

Eden District Council

List of Assets of Community Value

Reference No:	29
Name of Asset:	Penrith Town Hall
Address of Asset:	Portland Place, Penrith, CA11 7QF
Applicant:	Penrith Town Council
Date of Approval of Nomination:	18 May 2021
Owner of the Land:	Eden District Council
Community Value of the Land:	<p>Town Hall is a building demonstrating cultural interest of the town. It received Grade II listed status in 2014. The history of the building includes links to the Wordsworth family, use as the centre of civic activity during Wartime and it hosted Winston Churchill's VE day speech in 1945.</p> <p>A section of Town Hall served as a public library until 1992 and the museum also had its home there for several years. These services contributed to the social economic and educational wellbeing of the community.</p> <p>In recent years Town Hall has primarily functioned as Eden District Council's main offices and administrative centre, yet supplementary uses have included wedding ceremonies which have allowed the building to be used by the local community. This demonstrates a potential the building has in the current area and how future uses could lend themselves to cultural and artistic use and use by community groups.</p>

	<p>In November 2020 the council advertised a tender 'Feasibility Study for the redevelopment of Penrith Town Hall', which included scope to liaise with a range of arts and cultural sector users to ascertain an interest in a repurposed Town Hall. This demonstrates that the current owners consider Town Hall has potential to facilitate community, artistic and cultural uses in the future.</p> <p>Town Hall has since 1905-6 been a public building operated for and on behalf of the community.</p>
Date of any Notice of an intention to dispose:	
Interim moratorium period ends:	
Moratorium period ends:	
Protected period ends:	
Review of nomination requested:	
Outcome of review:	
Date of Application to bid submitted:	
Outcome of Bid:	
Five year expiry date:	18 May 2026

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