



Penrith Town Council

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE.

Held on 31 March 2025, 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 B. Jayson	West Ward
Cllr Donald	North Ward	Cllr Snell	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

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CC24/43 Apologies

Members received no apologies for absence.

CC24/44 Minutes

Members were asked to authorise the Chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of Communities Committee held on Monday 10 February 2025 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 10 February 2025.

CC24/45 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.

CC24/46 Public Participation

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

CC24/47 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.

CC24/48 Resolutions Report

Members noted the Resolutions Report.

CC24/49 Communications Report

Members noted the Communications Report.

CC24/50 Communities Committee Work Plan Report

Members noted the Communities Committee Work Plan Report and thanked the Community Services Officer for their continued improvement of the Council's Corporate Communications.

CC24/51 Climate Strategy

Members considered the report, and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

- i. The Climate & Environment Strategy and associated Action Plan for 2025/26 be approved with proposed amendments and go forward to Full Council for ratification.
- ii. The Biodiversity Policy be amended, with a revised copy brought back to a future meeting of Communities Committee.
- iii. The Community Transport Policy be approved with proposed amendments and go forward to Full Council for ratification.

CC24/52 Policy Review

Members considered the report, and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

- i. The Freedom of the Town Policy be approved and go forward to Full Council for ratification.

CC24/53 Council Champions

As per the Council's Scheme of Delegation, Appendix D - Communities Committee Terms of Reference, the Chair agreed for Cllr Susan Davies to speak on the Council Champions agenda item (f), however was not permitted to vote on the agenda item (e).

Members considered the report, and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

A Working Group of the Communities Committee, including Standing Deputies, be established to further scrutinise the proposed Council Champions role descriptions, with a further report to be taken to Full Council for approval.

CC24/54 Penrith Pop-Up Community Café

Members considered the report, and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

The Community Services Officer be given delegated authority to research the feasibility of providing a regular pop-up community café in Penrith and bring the findings back to a future meeting of Communities Committee.

CC24/55 Events Lighting

Members considered the report, and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

The Community Services Officer be given delegated authority to progress the scheme to install programmable LED lighting on the lampposts surrounding the Musgrave Monument, to enable the monument to be illuminated in different colours to mark national and charitable events.

CC24/56 Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting would be determined at the Annual Town Council meeting in May 2025.

CHAIR:

DATE:

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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