

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF PENRITH

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

MONDAY 29 APRIL 2019

6.00 PM – 7.45 PM

ROOM 2, PARISH CENTRE, ST ANDREWS PLACE

ATM1819/01 Welcome

The Mayor, Councillor Scott Jackson welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

ATM1819/02 Apologies

The meeting received apologies from Councillor Ron Kenyon (Penrith Town Councillor), Councillor Virginia Taylor (Eden District Councillor) and Councillor Pat Bell (Cumbria County Councillor).

ATM1819/03 Minutes

RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the Annual Town Meeting held on 23 April 2018 be received and that they be signed by the Mayor.

ATM1819/04 Civic Year 2018-19

The meeting received an overview of the civic year from Councillor Scott Jackson, the Mayor of Penrith who reported that he had attended various engagements ranging from attending a tree planting for the Queens Commonwealth Canopy in Castle Park to presenting mini Police students with certificates and lanyards for an initiative aimed at getting young people involved in society.

Councillor Jackson said it had been an honour reading the names of the fallen on the Beacon for Armistice day, in the company of so many people who had made their way up with headtorches and representing the town in Belfast for Britain in Bloom.

Councillor Jackson thanked all the groups individuals and members of the public who had made these events possible, for their enthusiasm and the sense of civic pride in Penrith.

ATM1819/05 Speaker

The meeting received a presentation from Penrith Dementia Action Alliance on 'Making Penrith a Dementia Friendly Town'. The manager of the service explained that the initiative, started by the Alzheimer's Society, which was aimed at raising awareness and understanding of dementia, the help and support that could be given to those with Alzheimer's and the problems faced by carers. Those with Alzheimer's want to be able to have choice and control and to continue with as normal a life as possible supported by people who are accepting and supportive.

It was explained that everyone could help and that over 30 businesses within Penrith had signed up to as Dementia Friendly and developed plans to show how they would support the initiative, although these really need to be updated annually.

Councillor Jackson thanks Penrith Dementia Action Alliance for raising the awareness and understanding of dementia and their vision in helping to make Penrith a place where everyone could feel supported and enjoy living.

ATM1819/06 Grant Award Recipient Presentations

The meeting received representations from:

- Penrith AFC
- 106 Bus Partnership
- 4 Eden
- Blue Jam
- Cumbria Youth Alliance
- Eden Valley Artistic Network
- Fell Runner Minibus
- Penrith Air Cadets
- Penrith Bee Keepers Association
- Penrith Divers
- Penrith Lions
- Penrith Parish Centre Penrith Reading Round

ATM1819/07 Close of Business and Vote of Thanks

Before the close of meeting, Councillor Jackson offered his sincere thanks to all the groups who had attended and who volunteered their time to do so much for the Town. Cllr. Jackson offered his thanks to all the Councillors and the Penrith Town Council staff for all their advice, support and hard work on behalf of the Town and the Council and praised staff for providing support to any visitors to the office whether on Town Council business or not.

The Mayor closed the meeting.