

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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Cllr. Roger Handley

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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 March 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 MARCH 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 February 2026 as a true record (*circulated*).

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.

To note that an Expression of Interest in Co-opton has been received and to vote to co-opt.

b. Year End Accounts

To note that Hall hire invoice number 2396, for £85.00 plus VAT dated 30 April 2025, was not settled. A Civil Money Claim issued by the court was not responded to by the hirer. This cost the Town Council £35.00.

To approve writing off the debt, as required by the Financial Regulations.

c. Budget Publicity

To note that an article has been published in 'Grange Now,' costing £345.20 plus VAT.

d. **Annual Authorisation of Payments**

To approve the annual review of payments made by variable direct debit and standing order and to approve the use of BACS payments in compliance with Grange Town Council Financial Regulations (*circulated*).

e. **KTD Annual IT Service Schedule Renewal**

To approve the annual service, maintenance, and security licensing renewal schedule for renewal on 30 March 2026 (*schedule circulated*).

f. **AGAR Accessibility Compliance 2026**

To note that the new Town Council website is now operational to ensure compliance for audit, as resolved in October 2025.

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. **Cllrs. Handley and Thomas – Councillor Surgery** - Sat 21 February 2026 at the Victoria Hall.

12. Victoria Hall

a. **Roof Repairs**

These are needed after leaks during heavy rain last year. The drainage from the flat roof is inadequate; this overwhelms the flashing where the roof joins the wall and missing mortar lets water into the building. There are also broken and missing tiles over the chair store. To consider quote for roof repairs (*circulated*).

b. **Working Party**

A Victoria Hall Working Party is scheduled for Thursday 5 March at 4pm. To note any update from participants.

13. Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

a. **Tree Preservation Order No. 10, 2025**

To note correspondence from Westmorland and Furness Council Assistant Director of Inclusive and Green Growth, that the Tree Preservation Order at Shoreside Development, adjacent to Kents Bank Road, has now been made.

Grange Town Council objected to this Order, supporting the concerns of the residents (*circulated*).

b. **Prom Gardeners Meeting**

To note that a meeting took place with the Prom Gardeners, the Westmorland and Furness Council Delivery and Commercial Officer, and Community Development Officer, and Grange Town Council on 24 February at 10.30am on the Prom. To note an update from the Chairman.

14. Cumbria Combined Authority

An online briefing for members of CALC was scheduled for 25 February, 7pm, to update on progress in the creation of the authority. To note any update from the Chairman.

15. Recreation Ground

a. **Maintenance Contract**

To note that the contract with Paul Johnson Property Developments to maintain the Recreation Ground from 1 April 2026 has been issued and agreed.

b. **Skate Ramps**

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

c. **Deep Clean**

To note any update on the contract to deep clean site surfaces as resolved at the previous meeting.

16. PEAT (Peninsula Environmental Action Together)

To consider a response to PEAT 'Future of Transport and Travel' questionnaire.

PEAT are working with Alistair Kirkbride, a specialist in rural sustainable travel and transport, to create a report. This will help identify priorities in the area and strengthen the case for future funding opportunities, to make our area more supportive of active travel.

PEAT are requesting that local councils fill in the questionnaire to identify where improvements can be made (*circulated*).

17. Music in the Park

To note that a street collection licence has been applied for, as requested by Westmorland and Furness Council, so that the performers can collect donations for their organisations, at the events.

18. Public Conveniences

To consider an application for £11,675 to Westmorland and Furness Public Conveniences Capital Investment Fund for works to improve the facilities (*circulated*).

19. Training

CALC Equality and Diversity

Training was scheduled for 2 March at 7pm costing £40 per participant. To note an update from Cllr. Thomas.

20. Staffing

Finance Administrator

To note that the new Finance Administrator started on 2 March 2026 and to approve the revised salaries sheet to include the appointment.

21. Next Meeting

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

Monday 13 April 2026 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, to be held after the Annual Town Meeting, which starts at 7pm.