

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF PENRITH

**24 April 2023**

**Unit 2, Church House, Friargate, Penrith  
5.30pm – 7.00pm**

You are invited to attend if you are a local government elector and are on the electoral role for Penrith (LGA 1972 s13(1)1)

## AGENDA

**Welcome from Councillor Charlie Shepherd  
Mayor of Penrith**

### Minutes

Receive the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held 11 April 2022.

### Have Your Say and Ask Questions About Your Town

Questions must be submitted to the Town Council by midday on 17 April to enable a response to be given at the meeting. Questions should be submitted to [office@penrithtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@penrithtowncouncil.gov.uk) or sent to the Town Council at Unit 1, Church House, Friargate, Penrith CA11 7XR.

### Guest Speaker: Cumbria Wildlife Trust

Cumbria Wildlife Trust will give a short presentation on the plans they have for the land gifted to them at Coldsprings.

### Meet Community Groups who help sustain Penrith

The following community groups who carry out work in and for Penrith will be in attendance:

- Lions Club of Penrith.
- Penrith Rotary.
- Community Gardeners.
- Eden Rivers Trust – Penrith Tree Nursery.
- Penrith Beekeepers.
- Penrith Red Squirrel Group

**Come and meet them, see what they do and whether you would like to join them.**

**Councillor Charlie Shepherd  
Mayor of Penrith**



Held in accordance with the provisions of the  
Local Government Act 1972  
Schedule 12, Part III







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### Minutes of the Meeting held on

**Monday 11 April 2022**

#### **ATM2122/01 Welcome**

Councillor Charlie Shepherd, the Chair of Penrith Town Council and Mayor of Penrith welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

#### **ATM2122/02 Apologies**

The meeting received apologies from Penrith Town Councillors M Clark, S Clarke, D Knaggs and H Snell.

#### **ATM2122/03 Minutes**

The meeting was asked to receive the minutes from the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday 15 March 2021.

#### **RESOLVED THAT:**

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 15 March 2021 be received and signed by the Mayor.

#### **ATM2122/04 Civic Year 2021-22**

The meeting received an overview of the civic year from Councillor Charlie Shepherd, the Mayor of Penrith who acknowledged how incredibly challenging the previous couple of years had been and thanked the local community for their compassion, support and resilience. The importance of collaborative working was highlighted as well as the importance of recognising the contribution all those who live, work, attend school or otherwise such as retired people make to the community.

Looking forward, Councillor Shepherd highlighted the need to concentrate on priority projects such as the climate change strategy, increasing and improving the arts and cultural offer for Penrith, ensuring that the findings of the Parking

and Movement Study, carried out in conjunction with Cumbria County Council and Eden District Council, were realised as soon as possible and enhancing Thacka Beck field.

Councillor Shepherd talked about the challenges and opportunities arising from the creation of two new unitary authorities. With an overall goal to ensure the Town Council engages in the right way, he encouraged more people to participate in what the Town Council does so that they had a role in the decision making and planning that affects their life, the lives of their families and other people in the local community.

Councillor Shepherd said it had been an honour and a pleasure to have been Mayor for the previous 12 months.

### **ATM 2122/05 Questions from the Public**

No questions had been submitted by members of the public in advance of the meeting and those present did not wish to ask any questions.

### **ATM2122/06 Committee Reports**

The meeting received oral presentations from the Chairs of the Committees on the work that their committee had been involved with:

- a) Finance Committee – Councillor Roger Burgin
- b) Planning Committee, including Neighbourhood Planning – Councillor Scott Jackson
- c) Community, Culture & Economic Growth Committee – Councillor Jonathan Davies

### **ATM 2122/07 Close of Meeting and Vote of Thanks**

Before the close of the meeting, Councillor Burgin, in the absence of the Deputy Mayor, offered his sincere thanks to the Mayor for all his hard work and service, to the other Councillors who had given up their time and expertise to serve Penrith and the officers for their hard work, support and advice.

Councillor Burgin also thanked the Community Groups for getting involved and making the town a better place to live, work and visit and the people of Penrith who made the town the place it was.

The Mayor closed the meeting.

**CHAIR:**

**DATE:**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL MEMBERS OF  
THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
AND FOR INFORMATION FOR ALL REMAINING  
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 address overleaf between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.00 pm, Monday to Wednesday via [office@penrithtowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:office@penrithtowncouncil.co.uk)