. Andrews, Parish Centre**