



Penrith Town Council

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DATE: 21 October 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an **EXTRA MEETING** of **PENRITH TOWN COUNCIL** will be held on **01 November 2021**, at **5.30pm** and you are hereby **SUMMONED** to attend to transact the business as specified in the agenda and reports hereunder.

The meeting will be held at **Penrith Parish Centre, St Andrews**.

To assist in the speedy and efficient dispatch of business', Members should read the agenda and reports in advance of the meeting. Members wishing to obtain factual information on items included on the agenda are asked to enquire of the relevant officer **PRIOR** to 9.00am on Friday 29 October 2021.

Members are asked to indicate if they wish to speak on an item **PRIOR** to the meeting (by 1.00pm on the day of the meeting at the latest) by emailing office@penrithtowncouncil.gov.uk

FULL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

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

Mr I. Parker, Acting Town Clerk

Members of the public are welcome to attend. Details about how to attend the meeting and how to comment on an agenda item are available on the Town Council Website.

The Town Council resolved from 20 May 2019, until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council, that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence.

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL 01 NOVEMBER 2021

PART I

1. Apologies for Absence

Receive apologies from Members.

2. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

Receive declarations by Members of interests in respect of items on this agenda and apply for a dispensation to remain, speak and/or vote during consideration of that item.

ADVICE NOTE:

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests that have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting.) Members may, however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests that they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests. 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 Monitoring Officer at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

3. Public Participation

Receive any questions or representations which have been received from members of the public. A period of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments.

a) Receive public representations

The Chair will read out any questions, petitions or statements received in advance of the meeting from Members of the Public.

ADVICE NOTE:

Members of the public may make representations, answer questions, and give evidence at a meeting that they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda. The public must make a request in writing to the Town Clerk **PRIOR** to the meeting, when possible. A member of the public can speak for up to three minutes. A question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The Chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.

4. EXCLUDED ITEM: Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

Determine whether any items should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, as publicity relating to that (any of those) matter/s may be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for the other special reasons noted in relation to that matter on the agenda.

New Business

5. A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project

To consider and approve the Council's corporate response to the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project statutory consultation.

6. Next Meeting

Note the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 29 November 2021 at 6.00pm at Penrith Parish Centre, St Andrews.

PART II Private Section

There are no items in this part of the agenda.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL
MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

Access to Information

Copies of the agenda are available for members of the public to inspect prior to the meeting. Agenda and Part I reports are available on the Town Council website.

Background Papers

Requests for the background papers to the Part I reports, excluding those papers that contain exempt information, can be made to the Town Clerk between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.00 pm, Monday to Wednesday via office@penrithtowncouncil.gov.uk

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A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project

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21 October 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project, Statutory Consultation

Further to Highways England's letter of 20 September 2021 setting out that Penrith Town Council is a prescribed consultee for the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project, the Council hereby encloses its consultation response.

Thacka Beck Field

The Council is freehold owner of land known as Thacka Beck Field, registered titles CU215569, CU215568, CU216037 which adjoins the proposed road scheme. The Council has received a separate letter as having an interest in land that is proposed to be acquired to facilitate the project. Whilst liaison between the Council and Highways England will proceed outside of the consultation process the Council wishes to reaffirm that it has a legal easement for access over Highways England land off the A686 and to the Thacka Beck Field. The access to the field must be maintained.

Footpath and Cycling Connectivity

The Council requires for the footway connectivity which links the A686 with Carleton Hall Police Headquarters maintained via the existing underpass.



The Council requires that pedestrian, cycling and horse accessibility to cross all the roads at Kemplay Roundabout during construction is maintained as these are key conduits for the public accessing Penrith with Eamont Bridge particularly.

The Council needs the existing pavement that runs alongside the eastbound side of the A66 from Junction 40 to Kemplay Roundabout turned in to a Public Right of Way and segregated from the new carriageway. Segregation by way of a hedge or other means would provide improved experience and safety for pedestrians and cyclists. This is a much-used link between the new housing developments and the Penrith Industrial parks. This Public Right of Way and any acoustic barriers need to be complete and in use prior to work starting on the eastbound carriageway.

It is suggested that direct access to Wetheriggs Country Park from the A66 is restricted as there has been evidence of people using the park entrance as a public convenience with the perpetrators allegedly accessing from the nearby laybys.

It is requested that the footpath over the North Bridge at Junction 40 is maintained for use throughout the construction works. It is believed this is a Public Right of Way which was created as a diversion when the M6 was constructed.

The Council would like to see pedestrian and cycleway connectivity linking Penrith with Center Parcs and Ninekirks Old Church.

Managing Congestion

There is undoubtedly going to be congestion and disruption whilst the works are ongoing. The Council requests that measures are taken to lessen congestion which may include:

Advanced warning signs to be displayed on approach roads and encourage traffic to use earlier exits and entry points on to the M6 to avoid the area at Kemplay Bank.

Center Parcs changeover days are known to create increased traffic volume on certain days of the week. Is it possible for Highways England to liaise with Center Parcs to establish whether there is the potential to amend their business arrangements on changeover days that does not overly affect their business model.

Are Highways England able to forecast, plan and mitigate traffic using other local routes around Penrith to reduce congestion of these routes.

Are Highways England able to liaise with Cumbria Highways and Utility companies to ensure that planned maintenance is coordinated to lessen the impact of roadworks, traffic signals elsewhere in and around Penrith during the construction phase of the A66 scheme.

Construction Matters

The Council requires the section of the new eastbound carriageway from Junction 40 to Kemplay Roundabout to have an acoustic barrier constructed that would provide reduced noise impact for residents particularly those on Clifford Road and users of Wetheriggs Country Park.

The Council requests confirmation from Highways England that they will maintain the existing number of lanes on all arms of the Kemplay Roundabout. Anything else would create increased congestion in this area.

The Council requires Highways England to relocate the access to the construction compound on Kemplay Bank to the north side of the bank of trees. This would reduce noise impact for the residents of Eamont Bridge which would be totally unacceptable on the proposed location. Also, the Council requires confirmation and details of any measures to be taken to prevent surface water runoff from this compound.

Parts of Eamont Bridge are shown on the consultation documents as being within Fluvial Flood Zone 2. The consultation documents show a drainage pond and new wetland habitat to be created at the west side of Skirsgill Lane. Can Highways England give the Council and residents confidence that the creation of these areas will not increase the risk of flooding.

Matters outside Penrith Town Council Boundary

The Council would ask Highways England to consider the provision for diverted traffic at the junction of the B6262 in the event of closure or failure of the bridge. A section of asphalt on the centre reservation with a removable barrier would allow temporary traffic lights to manage diverted traffic.

The Council would like to see bridleway access from Brougham to Countess Pillar and onward to Center Parcs.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr. Charlie Shepherd

Chair of Council

