

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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Cllr. Roger Handley

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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 14 October 2024 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 14 OCTOBER 2024

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies from members.

To welcome Cllr. Wlodek Tych who has signed the Declaration of Acceptance and is now a Member of Grange Town Council.

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 August 2024 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 (*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. **External Audit year ended 31 March 2024 – Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)**
To approve and accept that the external audit of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2024 has been completed and published (*AGAR circulated and published on noticeboard and website*).

b. Risk Assessments – Finance and Governance

To note the report for Finance and Governance Risk Assessments and approve the following Risk Assessments (*circulated*):

- 1) Finance
- 2) Governance
- 3) Website and IT
- 4) Business Continuity

c. Internal Audit Plan

To consider and approve the Internal Audit Plan for financial year 2024-25 (*circulated*).

d. Internal Auditor

To appoint Internal Auditor for financial year 2024-25 (*circulated*).

e. Casual Vacancy

To note that there is a casual vacancy on the Town Council (North Ward) caused by the resignation of Alan Speight. Westmorland and Furness Electoral Services have not informed the Town Council that an election has been called, and co-option may now take place.

To consider advertising and recruitment to the Town Council.

f. Bank Authorisation

To consider approving Cllr. Jane Walmsley to authorise bank payments.

10. Consultations

To consider the Council's participation in:

a. Cumbrian Association of Local Councils (CALC) Survey

To note correspondence and surveys from CALC and consider response to the Membership Survey. The training survey is for completion by individual councillors (*circulated*).

b. Westmorland and Furness Council (Consolidation of Speed Limits) Consultation

To consider the proposal for the following location:

Grange-over-Sands, C5043 Grange Fell Road: Proposed extension of the existing 30mph speed limit.

Deadline for responses: 24 October 2024 (*circulated*).

11. Updates from Members

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

a. Cllrs. Handley, J. Walmsley and Tych – Councillor Surgery held Saturday 5 October 10am – midday, Victoria Hall.

12. PEAT (Peninsula Environment Action Together)

To note that PEAT met Westmorland and Furness Council (WFC) on Wednesday 2 October, 7pm. Four PEAT members attended, and Cllrs. Giles Archibald and Andy Hull represented WFC. GTC attendees were Cllrs. Handley, A. Walmsley, J. Walmsley, E. Walmsley, Tych and the Town Clerk.

13. Victoria Hall

To note that Westmorland and Furness Council are no longer providing a group gas contract for parish councils and that the current contract will expire 31 March 2025 (*circulated*).

14. Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

a. Road Adoption at Tricketts Drive

To note correspondence, Final Certificate and drawing of adopted road at Tricketts Drive (*circulated*).

b. Prom and Lido Refurbishment

To note any update from Westmorland and Furness Council on the works.

15. Recreation Ground

To note that the exchange of services contract for the operation and maintenance of the promenade recreation area with Horton Leisure Management Ltd finishes on 31 October 2024. To consider the operation of the site facilities and renewal of the contract (*circulated*).

16. Remembrance

To consider the risk assessment for the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday (*circulated*).

17. Yewbarrow Lodge Development

To note an update received 28 August from the Head of Development at South Lakes Housing:

'The demolition works will soon start at Yewbarrow Lodge. Over the course of this week works and the number of people on site will increase, then from Monday 2nd September, the main works will begin, starting with a soft strip inside the building. The demolition contract has been awarded to the local firm L&W Wilson and the programme for the work is planned from 02.09.24 – 16.12.24.

Whilst this work is being carried out, safety measures will be put in place to protect residents and passers-by. This will include the closure of the footpaths directly to the north, south and west of the existing Lodge to allow a safe working area around the building.'

18. Next Meeting

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

Monday 11 November 2024 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm