



Penrith Town Council

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Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Penrith Town Council held on:

Monday 21 February 2022, at 6.00pm at Unit 2, Church House, 19-24 Friargate.

PRESENT

Cllr. Bowen	Pategill Ward	Cllr. Knaggs	West Ward
Cllr. Clark	South 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. C. Snell	West Ward
Cllr. Kenyon	North Ward		

Services and Contracts Manager Acting as Town clerk

Deputy Town Clerk

Economic Development Officer

General Power of Competence

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 EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL 21 February 2022

PART I

PTC21/113 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

- i. Councillors Burgin and Jackson.
- ii. Councillors S. Clarke and Hawkins were absent without apologies.

Councillor Kenyon joined the meeting at 18:02.

PTC21/114 Declarations of Interest and Requests for

Members were asked to receive declarations of interests in respect of items on the agenda.

Regarding item 5 on the agenda Borderlands Place Plan the following members declared interests:

- i. Cllrs. Kenyon, Knaggs and Snell who are members of the Penrith Futures Partnership.

Regarding item 6 on the agenda National Highways A66 North Trans-Pennine Project Supplementary Consultation the following members declared interests:

- i. Cllr. Davies who is a member of the Clifton Community Council.
- ii. Cllr. Shepherd who is a member of the Penrith Ramblers Association.

PTC21/115 Public Participation

Members noted that no questions or representations had been received from members of the public prior to the meeting.

There were no representations from District and County Councillors.

PTC21/115 Excluded Item: Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

Members noted that there were no items that 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.

PTC21/116 Borderlands Place Plan

Members considered their endorsement for the draft Borderlands Plan for Penrith.

Moved by Councillor and Shepherd
Seconded by Councillor Lawson

That the Borderlands Place Plan and its submission to the Borderlands Partnership is endorsed.

Councillor Lawson left the meeting at 18:26
Councillor Lawson returned to the meeting at 18:30

Amendment by Councillor Knaggs
Seconded by Councillor Davies

And **RESOLVED THAT:**

The Council endorses the Borderlands Place Plan and its submission to the Borderlands Partnership but with the opportunity for the Town Team Members to submit the points raised on the Borderlands Place Plan at this meeting to Cumbria County Council.

PTC21/117 National Highways A66 North Trans-Pennine Project Supplementary Consultation

Members considered the draft response to the consultation as circulated with the agenda and appended to these minutes.

RESOLVED THAT:

The draft response letter to the National Highways A66 North Trans-Pennine Project Supplementary Consultation be approved with no amendments and be submitted to National Highways.

Response appended at Appendix A

PTC21/118 Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting of the Full Council was scheduled for Monday 28 March 2022 at 6.00pm, Unit 2, Church House, 19-24 Friargate.

CHAIR:

DATE:

PART II

Private Section

There are no items in this part of the Agenda.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

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**PTC21/117 National Highways A66 North Trans-Pennine Project
Supplementary Consultation**

BY EMAIL

**A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project, Supplementary Consultation, M6
Junction 40 to Kemplay Bank, Public Open Space.**

The Council hereby encloses its official response to the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project, Supplementary Consultation, M6 Junction 40 to Kemplay Bank, Public Open Space proposals.

Reducing the Amount of Land Required

Reducing the amount of land required to facilitate the road improvement scheme is welcomed should it mean that more public open space is retained for the use of local resident's use. It is hoped that consideration has been given to the Council's consultation response of 02 November 2021 which set out:

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 an improved experience and safety for pedestrians and cyclists. This is a much-used link between the new housing developments and the Penrith Industrial parks. The Public Right of Way and any acoustic barriers need to be complete and in use prior to work starting on the eastbound carriageway.

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.

Direct access to Wetheriggs Country Park from the A66 should be restricted as there has been evidence of people using the park entrance as a public convenience with the perpetrators allegedly accessing from the A66 side.

Acquisition of a New Field for Public Open Space

The acquisition of a new field with connectivity to the Wetheriggs Country Park for the community to access is a positive improvement to the amenity of that area of Penrith. The acquisition of the field will provide a vital connecting link from the existing Country Park to Kemplay Bank Roundabout.

We would strongly advise that as part of the scheme design consideration be given to provide a solution to the problem of waste-water and sewage that collects and floods the Wetheriggs County Park area and detailed plans are prepared that show designated footpaths with consideration for lighting to allow access and usability throughout the year

It is suggested that seating, interpretation boards, measures to enhance biodiversity, and the provision for informal recreation such as a children's play park will add value to the area.

The Council would like to understand the future management and maintenance plans for the new field and whether consideration may be given to an asset transfer of this new field to the Town Council who would be best placed to manage the field going forward for the benefit of the community. The Town Council itself are due to lose green space within its ownership as part of the A66 scheme and as such an opportunity to acquire green space elsewhere within Penrith would be welcomed.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr. Charlie Shepherd, Council Chair