

# TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

**Chairman/Mayor:**

Cllr. Roger Handley

**Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:**

Cllr. Ann Walmsley

**Town Clerk:**

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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 13 April 2026, following the Annual Town Meeting 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Benbow', written over a light blue horizontal line.

C. Benbow, Town Clerk

## **AGENDA FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026**

### **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 9 March 2026 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. All applications received before the meeting will be considered (*circulated*).

## 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 complete the online authorisation of the payments for the next payment period.
- e. To identify and approve two councillors to verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

## 9. Finance and Governance

### a. Casual Vacancy

There is a casual vacancy on the Town Council. Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information, or see: [www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk)

### b. Police Update

To note that following a spate of graffiti, the police identified the culprit using CCTV. As the offender is under 18, a Community Resolution took place. This included the offender writing letters of apology to the Town Council, Westmorland Council and two private businesses. This letter has now been received by the Town Council.

c. **Annual Audit**

To consider the Assertion 10 Audit wording and the quote from KTD to provide gov.uk emails for all Town Councillors (*circulated*).

## 10. Consultations

### **Friends of the Lake District - Fairer Housing, Stronger Communities Campaign**

This campaign aims to address some of the adverse effects holiday lets and second homes are having on local communities. The Town Council is asked to consider signing their petition: <https://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk/work/fairerhousing/> (*circulated*).

## 11. Updates from Members

To note updates from Members on meetings/works in progress not covered in other agenda items.

## 12. Victoria Hall

a. **Security**

- i) To note that the company commissioned to provide a security access integrated system (resolved May 2025 C25/28) have been unable to fulfil the contract. This contract has now been terminated and alternative quotes sourced.
- ii) To consider new quotes for fire/intruder and security access integrated system (*circulated*).

b. **Central Heating System Task and Finish Group**

- i) To note that the Task and Finish Group met on 25 March 2026. Cllrs. Handley and Tych and the Hall Manager took part.
- ii) To note that the Energy Audit – Stage 1 and 2 Re-heating and Decarbonisation Assessment - for the whole building (resolved December 2025) has been completed.
- iii) To note an update from the Group.

c. **Hire Fees**

To note that a meeting of the Victoria Hall Working Party was scheduled for 9 April at 1pm and to consider the proposed revised charging schedule, last resolved December 2023 (*circulated*).

## 13. Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

### **Bailey Lane Level Crossing -Temporary Traffic Order**

To note correspondence received, that there will be a further six-month extension of the temporary closure of the level crossing. This is to cover the period until after the public hearing in June and was agreed on the basis that this is the FINAL extension for this location. The closure shall be in effect until 6 October 2026 or until a permanent decision has been made of the crossing's future, whichever is the earlier (*circulated*).

#### 14. Recreation Ground

a. **Skate Ramps**

To note any update from the Town Clerk on the renewal of the skate ramp surfaces.

b. **Deep Clean**

To note an update on the contract to deep clean site surfaces.

#### 15. Public Conveniences

To note any update on the grant application to Westmorland Public Conveniences Capital Fund.

#### 16. Music in the Park

To note any update on the Music in the Park summer concerts season.

#### 17. Peninsula Environment Action Together (PEAT)

a. **Active Travel Survey**

To note that a working party was held on Wednesday 18 March. Cllrs. Handley, A. Walmsley, Mason, E. Walmsley, Thomas, Tych and Berry and the Town Clerk took part. The Council's response to PEAT's Active Travel and Transport survey was agreed for submission by Cllr. Berry.

b. **Film Showing**

To note an update from Cllr. Berry about the PEAT showing of the People's Emergency Briefing. The public viewing will be on Sunday 17 May, 7 - 9pm at the Victoria Hall.

c. **Litter Pick**

To note an update from Cllr. Berry about the litter pick held on Saturday 28 March as part of the Great Cumbrian Litter pick.

#### 18. Yewbarrow Development

**Update from South Lakes Housing**

To note an update from South Lakes Housing, received on 31 March 2026, that the names for the new development will be Porritt Gardens and Huggett Heights (*circulated: the new postal addresses and a plan showing the layout*).

## **19. Training**

### **CALC - Local Councils and Climate Action**

This online workshop took place on Tuesday 24 March, 7pm, £35 per person. To note an update from Cllr. Berry.

## **20. Next Meeting**

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

**Monday 11 May 2026 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm**