

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Chairman/Mayor:

Cllr. Roger Handley

Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:

Cllr. Ann Walmsley

Town Clerk:

Mrs. C. Benbow



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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall

on Monday 7 April 2025 commencing at 7.10pm following the Annual Town Meeting at 7pm

Present: Cllr. R. Handley – Chair

Cllr. A. Walmsley, Cllr. T. Thomas, Cllr. W. Tych, Cllr. J. Walmsley

Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

In attendance: 6 members of the public.

Minute**Ref:****Agenda No:**

C24/195 Apologies for Absence

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Apologies were received from Cllr. E. Walmsley who was absent due to work commitments and from Cllr. Mason who was absent due to illness.

RESOLVED

That apologies from Cllr. E. Walmsley due to work commitments, and Cllr. Mason due to illness, were approved.

C24/196 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say

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Resident 1

Made representation to members inviting all to the Furness Line Action Group (FLAG) AGM at Carnforth Station on Saturday 10 May 2025.

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Resident 2	Made representation to members regarding: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Phone Box at Kents Bank – concern that this could be a problem because the mobile phone signal in the area can be poor.2. Hall Sound System - pleased to see this is being improved.3. Westmorland and Furness Council Highways - continue to be helpful though parking in Grange remains a problem.
Resident 3	Made representation to members speaking on behalf of Peninsula Environment Action Together (PEAT) about events; litter picks on Sun 13 April - in Grange 10am meet in Main Street car park, opposite Garden Centre, 2pm at either High Newton or Lindale village hall. Litter pickers available, please bring your own gloves. Craft De-Stash Sat 26 April, 1-3.30pm at Allithwaite village hall. Repair Cafe Fri 2 May, 5-7pm in the Methodist Church Hall. PEAT were awarded a small grant from Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAFS) for a project called ' <i>Let's Talk – the Future of Travel and Transport on the Cartmel Peninsula.</i> ' PEAT plan to engage with as many members of the community as possible; the Councils support was requested.
Resident 4	Made representation to members speaking as the Chair of the Save Grange Lido (SGL) Board of Trustees, apologising for the lack of updates over the past months, that, unfortunately, they have had little to update on. However, things are still on track albeit slowly. SGL need to access the site to progress their plans but believe that it is still in the hands of the contractors. They have a draft Heads of Terms for the lease which they will be meeting with Westmorland and Furness Council to discuss. SGL are working on the branding for the site when they open. One of the next steps, once details are confirmed is, to engage a Community Engagement Officer. A positive meeting with Tim Farron MP was held last Friday. He is very keen to support them and make this happen for the community.

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Cllr. Roger Handley reported that there have been no civic events.

C24/198 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10 March 2025 were accepted as a true record.

C24/199 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

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NOTED There were no requests received for dispensations or declarations of interest.

C24/200 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item

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RESOLVED That item 12, Victoria Hall, should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2 as commercially sensitive information is included.

C24/201 Planning Report

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1. Members considered the following full or outline planning permission/reserved matters/discharge of conditions/listed building/change of use/advertising consent or appeal:

- a. 2025/0607/HOU
Householder
4 Priory Crescent GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7BL
Construction of two front dormer windows and addition of an oak framed open porch. Installation of new side window.

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council makes the following comment:

Please ensure that any stone used in the development is limestone.

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b. 2025/0590/HOU
Householder
2 Blackthorn Gardens GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7DA
Extension of existing front driveway tarmac

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council makes the following comment:
The current surface covering of the area to be extended into is permeable to allow for drainage. Any new extension to the driveway covering should also be permeable.

c. 2025/0573/HOU
Householder
6 Priory Crescent GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7BL
Raise existing house roof, new front and rear dormers, single storey flat roof extension to rear, new front porch. Demolition of existing garage, new single storey annex accommodation, connecting back to the main house with pitched slate roof canopy (Resubmission of 2024/2246/FPA)

RESOLVED
OBJECTION

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to the application on the following grounds:

- 1. Holiday Let**
A new, separate unit, built after the proposed demolition of the garage, could be used as holiday accommodation by future owners.
- 2. Out of Keeping with Character**
Raising the roof line would not be in keeping with the neighbouring properties; the ridge line should stay as it is.

d. 2025/0001/HOU
Householder
52 Priory Crescent GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7BL
Expansion & upgrade of existing balcony.
Re-consultation – WAF has received further information in relation to the above application that you may wish to comment upon.
(*extension to comment deadline requested*).

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

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- e. 2025/0482/FPA

Full Application

Guides Farm Cart Lane GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7AF

Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) & 11 (external materials) attached to planning permission SL/2023/0207 (Variation of conditions 1, 3-13 & 15 attached to planning permission SL/2015/0238 (Erection of three dwelling houses, conversion of barn into dwelling house and erection of agricultural shed))

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to the application on the following grounds:

The proposed Juliet balconies would be out of keeping with the area and particularly out of keeping with the adjacent listed building.

- f. 2025/0570/FPA

Full Application

Guides Farm Cart Lane GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7AF

Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) & 3 ((external materials) attached to listed building consent SL/2023/0208 (Variation of Conditions 1, 3 - 6 attached to Listed Building Consent SL/2015/0239 (Erection of three dwelling houses, conversion of barn into dwelling house and erection of agricultural shed))

RESOLVED

Grange Town Council makes no comment as the application is unclear.

2. Decisions - Members noted that the following decisions had been made since the last Full Council meeting:

- a. 2024/2152/FPA KIRK HEY, KIRKHEAD ROAD, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS, LA11 7DB Full Application Approved with Conditions
- b. 2025/0037/FPA SILVER MIST, 6 FELLSIDE COURT, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS, LA11 6BY Householder Approved with Conditions.
- c. 2025/0142/LDPR FOUR OAKS, 23 FERNHILL ROAD, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS, LA11 7JD Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed Use Approved.
- d. 2025/0258/DISC HAZELWOOD COURT LINDALE ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6SP (Discharge) Discharge of Conditions.
- e. 2024/2215/DISC MULL HOUSE CHARNEY ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6BP (Discharge) Part Discharge of Conditions.

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C24/202 Finance - Monthly Payments

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a. Verification of Expenditure

NOTED That prior to the meeting two Councillors verified invoices received and payments made since the last full council meeting prior to the council meeting and could verify their authenticity.

That Cllr. Tych verified in place of Cllr. Mason.

b. Verification of Accounts Reconciliation

NOTED That prior to the meeting two Councillors verified that the monthly bank reconciliation had taken place.

That Cllr. Tych verified in place of Cllr. Mason.

c. Approval of Payments

RESOLVED That the payments of the accounts and wages for this finance period as recorded in the payments list were approved as below.

d. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

RESOLVED That Cllrs. A. Walmsley and Thomas would complete online authorisation of payments for the next payment period.

e. Identification of Councillors to approve next finance period payments

RESOLVED That Cllrs. Tych and Handley would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period and would meet the Finance Administrator by appointment to complete verification.

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Payments for Approval

April 2025

Accounts for Payment

Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit

Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque

Total Bank Account No. 1

£

1

1

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits

339	Lloyds Bank Plc - Card Mar 2025 - Monthly fee	3.00
339a	Thomann GmbH - Sennheiser microphone charger (VHSG donation)	253.60
339b	Amazon - 6 x clipboards, rubber tape, Dymo tape	36.55
339c	Amazon - 15 x A4 file dividers	38.04
339d	Amazon - Dewalt 32 piece magnetic screwdriver bit set	12.83
339e	Amazon - Credit against shipping charges	<u>- 0.83</u>
340	Npower - Elec V Hall 01/02-28/02/25	246.75
341	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/02-28/02/25	86.95
342	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/02-28/02/25	36.69
343	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/02-28/02/25 (recoverable)	16.22
344	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/02-01/03/25	1,086.04
1	WFC - 1/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall	802.00
2	WFC - 1/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office	168.65
3	WFC - 1/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4	89.63
4	Waterplus - Wastewater Room 4 01/04/25-31/03/26	247.11
5	Waterplus - Wastewater Room 2 01/04/25-31/03/26	200.32
6	Sage - Support 01/04-30/04/25	109.20

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

345	Sinkfall Recycling - Skip for lengthsman	360.00
346	WB Elec. - Supply and fit 3 x LED panel lights to office	390.00
347	Lamont Pridmore - Payroll services Oct - Dec 2024	393.60
348	Dobsons - Jet washing	120.00
349	Viking - 3 x laptop locks, paper	136.64
349a	Viking - Aluminium steps	95.39
350	Lengthsman - 01/03-31/03/25	519.40
351	Hall Manager expenses - Refreshments, hall items (Part VHSG donation)	198.05
352	Debbie's Cleaning - V Hall cleaning 01/03-31/03/25	594.00
353	Treble3 - Website update	18.00
354	Lancasters - 5 x padlocks, silicone, 2 x wire hasp & staple, batteries	66.45
355	KTD - Decommission server, Cloud backups & Cloud key	2,040.00
356	KTD - Credit re above	234.00
357	KTD - 4 x Cloud backup and monitoring 01/04-30/04/25	56.40
358	KTD - MS365 licence for hall laptop 12/03-16/01/26	126.36
359	KTD - Intel i5, HP 250 laptop, Dell Latitude 3000 i5 laptop, 2 x cases	3,909.60
360	KTD - Photocopying 28/02-31/03/25	44.20
361	KTD - 1 x Microsoft licence 07/04-16/01/26	115.80
362	KTD - 1 x Multifactor authentication support 07/04-13/02/26	12.36
363	KTD - 1 x Cloud backup and monitoring 07/04-30/04/25	4.26
364	KTD - 1 x Anti-Spam 07/04-27/06/25	9.71
365	KTD - 5 x Cloud backup and monitoring 01/05-31/05/25	61.80
7	Healthmatic - PC cleaning 01/04-30/04/25	1,645.49
8	Turnstone HR - HR support 01/04-30/04/25	60.00

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9	Waterplus - Wastewater Rooms 6 & 7 01/04/25-31/03/26	247.11
10	LITE - 2025 Festive lighting instalment 30% (approved C22/21)	1,710.36

Total Bank Account No. 2 16,133.73

Total Accounts 16,133.73

Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Bank Account No. 2)

Total Salaries	7,086.69
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 12	2,483.69
LG Pension Scheme Month 12 - Employer payment	2,489.19
	12,059.57

Total Bank Account No. 2 28,193.30

Total all payments for approval 28,193.30

Accounts paid in previous month:

Bank Account No. 1

Direct Debits

Cheques

Bank Account No. 2

Direct Debits

336 Waterplus - V Hall 06/02-05/03/25	142.94
337 Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 07/02-06/03/25	57.20
338 Waterplus - Church Hill PC 07/02-06/03/25	60.72

Direct Bank Payments

Total Accounts paid in previous month 260.86

Grand Total 28,454.16

Bank Balances

Bank Account No. 1 As at 28/02/25	207,096.32
Bank Account No. 1 As at 31/03/25 (See May 2025)	
Bank Account No. 2 As at 31/03/25	128,321.11

Signed (Chairman)

Dated.....

a. **Casual Vacancies**

Members noted that there are two casual vacancies on the Town Council. These are advertised by notice, on social media and regularly in '*Grange Now.*' Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information, or see: www.grangeoversandstowntouncil.gov.uk

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b. Office Equipment

Members considered the quote for a laptop, to set up email, new systems service and 365 licence for the Hall Administrator.

RESOLVED

That the quote from KTD for a laptop, to set up email, new systems service, and 365 licence for the Hall Administrator costing £1,424.35 plus VAT was approved.

c. KTD Annual IT Service Schedule Renewal

Members considered the annual service schedule payment of £465.00 plus VAT.

RESOLVED

That the annual service schedule payment of £465.00 plus VAT was approved.

C24/204

Consultations

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Members considered the Council's participation in appropriate consultations:

a. Electoral Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is undertaking a review of electoral arrangements for Westmorland and Furness Council. A public consultation runs until 12 May. The proposals are at:

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/westmorland-and-furness>

RESOLVED

That members could respond as individuals if they wished.

b. BT Payphones Removal

BT plan to remove the payphone at Kents Bank station. Community members can make representation, via Westmorland and Furness Council, before 9 June 2025.

Members noted that five telephone calls were made in the last year none of which were emergency calls.

RESOLVED

That members could respond as individuals if they wished.

c. Westmorland and Furness Council Pavement Licensing Policy 2025-2030

This consultation is about a draft Pavement Licensing Policy and is open until 28 April 2025.

RESOLVED

No response was made as the matter is not currently relevant to Grange.

Members received the following updates from Councillors on works in progress and meetings and events attended, including:

- a. **Cllr. Thomas – Furness Line Community Rail Partnership (FLCRP) Meeting**
 - There is no update on the station porch, scaffolding is still in place.
 - The sinkhole on the up-line platform is awaiting a contractor.
 - There is scaffolding at the rear of the station – nobody knows why it is there, but they are going to find out.
 - The ticket office may be closed in the afternoon and at weekends due to staff shortages. Staff are being recruited.
 - Community Rail Cumbria are in the process of getting permission to put Lido Gallery images on the ramps at the underpass. The loose paving stones at the bottom of the steps have been reported.
- b. **Cllr. Thomas - Cumbria Better Connected Meeting**
 - There will be a bigger bus on the 530 routes on some days.
 - A Saturday service has been requested and is being considered by Westmorland and Furness Council.
 - There is a new X6 timetable. The buses to Kendal will leave Grange at seventeen minutes past the hour except the 17:24, and the bus back to Grange will leave at two minutes to the hour.
- c. **Cllrs. Handley and Tych – Councillor Surgery on Saturday 5 April 2025**

Three members of the public took part; most matters raised were Westmorland and Furness Council concerns.
- d. **Cllrs. Handley, Thomas and Tych - Briefing on the Government's Devolution Priority Programme on 2 April 2025**

There could be benefits in this but there are concerns about the lack of detailed information and the effect that a Mayoral precept could have on residents. The project seems to be rushed. There will be some grant money to set it up, but this is based on per capita, so may not work as well in our rural area as in urban ones.

Members noted Notice of Statutory Consultation Outcome – Speed Limits 2024 Variation Order

Members noted correspondence from WAF that 10 March 2025 was advertised as the operational date for the variation of speed limit at Grange Fell Road to extend the existing 30mph speed limit.

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C24/207 Cumbria Tourism

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Members considered renewal of Community Membership of Cumbria Tourism for £296.00 plus VAT, which is due for payment on or before 1 April 2025.

RESOLVED

- i) That membership would not be renewed immediately.
- ii) That when the Victoria Hall promotion strategy has been sufficiently developed, and the Town Council is able to take full advantage of the benefits of membership of Cumbria Tourism, renewal will be considered.

C24/208 Band Concerts Season

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Members noted that the Chairman and Hall Manager met Charity and Co. to discuss parking and this year's season.

Members received the update that Westmorland and Furness Council are installing a bollard at Park Road Gardens to prevent the public parking in the Gardens.

Members noted that the total cost of this is £1,528.00 + VAT; Grange Town Council and Westmorland and Furness Council are splitting the cost equally.

C24/209 Recreation Ground

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Members noted that at the previous meeting, it was resolved to put up three signs prohibiting dogs on the grass at the Recreation Ground and that the cost of this, including installation, will be £1,342 plus VAT.

To approve expenditure from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) reserve.

RESOLVED

That expenditure of £1,342 plus VAT for signs prohibiting dogs on the Recreation Ground was approved from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) reserve.

C24/210 Christmas Lights

17

- a. Members noted that the annual meeting with David Murphy from LITE Ltd is scheduled for Wednesday 16 April at 2pm. The Town Council is currently midway through a five-year contract with LITE.
- b. Members noted that to get permission from Westmorland and Furness Council to power the lights on Upper Main Street from the streetlight, the Town Council is now required to provide a structural test report.

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- c. Members noted that a quote of £1,500 plus VAT from Reilux UK to test the light has been received and that further research is underway.

C24/211 Training

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Members noted that the Town Clerk has completed, and passed, the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) '*Principles of Internal Auditing Local Councils*' course.

C24/212 Staffing

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Members noted that a meeting of the Staffing Committee is scheduled for 2pm on Wednesday 30 April 2025.

C24/213 Part Two

RESOLVED

That the meeting moved to Part 2 and the public were asked to leave.

C24/213 Victoria Hall

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- a. Chamber Decoration**

Members considered quotes to decorate the Chamber.

RESOLVED

That the quote of £4,950.00 from Steven Lycett to decorate the Chamber was approved.

- b. External Painting**

Members considered quotes to paint the front external woodwork of the Hall.

RESOLVED

That the quote of £3,396.00 plus VAT from Gary Porter and Son to paint the front external woodwork of the Hall was approved.

- c. Drainage Works**

Members considered quote to install drainage system for the rear of the Hall.

RESOLVED

That the quote of £7,600.00 from Will English to install drainage system for the rear of the Hall was approved.

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d. Sound System

Members considered quote to rationalise and improve the Hall's sound system.

RESOLVED

That the quote of £772.00 from PJ Summers to rationalise and improve the Hall's sound system was approved.

e. Tenants

Members noted that the Room 6/7 tenant, Soul Colour Yoga Studio, is leaving on 30 April 2025.

f. Security

To consider quotes for door entry and security system.

No quotes were available at the time of the meeting.

C24/214 Next Meeting

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Members noted that the next Full Council Meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Town Council and would be held:

Monday 12 May 2025, 7.00pm Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council