



# Penrith Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of

## **PENRITH TOWN COUNCIL**

Held on **Monday 29 November 2021**, at 6.00 pm, at Penrith Parish Centre, St Andrews.

### **PRESENT**

Cllr. Bowen	Pategill Ward	Cllr. Kenyon	North Ward
Cllr. Burgin	South Ward	Cllr. Lawson	Carleton Ward
Cllr. Davies	West Ward	Cllr. M. Shepherd	North Ward
Cllr. Fallows	East Ward	Cllr. C. Shepherd	East Ward

Town Clerk

Deputy Town Clerk

Services and Contracts Manager

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.

# **MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL 29 November 2021**

## **PTC21/83 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence with reasons were received from Councillors M. Clark, S. Clarke, Jackson, Knaggs.

Councillors Donald and Hawkins were absent without apologies.

Councillor Snell had a dispensation from attendance at live public meetings.

## **PTC21/84 Late Item**

The Chair informed the Members that a late agenda item had been accepted to the Agenda as Matter 13 Assets.

## **PTC21/85 Minutes**

### **a) Members noted that:**

The minutes from committees had been circulated, and published on the Council website since the previous meeting:

- i. Planning Committee: 04 October, and the Extra Ordinary meeting held on 09 November 2021
- ii. Finance Committee: 15 November 2021
- iii. CCEG Committee: 18 October 2021

### **b) Members considered the minutes for 27 September 2021 and 1 November 2021.**

#### **i. RESOLVED THAT:**

An amendment show that Councillor C. Shepherd represented Penrith East Ward on the first page of the minutes for Monday 27 September.

- ii. The Chair be authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of Penrith Town Council held on Monday 27 September 2021.
- iii. The Chair be authorised to sign, as a correct record the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 1 November 2021.

## **PTC21/86 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

Members were asked to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed whether disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interest, and to decide requests for dispensations. Councillor Burgin declared an interest in relation to item 9f, Local Government Reorganisation. Councillor Burgin informed the meeting that he had put his name forward for elections for the new shadow authority, although not within Penrith.

## **PTC21/87 Public Participation**

### **a) Public Representations**

Members noted that there were no questions or representations from members of the public.

### **b) Reports from District and County Councillors**

#### **County Councillors**

County Councillor Bell thanked Penrith Town Council for the financial contribution towards the restoration of the finger post on Beacon Edge and reported that the work should be complete in the New Year.

Cllr Bell reported that Cumbria County Council had undertaken public consultation around Beaconside School.

Cllr Bell informed the meeting that County Council officers were assessing how the junction at Folly Lane and Benson Row could be redesigned to improve safety for pedestrian routes.

### **PTC21/88 EXCLUDED ITEM: Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960**

Members were asked that item 13, 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.

#### **RESOLVED THAT:**

As the matter was commercially sensitive the item should be considered in Part Two, private session without the presence of the press and public.

## **ROUTINE BUSINESS MATTERS**

### **PTC21/89 Report from the Council Chair**

Members noted that the Mayor had attended the Cumbria in Bloom awards, the Remembrance Day Service and the Judges Service at Carlisle Cathedral at the invitation of the High Sheriff.

### **PTC21/90 Reports from Members**

Members noted oral reports from Councillors regarding meetings that they had attended as representatives of the Town Council and matters of interest to the attention of the Council for information or future discussion:

- i. Councillor Bowen reported that she had attended a meeting with Eden District Council regarding the repair and potential improvements of the Pategill Play area.
- ii. Councillor Davies reported that he had held a Ward Surgery which highlighted Play Areas and speeding issues and issues caused by HGV's travelling through Castletown.

## **PTC21/90 Reports from Members Continued**

- iii. Councillor M. Shepherd reported concern about capacity for Zone A Parking and asked if there were proposed changes arising from the Car Parking and Movement Study, and would these be consulted upon with the public. Cllr. M Shepherd was informed that officers would provide him with a response.
- iv. Councillor Fallows reported that he had attended the Scaws Tenants and Residents Association meeting and reported that a community planting of daffodils had been undertaken and there was discussion about Bus Shelter provision relating to the new Persimmon housing development, and issues relating to the Scaws Play Area.

## **PTC21/91 Resolutions Report**

Members noted the report.

## **PTC21/92 Matters from Finance Committee**

Members were asked to ratify matters a, b, c, d, e and f as approved by Finance Committee on 15 November 2021.

### **RESOLVED THAT:**

The following matters approved by Finance Committee be ratified:

- a. **Budgetary Control Statement** for the period 31 October 2021.
- b. **Cornmarket Area**  
The fee of £750 be charged to the Board and Elbow for use of the Cornmarket area in 2022.
- c. **External Audit Project Budget Allocation**  
The Project budget be allocated against the following schemes of work:
  - i. Speed Indicator Device £2,500
  - ii. Eden District Council – Castle Park Tennis Court Redevelopment Scheme £5,000
- d. **Recycling Centre Adoption Agreement**  
The Recycling Centre Adoption Agreement with Eden District Council is not renewed.
- e. **Local Government Reorganisation**  
The terms of reference for a Local Government Review Strategic Planning Group be approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PTC21/93 Motion from Cllr Davies Community Participatory Budget**

Members considered a motion.

#### **RESOLVED THAT:**

- i. A Community Participatory Budget be approved in principle, and an allocation of £10,000 be included in the 2022/23 budget.
- ii. A proportion of unspent budget in the CCEG Committee budget be approved in principle and allocated to supplement the initial £10,000 budget with the caveat that this is dependent upon the level of interest and subject to further Council approval midway through the 2022/23 financial year to agree the amount of supplementary budget.
- iii. A further report be brought to Council to consider governance implications and the approach, to enable the Community Participatory Budget to be formally approved and implemented.

### **PTC21/94 A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project**

Members considered the report and recommendations contained within for the disposal of land at Thacka Beck Field to accommodate the A66 Project.

#### **RESOLVED THAT:**

- i. The Council approves the disposal of land to Highways England at Thacka Beck Field which is required for the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project.
- ii. The Council's Solicitor appoints an agent to negotiate any compensation which is due from Highways England.
- iii. The Solicitor be given delegated authority to accept the valuation and progress the general vesting declaration.

### **PTC21/95 NEXT MEETING**

Members noted that the next meeting which is the Precept Setting Meeting of Council would be held on Monday 24 January 2021 at 6.00pm, at Unit 2, Church House, Friargate, Penrith.

## **PART II Private Section**

### **PART II – PRIVATE SECTION**

Members agreed that there was one item in this part of the agenda to be considered in private as it would involve the disclosure of exempt information under the following category of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972: Paragraph 3 Exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information.)

#### **PTC21/96 Assets**

Members considered the matter.

#### **RESOLVED THAT:**

- i. This matter is not progressed.
- ii. Officers continue to consider asset acquisitions.

**CHAIR:**

**DATE:**

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MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**