Grange-over-Sands Town Council

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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 November 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

Mrs. C. Benbow, Town Clerk

AGENDA

FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2026

1. **Apologies for Absence**
   To receive and approve apologies from members.

2. **Public Participation: Public Have Your Say**
   Members of the public are invited to speak.

3. **Reports**
   To receive reports from Westmorland and Furness Council and the Mayor.

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 October 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. **Six-month Financial Report**
      To consider the six-month Financial Report to 30 September 2026 *(circulated).*

   b. **Victoria Hall Support Group (VHSG) Quarterly Report**
      To note the quarterly financial report for the Victoria Hall Support Group:
      The balance at the end of the previous quarter to 30 June 2026 was £18,575.
      Income was £200 donations, received from the VHSG, and £14.74 from the collection boxes in the Hall.

      Expenditure in the quarter to 30 September 2026 was £3,893.48.
      This comprised carpet for the Chamber refurbishment and kitchen and facilities equipment:

      - Chamber carpet £3,601
      - Bar glass cupboard £18.53
      - Bar glasses £10.33
      - Crockery £120.92
      - Bins £142.70

      The balance at the end of the quarter to 30 September 2026 was £14,896.26.

c. **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Reserve Quarterly Report**
To note that the CIL balance movement for the quarter from July to September 2026 shows a net decrease of £2,500, consisting of a single transaction for the maintenance of the Skate Park in August 2026.

CIL Quarterly Movement Summary (July – September 2026)

- Opening Balance (as of 1 July 2026): £101,744.03
- Total Income: £0.00
- Total Expenditure: £2,500.00
- Closing Balance (as of 30 September 2026): £99,244.03

d. **Council Aims and Objectives**
To note that the annual Budget Working Party took place on Wednesday 28 October, 2pm, to discuss the Town Council's Aims and Objectives.
Cllrs. Handley, Thomas, Berry, J. Walmsley and Tych took part.

To consider the Town Council's Aims and Objectives, last approved November 2025 *(circulated).*

e. **Draft Budget 2027/28**
To consider the draft budget 2027/28 *(circulated).*

f. **Casual Vacancies**
To note that the Notice of Casual Vacancy, caused by the resignation of Julie Mason was published, and sent to Westmorland and Furness Council, and that, as fourteen days have elapsed and no election has been called, the Town Council is now able to co-opt to fill the vacancy.

There are two vacancies on the Town Council. Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman.

g. **Community Governance Order**
To note that following the Community Governance Review, Westmorland and Furness Council has now made the formal legal Order that the parish wards in Grange will be removed. The order is in force from 1 April 2027 *(circulated).*

h. **Recharging Policy from 2027/2028**
To note the Westmorland and Furness Council Parish Recharging Policy and that provision is needed in the Town Council budget for the 2027 election. WAF have estimated that the Grange elections would cost £3,367.53. The consultation deadline has been extended to Friday 13 November 2026. *(circulated).*

i. **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**
To note that a sum of £7,281.12 was paid to Grange-over-Sands Town Council for eligible CIL income received from development within the parish between 1 April 2026 and the end of September 2026.

10. **Consultations**
    To consider the Council's participation in:
    a. **Westmorland and Furness Locality Working**
       Consultation on proposals to change how locality working is organised. The engagement exercise runs to 27 November 2026 *(circulated).*

11. **Member Updates**
    To receive Councillor updates on meetings/works in progress not covered in other agenda items.

12. **Victoria Hall**
    a. **Central Heating Boilers**
       To consider quotations for the replacement of the existing gas boilers, noting the urgency of the matter due to the recurring boiler failures and that due to deterioration, there is now the requirement for a Gas Safe registered engineer to attend each time the boilers need to be relit. Quotations are for the replacement of just the actual boilers, not the whole system, which is under review as part of Project 125 *(circulated).*

    b. **Victoria Hall Working Party**
       To note that a meeting of the Working Party was scheduled for 4 November 2026 and to note any update from attendees.

    c. **Project 125 Funding Update – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**
       To note that following an application from the Town Council, Westmorland and Furness Council have made an indicative funding offer of £250,000. The offer is conditional on entering into a grant funding agreement and satisfactorily completing the special conditions of offer *(circulated).*

    d. **Project 125 Funding Update – FutureProof Cumbria**
       To note that an expression of interest was submitted to FutureProof Cumbria Great British Energy Fund for feasibility studies. The deadline for the fund is 11 November 2026.

    e. **Funding Update – WAF Community Led Fund**
       To note update on funding application to install an accessible automatic side door.

13. **Westmorland and Furness Council**
    To note any updates.

14. **Music in the Park Summer Band Concerts**
    To note that, following the meeting with Westmorland and Furness Council on 1 September 2026 regarding the Bandstand and store lease, which expires on 31 March 2027, the Town Council has applied for an events licence to hold the 'Music in the Park' band concerts series in 2027.

    Westmorland and Furness Council have recently advised that they are consulting with their legal department before any permission is granted. The Town Council is now waiting for confirmation from Westmorland and Furness Council as to whether the proposed concerts will be allowed to go ahead.

15. **Remembrance**
    To note any update following the event scheduled for Sunday 8 November 2026.

16. **Public Conveniences**
    To note an update on the tender for the Contract to Clean and Maintain the facilities.

17. **Staffing**
    To note that the annual Staffing Committee Meeting to review staff appraisals is scheduled for Wednesday 18 November, 2pm.

18. **Next Meeting**
    To note that the next Full Council Meeting will be held:
    Monday 14 December 2026 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm