



Penrith Town Council

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE.

Held on 10 February 2025, at 5.15pm at Penrith Town Council Office, Unit 1, Board Room, Church House, Friargate, Penrith.

PRESENT

Cllr Bowen
Cllr Jackson

Pategill Ward
North Ward

Cllr Smith
Cllr B. Jayson

South Ward
West Ward

Community Services Officer
Deputy Town Clerk

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 10 FEBRUARY 2025

CC24/42 Apologies

Members received apologies for absence with reasons from Cllrs. Snell and Donald.

CC24/43 Minutes

Members were asked to authorise the Chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of Communities Committee held on Monday 9 December 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 9 December 2024 with the following amendment:

From: The Council supports the organisation of the event via a donation, promotion and guidance if required.

To: The Council supports the organisation of the event via collaboration, promotion, donation and guidance if required.

The Chair marked and signed the change and signed the minutes.

CC24/44 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.

There were no declarations of interest and requests for dispensations.

CC24/45 Public Participation

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

CC24/46 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.

CC24/47 Resolutions Report

Members noted the Resolutions Report.

CC24/48 Communications Report

Members noted the Communications Report and thanked the Community Services Officer for his work on continually improving the Council's Corporate Communications.

CC24/49 Climate Strategy Report

Members noted the Climate Strategy Report.

CC24/50 Communities Committee Work Plan Report

Members noted the Communities Committee Work Plan Report.

CC24/51 Policy Review

Members considered the report, and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

- i. The Civic Awards Scheme be approved with proposed amendments and go forward for ratification by Full Council.
- ii. The Freedom of the Town Policy be amended, with a revised copy brought back to the next meeting of Communities Committee.

CC24/52 Email Distribution

Members considered the report, and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

Penrith Town Council renewed its contract with Granicus for the govDelivery service for April 2025 – April 2026.

CC24/53 Website Development

Members considered the report, and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

- i. The Council approved the development of a new Penrith Town Council website.
- ii. The Town Clerk and Community Services Officer proceed to deliver the website.

CC24/54 Events in Penrith

Members considered the report, and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

- i. Expenditure of up to £500 from the Arts & Culture Budget (2025/26) be agreed to cover the costs with the VE Day80 event.
- ii. The Council work with the event organisers and a venue to bring a national exhibition to Penrith in 2026.
- iii. Expenditure up to £4000 from the Arts & Culture Budget (2025/26) be agreed to cover the costs associated with the exhibition.

CC24/55 Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge

Members were asked to appoint up to two members to attend Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood locality-based officer meetings.

RESOLVED THAT:

Cllrs Snell and B. Jayson be appointed to attend Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood locality-based officer meetings.

CC24/56 Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting is scheduled for 31 March 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: