



Penrith Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Held on **Monday 27 July 2026**, at 5:15 pm, Unit 2, Church House, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 7XR.

PRESENT

Cllr Bowen	Pategill Ward
Cllr C Shepherd	East Ward
Cllr Davies	West Ward
Cllr D Jayson	North Ward
Cllr B Jayson	West Ward
Cllr Lawson	Carleton Ward

Legal and Planning Clerk

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE
PLANNING COMMITTEE
MONDAY 27 JULY 2026**

PART I

PL26/31 Chair for meeting

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Committee, Cllr Bowen as Council Chair assumed responsibility ex officio as chair of the meeting.

PL26/32 Apologies for Absence

Apologies with reasons for absence received from Cllrs Holden and Jackson.

PL26/33 Declarations of Interest

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. None were disclosed.

PL26/34 Minutes

Members were asked to authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday 6 July 2026.

RESOLVED THAT:

The Chair sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6 July 2026.

PL26/35 Public Participation

Members noted that there were no questions nor representations that had been received from members of the public.

PL26/36 EXCLUDED ITEMS: Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

Members considered whether any items on the agenda 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, and agreed that there were no agenda items to be considered without the press or public.

PL26/37 Resolutions report

Members noted the report.

PL26/38 Work Plan

Members noted the report.

PL26/39 Wayfinding Update

Members received the report and requested that the minutes record their thanks to Council staff for the work they have done on project delivery.

PL26/40 Planning Process and Issues

Westmorland and Furness Council Local Plan Scoping Consultation and Survey.

Members considered the Westmorland and Furness Council Local Plan Scoping Consultation and Survey. Councillor Shepherd declared an interest in Question 9 as his friend runs a clothes swap shop and the meeting noted that this this would have no bearing on the consideration of this survey question.

RESOLVED THAT:

The response as appended at A be submitted to Westmorland and Furness Council's Local Plan Scoping Consultation and Survey.

PL26/41 – Submission of comments on behalf of the Town Council to notifications of Planning Applications in the area

Members noted the Submissions Report.

PL26/42 Planning Applications

Members considered the following applications listed in the Planning Report which had been received, and which required a committee decision.

Item number	01
Application Number	<u>2026/1351/HOU</u>
Location Address	15 Monks Close Penrith CA11 9JG
Proposal	Single storey rear extension.
Response	Support.

Item number	02
Application Number	2026/1347/FPA
Location Address	Land to the East of Carleton Heights Penrith
Proposal	Application for full planning permission for the erection of 60 dwellings and the creation of public open space.
Response	Object on the following grounds: 1. the application does not address major issues eg infrastructure (including clean and foul water) and highways. 2. travel into town is not addressed in sufficient detail. 3. the archaeology report refers largely to land not within the application and contains elements of archaeology that require further investigation. 4. hardstanding other than adopted roads should be porous to prevent water run-off. 5. access is via the existing estate where there are known issues relating to parking on street. 6. the development is not future-proofed to allow for sufficient infrastructure to support new residents. 7. PV and EV charging points should be included to increase sustainability. 8. there is a lack of clarity on details of the play area and it is located in a part of the site that is prone to flooding. 9. nutrient neutrality – the W&F case officer’s response on nutrient neutrality notes several issues to be resolved before NN can be approved, including a requirement that credits are purchased before planning permission can be granted. These points should be dealt with before planning consent is granted. 10. the development will lead to increased use of footpaths in location, s106 commitments should be requested from the developer for repair and improvement works. 11. the trees, hedges, stone walls and ditch on and surrounding the site should be retained as they add to the character, heritage and biodiversity of the area. 12. no construction method statement has been provided. Construction should avoid

	any negative impacts (such as pollution) on the ditch/watercourse. 13. in addition to above points, PTC has major concerns about the effect of any new development on the infrastructure of Penrith. This development, along with others, will add substantial pressure on the road network and particularly on the social infrastructure of school places and NHS services. There is concern that this proposal does not future proof Penrith for the overall rise in development.
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Item number	03
Application Number	<u>2026/1283/LBC</u>
Location Address	24 Great Dockray Penrith CA11 7DE
Proposal	Listed building consent to modify existing internal wall.
Response	Support.

Item number	04
Application Number	<u>2026/1370/LBC</u>
Location Address	Network Rail Penrith Railway Station Ullswater Road
Proposal	Proposed wayfinding improvements at Penrith North Lakes Railway Station. Removal, replacement and erection of new signage to replace previous.
Response	Support.

Item number	05
Application Number	<u>2026/1384/FPA</u>
Location Address	Managers Accommodation 45-46 Stricklandgate Penrith CA11 7NH
Proposal	Change of Use from mixed use Sui Generis to Use Class C3 residential. Removal of concrete render to be replaced with a lime render.
Response	Support and request a condition that any replacement or repair of windows, doors, and shopfront elements will use traditional materials.

Item number	06
Application Number	<u>2025/2195/ADV</u>
Location Address	4 Devonshire Street Penrith CA11 7SR
Proposal	Advertisement Consent for 1no externally illuminated fascia sign, 1no nonilluminated fascia sign and 1no externally illuminated hanging sign.
Response	Object. Notwithstanding the amendments to the proposal, Penrith Town Council agrees with the comments made by the Conservation Officer on 1 July 2026 and notes that the application breaches national and local planning policy and causes harm to the heritage asset.

Item number	07
Application Number	<u>2025/2194/LBC</u>
Location Address	4 Devonshire Street Penrith CA11 7SR
Proposal	Listed Building Consent for the retention of 1no externally illuminated fascia sign, 1no nonilluminated fascia sign and 1no externally illuminated hanging sign.
Response	Object. Notwithstanding the amendments to the proposal, Penrith Town Council agrees with the comments made by the Conservation Officer on 1 July 2026 and notes that the application breaches national and local planning policy and causes harm to the heritage asset.

PL26/43 Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 7 September 2026 at 5:15pm, Unit 2, Church House, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 7XR.

PART II PRIVATE SECTION

There were no further items in this part of the Agenda.

CHAIR:

DATE:

**FOR THE ATTENTION OF PLANNING COMMITTEE AND
FOR INFORMATION ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

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Copies of the agenda are available for members of the public to inspect prior to the meeting. Agenda and Part I reports are available on the Town Council website.

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**PL26/40 Westmorland and Furness Council Local Plan Scoping
Consultation and Survey Response.**

Comments (shown in italics below the survey question which is shown in bold):

ENGAGEMENT

Question 1

We would like to hear from as many people as possible. What would be the best way to understand and record your thoughts in future consultation?

Online survey

Drop-in sessions

Council stalls at public events

Focus groups

Other, please provide examples

Select all options and comment that they each meet the differing needs of the community. Also select "Other" and comment that an additional option is to provide hard copies of surveys with a prepaid envelope for returning it.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

Question 2

People have let us know they would like improved access to sports and leisure activities and facilities. Please pick the three options that would best improve your access?

More and/or different sports facilities

Improved access by public transport

More dedicated active routes

Improved access to green spaces

More allotments and growing spaces

Improved leisure facilities

Other

*Select "More and/or different sports facilities", "Improved access by public transport" and "Other". Comment "For Other, **extend and** improve existing leisure facilities. All of these proposals are considered valuable and Penrith Town Council would additionally like to select "More allotments and growing spaces" as a fourth option.*

PLACE

Question 3

We have previously asked people what they think makes their area a special place. Which three options are most important to you, or are there other points you would like to add?

Community

Landscape

Character

Heritage

Green Spaces

Local Amenities

Other

Select "Community", "Green Spaces", "Local amenities" and "Other". Comment "For Other, Penrith Town Council would additionally like to select "Heritage" as a fourth option".

Question 4

We also asked what people would like to improve, or change, about the place they live. Do you agree with the issues raised in our engagement 2024 or would you like to highlight something else?

Education

Healthcare

Public Transport

Conservation

Housing

Community facilities

Other

Penrith Town Council agrees with all of the issues listed.

ECONOMY

Question 5

When we asked what would help keep people in the area and improve the economy we received lots of great ideas. What would be your three priorities from these suggestions, or would you like to add something else?

More Affordable Housing

Improved Public transport

Better access to childcare

Improved Broadband Speed

Job availability

Enhanced Town Centres

Better access to skills and Training Opportunities

Other

Select "Job availability", "Better access to skills and Training Opportunities" and "Improved Public transport".

CLIMATE AND NATURE

Question 6

Please choose the three issues you think are most important for the Local Plan to address?

Protecting nature and biodiversity

Better use of natural resources

Sustainable development

Flood adaptation

Improved access to open space

Renewable energy provision

Other

Select "Flood adaptation", "Sustainable development" and "Protecting nature and biodiversity".

TRAVEL AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Question 7

Results from consultation undertaken in 2024 suggested many people wanted to see improvements made to public transport. What two changes do you think would have the biggest positive impact on our services?

Service frequency

More Service routes

Connection to active travel routes

Road improvements

Real-time live public transport information

Other

Select "Service frequency" and "More Service routes".

HOUSING

Question 8

Since our earlier consultation Westmorland and Furness' housing targets have significantly increased in line with national policy. Where do you think new housing development should be focused in order to have as positive an impact as possible on the area?

Existing urban areas

Existing rural villages

Previously used sites

Greenfield sites

Close to transport links

Other

Select "Previously used sites" and "Close to transport links".

NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECYCLING

Question 9

Following changes to National Planning Policy the new Local Plan will now also include policies relating to how we use our natural resources and address how we go about managing waste. What could help you recycle more at home, and at work, to reduce waste?

More bins

Local collection points

Recycling hubs

Swap shops

Other

Select "Other" and comment "Kerbside food waste collection and car boot sales".

ANY OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

Question 10

The questions we have asked in this survey reflect Westmorland and Furness Council's aspirations of what we hope to address in the new Local Plan. Are there any additional themes you think should be addressed by the Local Plan?

Comment "(1) Overhaul of parking system in Penrith to give more parking for workers, increase dwell time and increase footfall. (2) Reinforce and enforce the Westmorland and Furness Council Design Code published in May 2026."

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