



Penrith Town Council

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DRAFT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF PENRITH

Minutes of the Meeting held on

Monday 18 May 2026

Welcome

At 6.00pm Councillor Valerie Bowen, the Chair of Penrith Town Council and Mayor of Penrith welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

ATM2526/01 Apologies

Apologies were received from Eden Runners, Penrith Business Improvement District, Councillors B. Jayson, D. Jayson, Kenyon, and Rudhall.

ATM2526/02 Minutes

The meeting was asked to receive the minutes from the Annual Town Meeting held on 21 May 2025.

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 21 May 2025 be received and signed by the Mayor.

ATM2526/03 Presentations

The meeting received presentations from:

- a) Penrith Mayor, Councillor Bowen.**
- b) Eden Local Focus Hub:** Rich Scoffham from Westmorland & Furness Council regarding the role, purpose, projects and aspirations of the hub.
- c) Grant recipients:** sharing their projects and aspirations for 2026.

ATM2526/04 Public Questions

Two written questions from the public had been received in advance of the meeting:

Questions:

"When will west ward residents, town council tax precept payers, be able to question Cllr. Barbra Jayson, OUR Lib Dem council 'representative' ?"

"When will Cllr. Barbra Jayson be in front of the public for 'open' questioning".

Answer:

Individual councillors make their own decisions regarding community engagement.

All Councillors contact information is available on the Town Council website.

Members of the public can contact councillors using the individual councillor emails addresses or the Town Council Office.

The Town Council provides a public participation section for each meeting of the Council and its committees.

There were no verbal questions received at the meeting.

Close of Meeting

Before the close of the meeting, the Mayor thanked everyone for attending and for working hard for Penrith and providing opportunities for people to get involved.

The Mayor closed the meeting.

CHAIR:

DATE:

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MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**