



Penrith Town Council

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DATE: 16 June 2020

You are summoned to attend a video conference live event extra ordinary meeting of

PENRITH TOWN COUNCIL

to be held on virtually via Microsoft Teams video conference on

Monday 22 June 2020, at 12.30p.m.

FULL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Cllr. Bowen	Pategill Ward	Cllr. Jackson	North Ward
Cllr. Burgin	South Ward	Cllr. Kenyon	North Ward
Cllr. Clark	South Ward	Cllr. Knaggs	West Ward
Cllr. S. Clarke	Carleton Ward	Cllr. Lawson	Carleton Ward
Cllr. Davies	West Ward	Cllr. M. Shepherd	North Ward
Cllr. Donald	North Ward	Cllr. Shepherd	East Ward
Cllr. Fallows	East Ward	Cllr. Snell	West Ward
Cllr. Hawkins	East Ward		

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Tunnadine'.

Mrs V. Tunnadine, Town Clerk

The Town Council resolved from 20 May 2019, 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.

AGENDA

FOR THE EXTRA ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 22 JUNE 2020

Due to the current restrictions in place this meeting will be a virtual meeting and therefore will not take place in a physical location. The meeting be held virtually via video conferencing using Microsoft Teams. Therefore, this is a meeting in public, not a public meeting

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 ("the 2020 Regulations") come in to force on 4 April 2020

Section 78 of the 2020 Regulations enable local councils to hold remote meetings (including by video and telephone conferencing) for a specified period until May next year. The Regulations apply to local council meetings, committees, and sub-committees

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair will read out any apologies received in advance of the meeting from Members of the Council.

Members are asked to send apologies prior to the meeting and by midday on the day of the meeting at the latest to office@penrithtowncouncil.co.uk

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

The Chair will read out any declarations of interests received from Members in respect of items on this agenda and apply for a dispensation to remain, speak, and/or vote during consideration of that item. Members are asked to declare any interests by midday on the day of the meeting to office@penrithtowncouncil.co.uk

If a Member remembers an interest during the meeting they should declare it when asked if they have a question on the agenda item in question.

ADVICE NOTE:

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting.) Members may, however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests. If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the Town Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Members are reminded that if they have made a declaration and do not receive a dispensation that they will be removed from the meeting by the meeting producer and returned to the meeting when appropriate.

3. EXCLUDED ITEMS: Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Chair will ask Members to determine whether there are any 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, 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

4. REOPENING PENRITH

Members are asked to:

1. nominate three Members to sit on the Penrith Town Working Group;
2. consider the motion submitted by Councillor Davies which is attached and to:
 - i) provide a corporate response to the temporary road closures put in place by Cumbria County Council;
 - ii) agree delegated authority to officers to continue to work with stakeholders to monitor and review the action plan which includes a communication plan; and
 - iii) provide regular feedback from the Penrith Town Working Group and Marketing Group to Members.

5. NEXT MEETING

The note the next meeting is scheduled for 13 July 2020 at 6.00pm, Unit 2, Church House, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 7XR or that the meeting may be convened on this date via video conferencing.

Proposal: The Safe Reopening of Penrith HighStreet

Proposing Cllr: Cllr Jonathan Davies

Council: Penrith Town Council

Date: 12/06/2020



On Monday the 15th June 2020 the Covid 19 restrictions change to enable the safe reopening of general retail business to the public with plans over the next month that will see gradual safe reopening of all café, Pub's and hotels also to the public.

This proposal will need to form part of a long term recovery plan for Penrith in the post covid19 world but is urgent to provide Safe reopening of Penrith to the public as business reopen.

A key part of the safe reopening is that alongside each business needing to have a safe social distancing plan in place for the operation of the individual business the public spaces that make up the town need to also provide a safe space to enable safe social distancing and an environment that makes the public confident to return to use the local business in Penrith.

The current UK government guidelines require that people outside of a single home keep a safe distance of 2m from other people this may be subject to change in the future but at this time the Social Distancing guidelines are 2m.

As a result, changes will require to be made around Penrith to enable the public spaces to be made safe to facilitate social distancing as shoppers return to the town.

Most shops and business will as part of their own social distancing and covid-19 safe plans require to limit numbers in their premises at anyone time and will require to put in place external ques to their business outside on the pavement.

This will reduce the overall pavement available for people to navigate the town and maintain Social Distancing as they do.

In order to both enable safe navigation and queuing outside business to maintain Social Distancing pavement space will need to be expanded through temporary

changes through the town that will include the need to reduce road space capacity and on street parking in places and provide some relocated temporary parking in other locations.

Due to the geography of Penrith and some natural pinch points for both road and pedestrian traffic some road closures and pavement pedestrian traffic flow alterations will be required to facilitate safe social distancing for the public in and around Penrith.

To facilitate this the proposal put before council is to recommend.

Temporary removal of parking along Middle Gate to allow wider pedestrian area using the parking area long roadside but maintain the one-way southbound traffic to maintain it's flow.

Temporary remove parking in Devonshire Street to facilitate wider footpaths. From Devonshire Street all traffic will travel down King Street with no traffic turning right into Market square and Cornmarket.

Beyond the traffic moving south into King Street Market Square and Corn market would be closed to traffic and made a full pedestrian area to enable safe social distancing in the area and the various side streets that link into the area from Little Dockray Angle Lane etc.

To avoid pinch point with pedestrians through the Narrows between Middle Gate and Devonshire Street the Narrows would be closed to pedestrian access with pedestrians been diverted via Little Dockray and round into Devonshire Street.

King Street be made one way for Traffic heading south in the centre of the road with pavements been made wider. The parking spaces parking outside Lloyds Bank will be made into temporary Disabled bays to facilitate parking provision close to the town

North bound traffic flow will be made by traffic been routed one-way via Southend road, Crown Square, Princess Street, Great, Castlegate, Cromwell road and Brunswick road.

With Princess Street been made one way and Great Dockray having traffic flow in a North direct only.

The South bound road in Great Dockray will be pedestrian to enable safe social distancing around the shops and entrance to Angle Lane.

Pavement stencils will mark out 2M distance and passing points for pedestrians. A number of maintain social distancing signs will be displayed around town.

Beyond Pedestrians the pavements will be cleared with shops removing A boards and any sales materials from the pavements along with all planters and non-structural seating and signage to enable the public to use all available space for navigating the town and facilitating queuing outside shops.

The proposed plan will need to be constantly kept under review and adjusted as required along with changes to national guidance from UK Government and public health England.

The proposed measures are only temporary but also give us the long term opportunity to study the potential of changes that may have long term benefit to the public spaces in Penrith.