



Penrith Town Council

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE.

Held on 9 December 2024, at 5.15pm at Penrith Town Council Office, Unit 1, Board Room, Church House, Friargate, Penrith.

PRESENT

Cllr Bowen

Pategill Ward

Cllr Smith

South Ward

Cllr Jackson

North Ward

Cllr Snell

West Ward

Cllr B. Jayson

West Ward

Community Services Officer

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

MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2024

CC24/28 Apologies

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr. Knaggs.

CC24/29 Minutes

Members were asked to authorise the Chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of Communities Committee held on Monday 14 October 2024 and agree they be signed as such by the Chair.

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes be approved, and the Chair be authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on Monday 14 October 2024.

CC24/30 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. Jackson declared a registerable interest in Item 11 Cold Springs Nature Reserve as they live within close proximity to the Cold Springs Nature Reserve.

Cllr. Smith declared a registerable interest in Item 11 Cold Springs Nature Reserve as they live within close proximity to the Cold Springs Nature Reserve.

CC24/31 Public Participation

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

CC24/32 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.

CC24/33 Resolutions Report

Members noted the Resolutions Report.

CC24/34 Communications Report

Members noted the Communications Report.

CC24/35 Climate Strategy Report

Members noted the Climate Strategy Report.

CC24/36 Communities Committee Work Plan Report

Members noted the Communities Committee Work Plan Report.

CC24/37 Eden District Talking Newspaper Association

Members considered the report, and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

- i. Penrith Town Council continue to provide the Eden District Talking Newspaper Association with a monthly copy of Penrith Town Council News to be included in their recordings.

CC24/38 Cold Springs Nature Reserve

Members considered the report, and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

The Council supports the Cumbria Wildlife Trust to deliver two projects at Cold Springs Nature Reserve and provides a financial contribution from the 2024/25 Climate Change budget for:

- i. £1500 towards the Cold Springs Nature Reserve Wildlife Garden project for the provision of gates, seating and interpretation.
- ii. £6,500 towards the Cold Springs Nature Reserve Pond Platform project.

CC24/39 Small Event Donation

Members considered the report, and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

- i. The Council provide a donation of £2,000 from the Arts and Culture budget to deliver a small marmalade themed event in Penrith.
- ii. The Council supports the organisation of the event via collaboration, promotion, donation and guidance if required.

CC24/40

Members noted the change of date to the agreed Communities Committee Schedule with the meeting on Monday 14 April 2025 at 5.15pm changed to Monday 31 March 2025 at 5:15pm.

CC24/41

Members noted that the next meeting is scheduled for 10 February 2025 at 5.15pm at Penrith Town Council Office, Unit 1, the Board Room, Church House, Friargate, Penrith.

**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: