



Penrith Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Held on **Monday 9 February 2026**, at 5:15pm, the Board Room, Church House, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 7XR.

PRESENT

Cllr Bowen	Pategill Ward
Cllr Jackson	North Ward
Cllr B. Jayson	West Ward
Cllr Kenyon	North Ward

Community Services Officer
Events Officer

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 MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2026**

PART I

CC25/46 Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence was received from Cllr Donald. Cllr Lawson was absent without apologies.

CC25/47 Minutes

Members were asked to authorise the Chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of Communities Committee held on Monday 17 November 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 17 November 2025.

CC25/48 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

Cllr Jackson joined the meeting at 17:17.

Members were asked to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed whether disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interest, and to decide requests for dispensations.

- i. Cllr Bowen declared a registrable interest in Item 16 Penrith Community Awards Selection.
- ii. Cllr Kenyon declared a registrable interest in Item 16 Penrith Community Awards Selection.

CC25/49 Public Participation

Members noted that there were no questions or representations that had been received from members of the public prior to the meeting.

CC25/50 EXCLUDED ITEM: Public Bodies (Admissions To Meetings) Act 1960

Members were asked to determine 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, as publicity relating to that (any of those) matter/s may be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for the other special reasons noted in relation to that matter on the agenda. nature of the business to be transacted or for the other special reasons noted in relation to that matter on the agenda.

CC25/50 EXCLUDED ITEM: Public Bodies (Admissions To Meetings) Act 1960 Continued

RESOLVED THAT:

Matter 16: Be considered in Part 2 private session as the matter included personal data or information about individuals which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual and was provided in confidence by a third party.

CC25/51 Resolutions Report

Members noted the report.

CC25/52 Communications Report

Members noted the report.

CC25/53 Climate & Environment Strategy Report

Members noted the report.

CC25/54 Communities Committee Workplan Report

Members noted the report.

CC25/55 Provisional Communities Committee Meeting Dates 2026/27

Members considered the report and recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

That the following provision Communities Committee Meeting Dates be agreed and taken to Full Council for ratification:

- i. 29 June 2026
- ii. 21 September 2026
- iii. 16 November 2026
- iv. 18 January 2027
- v. 15 February 2027
- vi. 22 March 2027

CC25/56 Eamont 927 Partnership

Members considered the report and recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

- i. Penrith Town Council become a Delivery Partner of the Eamont 927 Partnership.
- ii. Cllr. Jackson and the Events Officer represent Penrith Town Council on the Eamont 927 Steering Board and work with the Steering Board and project partners.

CC25/57 Fairhill Tree Planting Request

Members considered the report and recommendations contained within.

CC25/57 Fairhill Tree Planting Request Continued

RESOLVED THAT:

- i. Consent be granted to Penrith Action for Community Transition (PACT) to plant mature fruit trees on Fairhill Playing Field and delegated authority be given to the Community Services Officer to progress the scheme.

CC25/58 Penrith Arts & Culture Events 2026/27

Members considered the report and the recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

- i. The Penrith Arts & Culture Programme of Events for 2026/27 be approved, comprising:
 - a) Sounds Around Town, delivered in partnership with the Eden Valley Artistic Network (EVAN) and Plug n' Play; and
 - b) Penrith Wild Play Days, delivered by Stomping Ground CIC and with other members of the Penrith Arts & Culture Group.
- ii. Delegated authority be given to the Community Services Officer and the Events Officer to progress the development and delivery of the programme, ensuring all activity remains within the approved Arts and Cultural Development budget for 2026/27, and to seek any necessary third-party funding to support delivery.

CC25/59 Policy Task & Finish Group

Members considered the report and recommendations contained within.

RESOLVED THAT:

The terms of reference for the new External Communications Task and Finish Group with proposed amendments be approved and the following members of the Communities Committee serve on the Group:

- i. Cllr. Bowen
- ii. Cllr. B. Jayson
- iii. Cllr. Jackson

CC25/60 Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 23 March 2026 at 5:15pm, Board Room, Church House, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 7XR.

PART II PRIVATE SECTION

The following matter was considered exempt information as it included personal data or information about individuals which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual and was provided in confidence by a third party.

CC25/61 Penrith Community Awards Selection

Members considered the report and recommendations contained within.

CC25/62 Extension of Meeting

In accordance with Standing Order 3w, Cllr Jayson proposed the extension of the meeting of Communities Committee.

Proposed by: Cllr B. Jayson

Seconded by: Cllr Jackson

RESOLVED THAT:

The meeting of Communities Committee be extended.

CC25/61 Penrith Community Awards Selection Continued

RESOLVED THAT:

Members selected the winners of the 2026 Penrith Community Awards; the Community Recognition Award, Youth Community Recognition Award, Community Group Award and awarded a commendation, from the nominations contained in the report.

CHAIR:

DATE:

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