

Grange-over-Sands Town Council

Aims and Objectives – approved by Full Council 10 November 2025

1. Community Engagement – Representing residents and community members.		
What we do	How we do it	Comments
Surgeries	Regular joint councillor surgeries are held with Unitary Councillors in local venues.	Ongoing
Public Queries	Help people solve problems or identify which council or other body can help.	Ongoing
Local Groups	Provide Councillor Representatives for local groups as requested.	Ongoing – reviewed each May.
Websites	Publish statutory council documents, promote the Victoria Hall and events.	Ongoing
Social media	Social media is used to engage with wider audiences.	Ongoing
Grants	Local organisations and individuals are supported with grants through the Bay Villa Trust.	Ongoing
Ward Boundaries	Encourage WAF to change ward boundaries to ensure representation for all residents.	Ongoing
Planning	Respond to planning application consultations from Westmorland and Furness Council.	Ongoing
Neighbourhood Plan	Ensure Grange Neighbourhood Plan is referenced in planning responses as relevant.	Ongoing
Consultations	Comment on consultations for development, transportation and future strategic planning.	Ongoing
Promote democracy	Run the Town Council effectively, encouraging residents to get involved in local democracy.	Ongoing

<p>2. Services and Facilities – Provided to support the area and quality of life.</p>		
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Victoria Hall	<p>Council committed (March 2018) to providing and promoting the Victoria Hall as a Community Venue, recognising that it is a valuable resource within the Community. The Town Council subsidises the Hall, as it does to provide and maintain all the other services and facilities.</p> <p>Council encourages, supports and works alongside the Victoria Hall Support Group (VHSG) to improve the facilities, fundraise, increase income and footfall and raise the profile of the Hall.</p>	Ongoing
Public Conveniences	Provide three blocks of public conveniences (Ornamental Gardens, Church Hill and Promenade) working with the cleaning and maintenance contractors to ensure a high standard of facility.	Ongoing
Recreation and Parks	Maintain the Recreation Ground on the Promenade and the Lido Gallery at the Underpass.	Ongoing
Allotments	Provide and maintain allotments at two sites – Grange Fell and Yewbarrow.	Ongoing
Band Concerts	Provide the free <i>Music in the Park</i> Summer Band Concert Season.	Ongoing
Civic Pride	<p>The Town Council provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Lights • Community Lengthsman • Hanging baskets at the Victoria Hall • Mayor or Deputy Mayor attendance at events • War Memorial maintenance and contributes to Remembrance ceremony • Encourages litter-pickers • Union and Remembrance flags flown at Church Hill 	Ongoing

Work with others	<p>Work in partnership with other authorities and stakeholders to improve the town generally, including the Promenade and Lido, the Ornamental Gardens, Park Road Gardens, Olive Way and the Community Orchard.</p> <p>Support the Christmas Tree Committee by providing insurance cover for the event.</p> <p>Support local groups for events in relation to licences and permissions.</p>	Ongoing
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3. The Environment		
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The Town Council is aware of changes in climate and biodiversity loss	<p>Concern about the changes to our environment, the climate and biodiversity loss underlies all Council activity.</p> <p>Specific actions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="557 933 1581 997">Training – becoming informed, reading briefings and attending Westmorland and Furness Council and CALC events and courses. <li data-bbox="557 1002 1581 1065">Planning Application Consultations – considering biodiversity and habitat loss in responses. <li data-bbox="557 1070 1581 1133">Victoria Hall – running the building in the most energy efficient way possible, investigating heating zoning and more insulation for the building. <li data-bbox="557 1138 1581 1202">Community Partnership Working – supporting Peninsula Environmental Action Together (PEAT) in their fundraising and events. 	Ongoing