

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF PENRITH

**22 April 2024**

**Unit 2, Church House, Friargate, Penrith  
6.00pm – 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). Refreshments will be available from 5.30pm.

## AGENDA

**Welcome from Councillor Doug Lawson  
Mayor of Penrith**

### Minutes

Receive the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held 11 April 2023.

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

Questions must be submitted to the Town Council by midday on 15 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: Penrith Business Improvement District

Penrith BID will give a short presentation on what they do within the town, how they work with partners and the plans they have going forward.

### Presentations from Grant Recipients

The following will give a short presentation on what they do and how the grants they received help them:

- Penrith AFC.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Penrith Scouts Group.
- Growing Well.
- Penrith Swift Group.
- Stomping Ground.
- Riverside Group.

**Come and learn about the grants we have available to constituted groups and see whether you could apply for one.**

**Councillor Doug Lawson  
Mayor of Penrith**



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Local Government Act 1972  
Schedule 12, Part III





# Penrith Town Council

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## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF PENRITH**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on**

**Monday 24 April 2023**

#### **ATM2223/01 Welcome**

At 6.01pm Councillor Charlie Shepherd, the Chair of Penrith Town Council and Mayor of Penrith welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

#### **ATM2223/02 Minutes**

The meeting was asked to receive the minutes from the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday 11 April 2022.

#### **RESOLVED THAT:**

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 11 April 2022 be received and signed by the Mayor.

#### **PTC2223/03 Questions from the Public**

Two questions from the public had been received in advance of the meeting:

- a) What is the Council's policy with regards the removal of cash payment car park meters. Will the Council support the need to keep these in Penrith as there are a large percentage of people in Eden who do not have the facility of pay via a smartphone app?

Answer: Eden District Council (now Westmorland and Furness Unitary Council) own all the off street car parks. A Parking and Movement Study for Penrith was initiated in 2019 and it was during this exercise that EDC added charging for parking by app in its car parks. All car parks now allow people to pay by cash or app. Penrith Town Council will continue to lobby for cash and app to be available at all Council car parks in Penrith.

- b) When works commence on the A66 improvements will the Council have councillors / a sub committee in place to look after the interests of residents who will be affected by the works?

Answer: Penrith Town Council currently have representation on an A66 Liaison Group which will continue. We have raised issues of concern to residents who would potentially be affected by the development at meetings to ensure those concerns were taken into account and, where possible, changes made. The Planning Committee will consider any issues raised and, if particularly controversial, issues would be considered by full Council.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions but reiterated that they would receive an answer following the meeting.

- c) The work to extend the tennis facilities at Castle Park has commenced with the second gateway opened. The Bowling Club have not been consulted about the changes and potentially sharing the bower with the tennis club and have had soil and gravel tipped onto the bowling green as the wagons have gone past. Can the Town Council find out what's happening please.

### **PTC2223/04 Cumbria Wildlife Trust**

Those present received a presentation from Cumbria Wildlife Trust regarding the plans they are developing for the land gifted to them at Coldsprings and asked questions of the presenter.

### **PTC2223/05 Close of Meeting**

Before the close of the meeting, the Mayor thanked the Community Groups for being involved in Penrith and encouraged those present to talk to the Lions Club of Penrith, Penrith Rotary, Community Gardeners, Eden Rivers Trust Penrith Tree Nursery, Penrith Beekeepers, Penrith Red Squirrel Group and the Soroptimists if they had not done so before the formal meeting.

The Mayor closed the meeting.

**CHAIR:**

**DATE:**

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MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**