



# Penrith Town Council

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Minutes of the video conference extra ordinary meeting of

## PENRITH TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Monday **8 June 2020**, at 3.30 p.m.

### PRESENT

Cllr. Davies	West Ward	Cllr. Lawson	Carleton Ward
Cllr. Jackson	North Ward	Cllr. C. Shepherd	East Ward
Cllr D Knaggs	West Ward	Cllr. Snell	West Ward

Town Clerk  
Deputy Town Clerk  
Services and Contracts Manager  
Economic Development Officer

# **MINUTES FOR THE EXTRA ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**

**MONDAY 8 JUNE 2020**

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.

## **PTC20/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received Cllrs. Bowen, Burgin, S. Clarke, Donald and Fallows.

Due to technical difficulties, Councillors Bowen and Kenyon were unable to connect properly to allow them to take part in consideration of the items.

## **PTC 20/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

The meeting was informed that no declarations of interests were received from Members in respect of items on the agenda prior to the meeting

Councillor Davies declared at the meeting that he was in discussions with a group who were looking at the future of the Newton Rigg site.

Councillor Jackson declared at the meeting that he had received information from one of the lecturers but that it would not preclude him from taking part in the meeting.

Councillor Lawson declared at the meeting that he had been at a briefing given by one of the lecturers but that it would not preclude him from taking part in the meeting.

## **PTC20/18 EXCLUDED ITEMS: Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**

Members were asked to determine whether the last agenda item "Assets" 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.

## **RESOLVED THAT**

There were no matters to be considered in private session.

## **PTC20/19 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF NEWTON RIGG COLLEGE**

The Chair reminded Members that the questions submitted to the Principal of Newton Rigg and his answers to them had been circulated.

Members were advised that the Planning Committee had already considered the proposed closure and that their recommendation had been put forward.

### **RESOLVED THAT:**

The Council accepts the recommendation of the Planning Committee to give delegated authority to the Chair of the Council and the Chair of the Planning Committee to:

- i. Oppose the closure of Newton Rigg College due to its importance providing land based and other courses;
- ii. Support the retention of Newton Rigg on a single campus with a new refreshed business model;
- iii. Request that Penrith Town Council is represented on any group set up to consider the future of Newton Rigg;
- iv. Prepare letters to be sent to Askham Bryan, Cumbria LEP, Cumbria County Council, University of Cumbria and Dr Neil Hudson, plus any other individuals or organisations that may come on board to try to save the college;
- v. Prepare letters to be sent to the press stating the position of the Town Council and its support for the retention of Newton Rigg;

### **And that**

- vi. Councillor Knaggs (with Councillor Snell as the standing deputy), be nominated to attend any meetings regarding the future

## **PTC20/20 NEXT MEETING**

Members noted the next Full Council 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.

### **CHAIR:**

### **DATE:**

## **FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

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