

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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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 June 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  C. Benbow, Town Clerk

AGENDA FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 8 JUNE 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 11 May 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 – Internal Audit

The Internal Audit took place on 12 May 2026. To note the Internal Audit Report, and that the Town Council is fully compliant with the Account and Audit Regulations (*report circulated*).

10. Finance and Governance – External Audit

- a. To approve the Annual Governance Statement in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2026, having noted the previous year final report (*circulated*).
- b. To approve the Accounting Statements in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2026 (*circulated*).
- c. To authorise the Chairman and Town Clerk (Responsible Financial Officer) to sign the statements.
- d. To note the Intermediate Review Request and that the responses will be submitted with the AGAR (*circulated*).
- e. To authorise the submission of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2026 for external audit to commence following the prescribed period for public examination from Wednesday 10 June 2026 to Tuesday 21 July 2026 (*circulated*).

11. Finance and Governance

a. **Insurance**

To consider quote from Zurich Insurance to renew cover for 3 years from 1 July 2026.

Renewal terms: 1 Year: £7,908.47; 3 Year: £7,156.50.

Last year cover cost £6,684.32. All prices include Insurance Tax. All Council property was revalued this year.

b. **Reserves**

To review the Reserves Policy and consider the reserves allocation at the opening of the new financial year (*circulated*).

c. **Victoria Hall Support Group**

To note that the Victoria Hall Support Group has donated £15,000 to the Hall. These funds will be held in a ring-fenced reserve.

d. **Casual Vacancies**

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

12. Consultations

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

13. Updates from Members

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

- a. **Cllr. Berry – Cumbria Coastal Route Presentation - 3 June 2026**

14. Victoria Hall

- a. **Listed Building Consent**

To note that the application for Listed Building Consent to remove the Room 6/7 Planning Office partition wall has been accepted. The reference is 2026/0162/LBC.

- b. **Central Heating (Project 125) Working Party**

- i) To note an update from the Project 125 Working Party, that the surveyor's next report has been received. It is proposed to replace the failing gas boilers, for which spares are no longer available, with air-source heat pumps, renew the badly designed pipework to the main hall area and install solar panels with battery backup, install secondary glazing, extra insulation, and draft proofing.
- ii) To consider putting forward a Strategic Outline Case to the Westmorland and Furness Council Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund.

15. Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

- a. **Adoption of Westmorland and Furness Design Code Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

To note correspondence that, on 7 May 2026, Westmorland and Furness Council formally adopted the Westmorland and Furness Design Code SPD (*correspondence circulated*).

- b. **Integrated Transport Enhanced Partnership Forum**

This was scheduled for Wednesday 20 May, 1-4 pm in the Council Chamber at Kendal Town Hall. To note any update from attendees.

- c. **New Chief Executive of Westmorland and Furness Council.**

An online briefing was held on 4 June, for members of Parish and Town Councils, to meet Miranda Cannon, the new Chief Executive of Westmorland and Furness Council.

To note any update from attendees.

16. Music in the Park

The Music in the Park Sunday Concerts in Park Road Gardens started on Sunday 24 May 2026. To note any update.

17. Recreation Ground

To note the annual Westmorland and Furness Unitary Council safety inspection report (*circulated*).

18. Public Conveniences

To note any updates on the grant application to WAF Public Conveniences capital fund.

19. Peninsula Environment Action Together (PEAT)

To note updates from Cllr. Berry:

- a. People's Emergency Briefing on Sunday 17 May, 7pm, at the Victoria Hall.
- b. Sea Changes Water Bottle Refill Grant.
- c. Great Big Green Week.

20. Public Domain

To consider a proposal from Cllr. Thomas to install a handrail at the steps into the Normandy Veterans' Garden at the base of the sloping path access from the road down to the picnic bench, to be funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy reserve.

21. Yewbarrow Development

To note an update from South Lakes Housing on the Yewbarrow Lodge Redevelopment: Construction is progressing well with Highall Developments Limited. From mid-June, works will commence to alter the road known as Back Yewbarrow Terrace. We are aiming to maintain access while the works take place, and we will work closely with local residents to minimise disruption. For safety reasons, the pedestrian route past the northern rockery remains closed until the development is complete. We are grateful for the continued support and patience of the community as this development progresses.

22. Training

To note Cllr. Berry attended CALC Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion training on 2 June.

23. Next Meeting

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

Monday 13 July 2026 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm