

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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Cllr. Roger Handley

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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the Meeting of the Town Council in accordance with Schedule 12 para.10(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972, to be held in the Victoria Hall, on Monday 8 July 2024 at 7.00pm.

Note: Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 this meeting was advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media, or the public.

Signed  C. Benbow, Town Clerk

AGENDA FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 8 JULY 2024

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies from members.

2. Public Participation: Have Your Say

Have Your Say: Members of the public are invited to speak.

3. Reports

To receive the following reports:

- a. Westmorland and Furness Council Report
- b. Mayor's Report

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10 June 2024 as a true record.

5. Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

Members to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed and to decide requests for dispensations.

6. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

To consider if any items should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2.

7. Planning

To consider Planning Applications as circulated and to note submissions to planning applications considered under delegated authority.

8. Monthly Payments Councillor Verification and Payment Approval

- a. To note that prior to the meeting two councillors verified invoices received and payments made since the last full council meeting and can verify their authenticity.
- b. To note that two councillors verified that the monthly bank reconciliation has taken place.
- c. To approve and authorise the payment of accounts and wages as recorded in the payments list.
- d. To identify and approve two councillors to verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.
- e. To identify and approve two councillors to complete the online authorisation of the payments for the next payment period.

9. Finance and Governance

Casual Vacancy

The casual vacancy has been advertised in 'Grange Now,' on Facebook, on the Victoria Hall noticeboards, and on the website.

Meetings with candidates are booked for the evening of Wednesday 7 August ahead of voting at the August Town Council meeting.

10. Consultations

To consider the Council's participation in appropriate consultations: none received.

11. Updates from Members

To receive Councillor updates on works in progress and meetings and events attended, including:

- a. Cllr. Thomas – Civic Society Meeting
- b. Cllr. Thomas – Furness Line Community Rail Partnership Meeting

12. Victoria Hall

Victoria Hall Support Group

To note that the Victoria Hall Support Group (VHSG) have donated £10,000 to Grange Town Council to be spent on projects or expenses related to the Victoria Hall.

The donation has been put in a ring-fenced reserve.

13. Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

a. Town and Parish Council Event: Making the link and encouraging the flow

This was held online at 7.15pm, Wednesday 19 June.

Cllrs. Handley, Thomas, J. Walmsley, and Logan and the Town Clerk took part.

A follow-up meeting with WFC Locality Board Chair, Cllr. Helen Chaffey, and WFC Councillors, and Community Development Officers, is being arranged.

To note any update from attendees.

b. Bus Service - Kirkby Lonsdale Coaches

To note correspondence from WFC, that Kirkby Lonsdale Coaches have decided they are no longer able to provide their service 530/531/532 on a commercial basis (*circulated*).

c. Local Plan Briefing

This 'Early Conversation' via Teams was held on 27 June at 7pm.

Cllrs. Handley, Thomas, and J. Walmsley took part.

To note any update from attendees.

d. Prom and Lido Refurbishment

Residents and visitors have contacted the Town Council with concerns about the works currently underway on the Prom. These have been raised with WFC. To note any update.

14. Ornamental Gardens Wall Top Planting Project

To note any update from Cllr. Thomas on the project to plant the wall tops.

15. Yewbarrow Lodge Development

Temporary Footpath Closure

To note that Westmorland and Furness Council has approved the closure of a section of footpath at Yewbarrow Lodge, for 6 months, for demolition and construction work to be carried out. *(correspondence, order, and map circulated).*

16. Recreation Ground

To note that Horton Leisure have been unable to open the facility as usual this year, due to WFC construction work, and access closures, for the Prom and Lido refurbishment.

17. Public Conveniences

a. Ornamental Gardens

To note that a new Nayax card reader was installed by Healthmatic at the disabled access cubicle at the Ornamental Gardens, total cost £575.00 plus VAT.

b. Entry Fee

To consider increasing the fee for using the facilities from 30p to 40p.

18. Training

a. Code of Conduct Training for Parish/Town Councillors

To note that Westmorland and Furness Council invite all Town Councillors to attend a virtual Code of Conduct training session, on Wednesday 31 July, from 5.30 - 6.30 pm.

b. Training Working Party

Members noted that an informal working party, to include all councillors, is scheduled for Wednesday 24 July, 7pm, for training and induction about Local Government Reorganisation, specifically the WFC Delivery Framework and Local Plan and the GTC Priorities and Action Plan.

19. Staffing

To note the draft minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12 June 2024 *(circulated).*

To consider the following recommendations for approval:

- i) That Full Council is recommended to award the Hall Manager an increment, to be backdated from 30 April 2024, and the Chairman authorised to sign the updated salaries sheet.

- ii) That Full Council is recommended to regrade the Front of House role to the NALC pay band (SCP LC1 (13-17) above substantive benchmark range), award an increment accordingly, and the Chairman authorised to sign the updated salaries sheet.

20. Next Meeting

To note that the next Full Council Meeting will be held:

Monday 12 August 2024 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm