



Penrith Town Council

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE.

Held on 10 June 2024, at 5.00pm at Penrith Town Council Office, Unit 1,
Board Room, Church House, Friargate, Penrith.

Community Services Officer

Economic Development Officer

PRESENT

Cllr Bowen

Pategill Ward

Cllr Knaggs

East Ward

Cllr Jackson

North Ward

Cllr Smith

South Ward

Cllr B. Jayson

West Ward

Cllr Snell

West Ward

General Power of Competence

The Town Council resolved from 15 May 2023, 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

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MONDAY 10 JUNE 2024

PART I

CC24/01 Apologies

Members received apologies for absence for the first five minutes of the meeting from Cllr. Jackson.

CC24/02 Appointment of Vice Chair

Members considered the appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Communities Committee for the remainder of the 2024-25 municipal year.

RESOLVED THAT:

Cllr. Bowen be appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Communities Committee for the remainder of the 2024-25 municipal year.

CC24/03 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

Members were asked to receive declarations by Members of interests in respect of items on the agenda and apply for a dispensation to remain, speak and/or vote during consideration of that item.

Cllr. B Jayson declared a registerable interest in Item 14, Penrith Trail Initiative.

CC24/04 Public Participation

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

CC24/05 Excluded Item: Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

Members considered whether any items 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.

Cllr. Jackson joined the meeting.

Cllr. Knaggs proposed that recorded vote be held and recorded within the minutes. This was seconded by Cllr Snell.

RESOLVED THAT:

For Item 14 on the agenda to be considered in PART II private session:
Cllrs. Snell, B. Jayson, Jackson, Smith, Bowen.

Against Item 14 on the agenda being considered in PART II private session: Cllr. Knaggs.

Abstention: None.

Item 14, Penrith Trail Initiative be considered in Part Two, private session without the presence of the press and public as this item of business relates to a commercially sensitive national initiative.

CC24/06 Timings of Meetings

Members considered the timings of ordinary meetings of the Communities Committee.

RESOLVED THAT:

All meetings of the Communities Committee be held at 5.15pm for the remainder of the 2024-25 municipal year.

CC24/07 Resolutions Report

Members noted the Resolutions Report and thanked the Officers for the D-Day 80 Commemoration Event.

CC24/08 Communications Report

Members noted the Communications Report.

CC24/09 Climate Strategy Report

a) Climate Strategy Action Plan

Members noted the Climate Strategy Action Plan update Report.

b) Cumbria Pension Fund Divestment

Members considered the report and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

- i. The Council write a letter to Westmorland & Furness Council asking they give consideration to divestment from all fossil fuel holdings from the funds which the Cumbria Pension Fund manages.

CC24/10 Policy Review

Members considered the reviewed Communications Policy.

RESOLVED THAT:

Members noted that the Council's communications policies have been reviewed and rationalised in to one new policy document and that the new Communication Policy be approved with proposed amendments to Section 12.3, subject to agreement with the Council's Solicitor and go forward for ratification by Full Council

CC24/11 Cornmarket Bandstand Street Trading License

Members considered the report and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

- i. The Council submits an application for a Street Trading Licence for the Cornmarket Bandstand to Westmorland & Furness Council.

CC24/12 Stars of Business Awards 2024

Members considered the report and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

- i. That Penrith Town Council sponsor the "Volunteer of the Year" award as part of the Stars of Business Awards 2024 and provide a Mayors Medal to the beneficiary.
- ii. That the Penrith Mayor and guest attend the ceremony on Friday 4 October 2024.

CC24/13 Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting is scheduled for 14 October 2024 at 5.15pm at Penrith Town Council Office, Unit 1, the Board Room, Church House, Friargate, Penrith.

PART II – PRIVATE SECTION

CC24/14 Penrith Trail Initiative

Cllr. Bowen left the meeting.

Members considered the report and approved the recommendations contained within.

**FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF
THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
AND FOR INFORMATION TO ALL REMAINING
MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

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CHAIR:

DATE: