



Penrith Town Council

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of **PENRITH TOWN COUNCIL** will be held on **Monday 13 March 2023**, at **17:15** and close by **18:15** you are hereby **SUMMONED** to attend to transact the business as specified in the agenda.

The meeting has been called by the Council Chair at the request of Cllr. J. Davies and Cllr. M. Clark under Section 6a of the Council's Standing Orders.

The meeting will be held at **Unit 2, Church House, Friargate, Penrith.**

To assist in the speedy and efficient dispatch of business', Members should read the agenda that includes the motion proposed by Cllr. J. Davies and seconded by Cllr. M. Clark in advance of the meeting. Members wishing to obtain factual information on items included on the agenda are asked to enquire of Cllr. J. Davies.

FULL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Cllr. Bowen	Pategill Ward	Cllr. Kenyon	North Ward
Cllr. Burgin	South Ward	Cllr. Knaggs	West Ward
Cllr. G. Clark	North Ward	Cllr. Lawson	Carleton Ward
Cllr. M. Clark	South Ward	Cllr. Rudhall	East Ward
Cllr. Davies	West Ward	Cllr. M. Shepherd	North Ward
Cllr. Donald	North Ward	Cllr. C Shepherd	East Ward
Cllr. Hawkins	East Ward	Cllr. Snell	West Ward
Cllr. Holden	Carleton Ward		

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Tunnadine'.

Mrs V. Tunnadine, Town Clerk, PSLCC

Public Participation

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

Filming

Please note that this meeting may be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the internet or social media.

Please be advised that the Town Council does not record or live stream meetings.

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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.

AGENDA FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL Monday 13 March 2023

PART I

Members are asked to:

1. Apologies

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

- a) Receive questions or representations from members of the public. A period of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments.
- b) Receive reports from District and County Councillors

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. Motion on Notice proposed by Councillor J. Davies and Seconded by Cllr. M. Clark

Consider that Penrith Town Council makes a request for Westmorland and Furness Council to conduct a Community Governance Review to change the upper-tier authority for the parish of Penrith to Cumberland Council.

Members are asked to resolve:

1. Request that a Community Governance Review be carried out in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, to consider the possibility of transferring the parish of Penrith to different upper-tier authority of Cumberland Council.
2. Publicise this request and encourage local residents and other stakeholders to participate in the review process, in order to ensure that their views are taken into account.
3. Engage constructively with the upper-tier authority and other relevant stakeholders during the review process, and to make representations to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government as necessary.
4. Ensure that all costs associated with the Community Governance Review, including any professional fees or expenses, are accounted for and budgeted for in a transparent manner.

Background

- a. That under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, a Community Governance Review can be carried out to alter local government areas.
- b. That the current upper-tier authority has provided services to this council for many years, but that it may be advantageous for our community to be served by a different upper-tier authority.
- c. That a Community Governance Review could consider the views of our community and provide a fair and transparent process for determining whether a transfer to a different upper-tier authority would be in the best interests of our community.
- d. Penrith was historically part of Cumberland before the 1974 local government changes. Part of the parish formed the boundary between Cumberland and Westmorland at Eamont Bridge the former Welcome to Cumberland Pub still stands on the same site now as a residential property.
- e. The local government reorganisation taking place in Cumbria has caused many to feel they have no connection with the new Westmorland and Furness Council Penrith now finds itself part of.
- f. With the loss of Eden as a geographical identity and Cumbria relegated to a ceremonial place by name only.
- g. Penrith finds its self-adrift with no historical identity it can connect to.

- h. Placing Penrith back into the newly created District and County of Cumberland will give Penrith a sense of place I has historical links with and with the proposed parliamentary boundary changes set to take place mean Penrith is in the same local government area as the rest of the proposed constituency area.
- i. The motion calls of a community governance review and indeed it will be a decision the community will form a key part in the making of but one that will give the local community a chance to have a say in what has currently been a top-down change imposed on the Penrith and indeed Cumbria.
- j. Penrith has natural connect with neighbouring areas in Cumberland Carlisle Wigton Keswick and natural links with the M6, A66 and West coast mainline.
- k. Many people travel for work and education between Carlisle and Penrith daily.
- l. Penrith as is much of the North of the Westmorland and Furness council area disconnected by the Fells from the south of the new council and has little natural links with Kendal and Barrow to the south who see themselves as naturally drawn to Lancashire and the Bay area than they do Penrith and the North areas of the new Westmorland and Furness county area.

Reference provided by Cllr. Davies:

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2007/28/contents>

5. Next Meeting

Note the next meeting of Council is scheduled for Monday 27 March 2023 at 6.00pm, Unit 2, Church House, Friargate, Penrith.

PART II – PRIVATE SECTION

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Access to Information

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