

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Chairman/Mayor:

Cllr. Roger Handley

Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:

Cllr. Ann Walmsley

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Mrs. C. Benbow



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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 9 February 2026 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 blue ink, appearing to be 'C. Benbow', written over a light blue horizontal line.

C. Benbow, Town Clerk

AGENDA FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 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 12 January 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 Vacancies**
There are two casual vacancies 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
- b. **Quarterly Financial Report**
To approve the 9-month quarterly financial report to 31 December 2025 (*circulated*).

c. **Victoria Hall Support Group (VHSG) Donation Report**

To note that in the quarter to 31 December 2025 there were no purchases using VHSG donations. The balance remains unchanged from the last quarter at £15,717.33. The next quarter will reflect VHSG donations covering the Chamber refurbishments costs.

d. **Budget Publicity in 'Grange Now'**

To consider putting an article in 'Grange Now' about the budget, cost to be confirmed.

e. **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

To note receipt of £33,228.47 Community Infrastructure Levy funds. These are held in a ring-fenced reserve which now totals £66,508.48.

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 – Cumbria Better Connected

12. Victoria Hall

a. **Chamber Renovation**

To note that decoration is now complete and lights have been purchased. The renovation of the Chamber is being funded by donations from the Victoria Hall Support Group.

b. **The Planning Office (Room 6/7)**

To note that an application for Listed Building Consent has been submitted to Westmorland and Furness Council, to remove the partition wall, as resolved in December.

13. Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

a. **Community Governance Review**

To consider any response to the second consultation for the Community Governance Review (*circulated*), noting that Westmorland are proposing to take forward the response the Town Council gave to the first consultation, resolved November 2025 (C25/117) that:

Grange Town Council requests that the wards are removed and that the nine Councillors all work together to represent all residents in an unwarded parish.

b. **Public Conveniences Fund Launch**

To note correspondence received on 30 January from Westmorland and Furness Council, that they are launching a capital investment fund to support the ongoing sustainability of public conveniences.

The closing date for the receipt of applications and supporting documentation is Friday 20 February 2026 with successful applicants notified the w/c 2 March (*circulated*).

14. Recreation Ground

a. **Grounds Maintenance Contract**

To consider responses to the Invitation to Tender for the maintenance of the Recreation Ground and award the contract (*circulated*).

b. **Site Cleaning**

To consider quote to deep-clean the surfaces of the skate park, tennis court, and MUGA (*circulated*).

c. **Skate Ramps**

To note that work is underway to find a contractor to renew the surfaces of the skate ramps.

15. Bailey Lane Level Crossing

To consider response to the Planning Inspectorate's correspondence about the Public Inquiry scheduled for June 2026 (*circulated*).

16. PEAT Water Fountain Project

To consider the proposal from PEAT (Peninsula Environment Action Together) that they apply to Sea Changes for a water fountain to install at the public conveniences on the Prom.

17. Music in the Park

To note that the annual application to Westmorland and Furness Council for an Events Licence, for permission to hold the Music in the Park concert season, has been submitted.

18. Training

Planning Training

A training session was scheduled at the Victoria Hall by the Friends of Lake District Planning on 4 February at 7pm. To note any update from attendees.

19. Staffing

To note that a new Finance Administrator has been appointed.

20. Next Meeting

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

Monday 9 March 2026 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm