

# TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

**Chairman/Mayor:**

Cllr. Roger Handley

**Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:**

Cllr. Ann Walmsley

**Town Clerk:**

Mrs. C. Benbow



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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall

on Monday 11 August 2025 commencing at 7.00 pm.

**Present:** Cllr. R. Handley – Chair

Cllr. A. Walmsley, Cllr. T. Thomas, Cllr. E. Walmsley, Cllr. J. Mason,  
Cllr. W. Tych, Cllr. J. Walmsley

Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

**In attendance:** Westmorland and Furness Unitary Councillor Tim Bloomer and eight  
Members of the Public.

**Minute**

**Ref:**

**Agenda No:**

**C25/69 Apologies for Absence** **1**

There were no apologies received.

**C25/70 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say** **2**

**Resident 1** Made representation to members, speaking in appreciation of the Lido  
Gallery, which has now been installed at the Main Street Underpass,  
through the efforts of Cllr. Thomas, and requesting from the Unitary  
Council an update on the Lido and Prom refurbishment and the water  
leak on the Prom.

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<b>Resident 2</b>	Made representation to members, regarding Item 14, Bailey Lane Level Crossing, requesting that the Town Council responds to reiterate points resolved, and raised previously, regarding this matter.
<b>Resident 3</b>	Made representation to members, requesting that Westmorland and Furness Council review their maintenance of the Normandy Veterans Garden.
<b>Council Response</b>	The matter was referred to Unitary Councillor Tim Bloomer.

## C25/71 Reports

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### Westmorland and Furness Council Report

Councillor Tim Bloomer reported:

1. **Devolution** – this is progressing quickly; the Mayoral election will probably be in 2027 with the local council elections.
2. **Prom and Lido Refurbishment** – this is a commercially sensitive situation, Cllr. Bloomer is assured of progress and is optimistic of resolution.
3. **Garden Maintenance Contract ID Verde** – Cllr. Bloomer is aware of unhappiness with the performance of this contract and is hopeful that things are improving.
4. **Water Leak on the Promenade** – this has been reported to Westmorland and Furness Council.

## Mayor's Report

Mayor Cllr. Roger Handley reported that he attended the Peninsula Environment Action Together (PEAT) 'Let's Move' event on Saturday 9 August at the Victoria Hall and attended the Classic Car Rally to award the prizes. Both events were excellent; well attended and successful.

## C25/72 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 14 July 2025 were accepted as a true record.

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**C25/73** Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

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**NOTED** There were no requests received for dispensations or declarations of interest.

**C25/74** Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item

**6**

**RESOLVED** That no items should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2.

**C25/75** Planning Report

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**1. Members considered the following full or outline planning permission/reserved matters/discharge of conditions/listed building/change of use/advertising consent or appeal:**

a. 2025/1177/FPA LANCASTER BANK MAIN STREET GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6DP  
Installation of external fan condenser units to rear of building (Retrospective)  
Furness Building Society  
Full Application

**RESOLVED**

**NO OBJECTION**

b. 2025/1359/LBC  
Listed Building Consent  
Castlehead Field Centre Castlehead Lindale GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6QT  
Listed Building Consent for proposed internal alterations to form en-suite shower rooms & WCs including associated drainage and ventilation.

**RESOLVED**

**SUPPORT**

The Town Council supports this application because it extends the longevity of the current operation as a field studies centre.

c. 2025/1424/LBC  
Listed Building Consent  
Grange Over Sands Railway Station, Station Square Grange-over-sands LA11 6EH.  
Listed Building Consent for the repair and installation of replacement windows.

**RESOLVED**

**NO OBJECTION**

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## 2. Decisions - Members noted that the following decisions had been made since the last Full Council meeting:

- a. 2025/0762/FPA 1 WESTCLIFFE GARDENS FLATS WESTCLIFFE GARDENS GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6BS Full Application Approved with Conditions
- b. 2025/0991/FPA FAIRWAYS HIGHFIELD ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7JA Full Application Approved with Conditions
- c. 2025/0568/FPA BARN OPPOSITE HIGH FARM SPRING BANK ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6HA Full Application Refused.

### C25/76 Finance - Monthly Payments

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#### a. Verification of Expenditure

**NOTED** That prior to the meeting two councillors verified invoices received and payments made since the last full council meeting prior to the council meeting and could verify their authenticity.

#### b. Verification of Accounts Reconciliation

**NOTED** That prior to the meeting two councillors verified that the monthly bank reconciliation had taken place.

#### c. Approval of Payments

**RESOLVED** That the payments of the accounts and wages for this finance period as recorded in the payments list were approved as below.

#### d. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

**RESOLVED** That Cllrs. A. Walmsley and Mason would complete online authorisation of payments for the October payment period.

#### e. Identification of Councillors to approve next finance period payments

**RESOLVED** That Cllrs. Tych and Thomas would verify the invoices and payments for the October payment period, meeting the Finance Administrator by appointment to complete verification.

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### Payments for Approval

August 2025

#### Accounts for Payment

£

#### Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit

#### Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque

Total Bank Account No. 1

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#### Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits

130	Lloyds Bank Plc - Card July 2025 - Monthly fee	3.00	
130a	Imperial Chemical Industries - Paint testers	5.40	8.40
131	WFC - 5/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall		798.00
132	WFC - 5/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office		167.00
133	WFC - 5/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4		94.00
134	Npower - Elec V Hall 01/06-30/06/25		216.69
135	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/06-30/06/25		48.99
136	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/06-30/06/25		42.62
137	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/06-30/06/25 (recoverable)		23.47
138	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/06-01/07/25		210.26
139	Sage - Support 01/08-31/08/25		109.20
140	BT - Tel & Broadband 01/08-31/08/25		53.94

#### Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

141	TFG Stage Technology Ltd - Annual stage LOLER inspection	1,800.00	
142	WB Electrical - Orn Gdns WCs Electrical Installation report	250.00	
143	WB Electrical - Church Hill WCs Electrical Installation report & repairs	300.00	
144	WB Electrical - Fit 4 x twin metal sockets to balcony for stage lighting	481.60	1,031.60
145	Lancaster City Brass - Bandstand concert 13/07/25		100.00
146	Healthmatic - Replacement Nayax card reader	672.00	
147	Healthmatic - PC cleaning 01/08-31/08/25	1,645.49	2,317.49
148	UK Office Direct - Hand towels, refuse bags & cleaning materials	113.87	
149	UK Office Direct - Floor cleaner	18.22	132.09
150	Moore East Midlands - External audit fee 2024/25		1,008.00
151	Dobsons - Jet washing rear of hall		120.00
152	KTD - 6 x Cloud backup and monitoring 01/09-30/09/25	67.20	
153	KTD - Photocopying 27/06-31/07/25	44.79	111.99
154	Town Clerk - Private eye examination		55.00
155	Duddon Hire - Portaloo hire Park Road Gdns 27/06-31/07/25		120.00
156	The Lawn Man - Recreation Ground maintenance - 01/07-31/07/25		409.00
157	Lengthsman - 01/07-31/07/25		845.88
158	Debbie's Cleaning - V Hall cleaning 01/07-31/07/25		684.00
159	Turnstone HR - HR support 01/08-31/08/25		60.00
160	Wallings Ltd - Band concert ice-cream		105.56
161	G Porter & Son - Redecoration to exterior of front and side of Victoria Hall		4,867.20

Total Bank Account No. 2

15,540.38

Total Accounts

15,540.38

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**Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Bank Account No. 2)**

<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>11,637.30</b>
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 4	3,375.99
LG Pension Scheme Month 4 - Employer payment	3,076.53
	<b>18,089.82</b>
<b>Total Bank Account No. 2</b>	<b>33,630.20</b>
<b>Total all payments for approval</b>	<b>33,630.20</b>

**Accounts paid in previous month:**

**Bank Account No. 1**

**Direct Debits**

**Cheques**

**Bank Account No. 2**

**Direct Debits**

126 Waterplus - V Hall 06/06-05/07/25	155.95
127 Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 07/06-06/07/25	130.41
128 Waterplus - Church Hill PC 07/06-06/07/25	35.90

**Direct Bank Payments**

129 1Five Events & Film - Vic Hall theatre LED refit, controller, spots, house lights etc.	18,140.00
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**Total Accounts paid in previous month**

**18,462.26**

**Grand Total**

**52,092.46**

**Bank Balances**

Bank Account No. 1 As at 31/07/25	212,754.38
Bank Account No. 2 As at 31/07/25	307,721.14

Signed (Chairman) .....

Dated.....

**a. External Audit year ended 31 March 2025 – Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)**

- i) Members considered approving and accepting that the external audit of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2025 had been completed and published.
- ii) Members noted the new Assertion 10 requirement for next year's audit regarding digital and data compliance.

**RESOLVED**

That the external audit of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2025, as completed and published, was approved and accepted.

**b. Risk Assessments – Operational**

Members considered the Risk Assessment Record and the following Risk Assessments which were reviewed as part of the annual review schedule:

- i) Victoria Hall – Operations
- ii) Council Offices
- iii) Band Concerts
- iv) Allotments
- v) Public Conveniences
- vi) Cycle Racks

**RESOLVED**

That the Risk Assessment Record and the Risk Assessments, as follows, which were reviewed as part of the annual review schedule were approved: Victoria Hall – Operations, Council Offices, Band Concerts, Allotments, Public Conveniences, Cycle Racks.

**c. Employment Policies Review**

Members noted that the following policies have been reviewed, in collaboration with Turnstone HR and no amendments have been recommended:

- i) Data Protection Policy
- ii) Disciplinary Rules
- iii) Equal Opportunities
- iv) Grievance Procedure
- v) Health and Safety
- vi) Social Media
- vii) Training and Development
- viii) Anti-harassment and Bullying
- ix) Whistleblowing
- x) IT and Communications

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- xi) Lone Working Policy
- xii) Home Working Policy

Members considered the updated Policies Review Schedule and the following reviewed polices where recommended changes have been incorporated:

- i) Disciplinary Policy and Procedures
- ii) Capability Policy
- iii) Sickness Absence
- iv) Safeguarding

## **RESOLVED**

That the updated Policies Review Schedule and the following reviewed polices with recommended changes incorporated were approved: Disciplinary Policy and Procedures, Capability Policy, Sickness Absence, Safeguarding.

### **d. First Quarter Financial Report**

Members considered the first quarter Financial Report 1 April to 30 June 2025.

## **RESOLVED**

That the first quarter Financial Report 1 April to 30 June 2025 was approved.

### **e. Victoria Hall Support Group**

Members noted the quarterly financial report for the Victoria Hall Support Group (VHSG) donation:

This quarter, to 30 June 2025, there have been the following purchases using donated funds from VSHG:

- Andes ice pack set - £14.16.
- Thermohauser Thermobox with lid 45l - £37.49.

These items are for selling ice cream at events.

The remaining donation balance, held in reserve, is now £6,501.75.

### **f. Casual Vacancies**

Members noted that there are two casual vacancies on the Town Council. These are advertised by notice, on social media and regularly in '*Grange Now.*' Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information, or see: [www.grangeoversandstowntouncil.gov.uk](http://www.grangeoversandstowntouncil.gov.uk)

### **g. Staff Pay Agreement 2025-26**

Members noted the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) announcement of staff pay agreement, from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. This was negotiated by the National Joint Council for local government services and applied to staff payments as contracted. The Chairman signed the updated salaries sheet.

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## h. Council Aims and Objectives

Members considered and reviewed the draft Aims and Objectives which were last reviewed in November 2024.

## RESOLVED

That the draft Aims and Objectives were approved.

Grange-over-Sands Town Council Budget Monitoring 3 months to 30 June 2025		Meeting: 11 August 2025			Prepared: July 2025	
		25%		Actual to date	Variance	% Spend to date
		Budget for year	Budget to date			
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>Sage Code</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Precept	4000	261,559	65,390	65,390	(0)	25%
Refreshment Sales	4009	-	-	220	220	Bandstand concerts
Sundry Receipts	4010	-	-	5	5	Reimbursement of underpaid postage
Interest Received	4015	-	-	-	0	
Grant Receipts - Running Costs WFC	4100	-	-	-	0	
Grant Receipts - General	4105	-	-	-	0	
Grant Receipts - WFC Council Tax	4106	-	-	-	0	
Grant Receipts - WFC Comm Infrastructure Levy	4107	-	-	7,142	7,142	Total CIL grant received £28,567.10
Donations Received	4115	1,200	300	-	(300)	0% No donations for Bandstand concerts
Donations for Assets	4116	-	-	-	0	
Donations - Victoria Hall	4117	-	-	10,105	10,105	Includes £10,000 VHSG lump sum donation
Tenanted Room Rent Receipts	4120	6,800	1,700	1,401	(299)	21% Room 6/7 (The Planning Office) vacant
Allotment Rent Receipts	4121	1,631	408	17	(391)	1% See 2nd quarter
Room Hire Receipts	4125	20,000	5,000	5,030	30	25%
Hospitality Recharged	4126	-	-	30	30	
Hall Team Recharged	4127	2,000	500	688	188	34%
Bay Villa Trust Admin Fee	4162	450	113	-	(113)	0% See 4th quarter
Commission Received	4170	-	-	15	15	Ticketsource referral income
Lease Registration Fees	4175	-	-	-	0	Cedric Walk
Toilet Entry Fees	4500	12,000	3,000	3,859	859	32% Entry price increased to 40p
Fund Raising Income	4600	500	125	-	(125)	Christmas Fair
		<b>306,140</b>	<b>76,535</b>	<b>93,901</b>	<b>17,366</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>Sage Code</b>	<b>Budget for year</b>	<b>Budget to date</b>	<b>Actual to date</b>	<b>%</b>
Fund Raising Expenditure	6170	200	50	-	(50)	0% Christmas Fair
Musicians' Fees	6200	1,200	300	100	(200)	8% Bandstand concerts (Milnthorpe Steel paid 2nd qua
Bandstand Staff Team Costs	6201	580	145	952	807	164% Chair set up/take down/Serving refreshments
Mobile Toilets	6220	750	188	175	(13)	23% For Bandstand concerts
Event Equipment	6550	-	-	1,265	1,265	Ice-cream freezer; 2nd hand freezer; trolley; cooler fridge; posters; 2 x banners
Event Refreshments - Purchases	6560	-	-	311	311	
Staff Salaries	7000	117,000	29,250	32,923	3,673	28%
Hall Team Salaries	7000	24,000	6,000	2,362	(3,638)	10% Excludes Bandstand Staff Team Costs - see code 62C
Pensions	7001	29,000	7,250	6,751	(499)	23%
Printing and Stationery	7010	650	163	249	86	38%

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EXPENDITURE cont...	Sage Code	Budget for year	Budget to date	Actual to date	Variance £	% Spend to date
		£	£	£	£	
Postage	7012	70	18	6	(12)	8%
Water	7015	5,400	1,350	1,481	131	27%
Business Rates	7020	10,000	2,500	2,648	148	26%
Telephone/Broadband	7025	650	163	141	(22)	22%
Insurance	7030	6,800	1,700	1,608	(92)	24%
Subscriptions	7040	1,355	339	1,036	698	76% Annual CALC, NALC, SLCC subscriptions
Information Technology	7046	9,000	2,250	4,189	1,939	47% Incls. HP Probook i5 laptop £1,290
Website	7047	2,500	625	-	(625)	0%
Travelling Expenses	7050	100	25	-	(25)	0%
Training Expenses	7052	1,600	400	120	(280)	8% Staff First Aid training
Civic Expenses	7055	300	75	33	(42)	11% Wreath VE Day
Hospitality	7065	100	25	55	30	55% Refreshments (see also code 4126 Hospitality Recharged)
Bank Charges	7070	240	60	53	(7)	22%
Audit Fees	7075	1,200	300	220	(80)	18% 6 mth to 31/03/25 internal audit fee
Accountancy Fees	7080	2,800	700	1,743	1,043	62% Accountancy £1,330 Y/e 31/03/25 & 3 months Payroll
Gas	7100	7,000	1,750	1,012	(738)	14%
Electricity	7105	6,050	1,513	715	(798)	12%
Christmas Lights	7106	4,800	1,200	1,425	225	30% Deposit for 2025
Donation Expenditure - Victoria Hall	7110	-	-	52	52	Thermobox with lid 45l and ice pack set
Hall Maintenance, Repairs and Renewals	7119	18,700	4,675	4,398	(277)	24% Incls. office LED lights £283; hall sound mixer control £772; building masonry inspection & repairs £1,050
Repairs and Maint. (Toilets, Rec Ground, Bandstand, Allotments & Public Domain)	7120	14,500	3,625	4,337	712	30% Incls. 3 x signs for Rec Ground £1,342; 50% contribution to bollard Park Rd Gardens £764; Rec Ground maint.
Professional Fees - Non Financial	7125	3,180	795	680	(115)	21% HR support
Toiletries and Cleaning Materials	7130	9,300	2,325	134	(2,191)	1% See below
Hall Cleaner	7131	-	-	1,998	1,998	New code - Budget incl. in code 7130
Rent Payable	7160	760	190	515	325	68% Rent bandstand & Grange Fell allotments
Card Handling Charges (Toilets only)	7190	1,300	325	359	34	28% Nayax card readers & service fee
Cleaning	7200	16,455	4,114	4,114	(0)	25% Toilets
Communications	7255	600	150	-	(150)	0%
Lengthsman	7455	8,000	2,000	2,985	985	37%
Parish Election Costs	7600	-	-	-	0	-
		<b>306,140</b>	<b>76,535</b>	<b>81,145</b>	<b>4,610</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Net profit (Loss)</b>		-	-	<b>12,756</b>		

## Balance Sheet Summary as at 30/06/25

Total Assets Less Total Liabilities **342,312**

**C25/78**

**Consultations**

**10**

There were no consultations.

**C25/79**

**Updates from Members**

**11**

Members received the following updates from Councillors on works in progress and meetings and events attended, including:

- a. **Clrs. Handley and Tych – Westmorland and Furness Affordable Housing 15 July 2025.**

The event was informative and not particularly encouraging.

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- b. **Cllr. Tych – CALC and Citizens Advice 24 July 2025.**  
Cllr. Tych was unable to attend due to a family emergency. He reported that the slides sent after the event were informative.
- c. **Cllr. Thomas - Cumbria Better Connected Meeting 30 July.**  
Northern are underway with repairs to Grange station building. Tim Farron MP is trying to find out who is responsible for repairing the paving on the Lancaster side – both Network Rail and Westmorland and Furness Council deny ownership. Northern refuse to install a radar key at the station lavatory to avoid vandalism.
- d. **Cllrs. Thomas, J. Walmsley, and Handley – PEAT Event 9 August.**  
This was an excellent event, and congratulations were offered to Peninsula Environment Action Together (PEAT) for their 'Let's Move' event.
- e. **Cllrs. Handley and Thomas – VHSG Meeting 7 August.**  
The Group has two new committee members – more volunteers are invited and encouraged to come forward.
- f. **Cllr. Handley – Westmorland and Furness Devolution Update 6 August.**  
There is no indication of what the effect having a mayor will have on residents' Council Tax bills.
- g. **Cllr. Handley – Westmorland and Furness Council's 'Inclusive and Green Growth' update on progress in developing their Economic Strategy 30 July.**  
This was focussed on housing in Barrow.
- h. **Cllr. Handley – Park Road Gardens Grounds Maintenance.**  
Cllr. Handley is involved in trying to improve matters; the topic was covered by Unitary Councillor Tim Bloomer in Item 3 of the meeting.

C25/80

Victoria Hall

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Members noted the following updates:

- a. **External Paintwork**  
The exterior painting works (resolved April 2025 C24/213) have been completed and the new blue woodwork much admired.
- b. **Stage Lighting**  
The stage lighting refit (resolved July 2025 C25/67) is complete, and the new lights were well received by Lake District Summer Music at their event in the Hall last week.

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C25/81

Westmorland and Furness Council

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**a. Devolution Update**

Members noted a letter, and supporting correspondence, from Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness Councils to central Government, requesting that any Cumbria Mayoral Election is deferred by a year to May 2027 to fit in with local elections and that Cllr. Bloomer gave an update on this in his report in Item 3.

**b. Premises Licence Application**

Members considered an application (Ref 046122) to the Unitary Council for a Premises Licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003.

**RESOLVED**

No response or comment to Westmorland and Furness Council was made.

**c. Bus Service**

Members noted correspondence about the 530 bus service, that the service continues to operate.

C25/82

Bailey Lane Level Crossing

14

Members considered correspondence from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the proposal to make an order for the extinguishment of the footpath at Bailey Lane and that any representations about or objections to the order must be submitted not later than 4 September 2025.

**RESOLVED**

That representation would be made to object to this Order, reiterating two points made previously; that the judgement of the Inspector that the crossing should re-open should be respected. The detail of the reiterations are as follows, having taken place at two meetings of the Town Council.

Grange Town Council reiterates:

**1. December 2022 (C22/134)**

At the meeting of Grange Town Council in December 2022, it was noted that the County Council had received a request to extinguish the public footpath that passes over the railway line at Bailey Lane and requested views on the proposal for inclusion in a report that would be presented to County Councillors for a decision on whether to proceed with this project.

The Town Council resolved as follows and this response was sent:

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## **RESOLVED**

That Grange Town Council would respond to the County Council that the application should be rejected. The Inspector decided that the crossing should re-open and that report should be acted on.

This means that Network Rail need to reinstate the crossing.

It would be a waste of public money to consider further applications from Network Rail to close the crossing. A clear, legal decision has been made by a government-appointed Inspector, and this decision should be respected and acted on.

### **2. April 2023 (C22/207)**

At the meeting of Grange Town Council in April 2023, members considered correspondence from the County Council and Rail Crossing Extinguishment Order and the 30 April 2023 deadline for responses.

The Town Council resolved as follows and this response was sent:

## **RESOLVED**

That the Town Council would respond expressing disappointment that the County Council did not abide by the Inspectors' professional judgment, which was based on fact, and that the County Council voted against the advice of their own officers. They made the decision not to re-open the crossing with no new evidence or reasoning and in opposition to the Inspectors' recommendation.

C25/83

**Christmas Lights**

**15**

- a. Members considered a quote to extend the provision in the contract with Lite Ltd to include eight more street column motifs on Main Street.

Members noted that the current annual cost of the lights is £4,751. To add eight new street columns motifs would be an extra £2,400 annually. This would take the total to £7,151 a year.

There is also a one-off charge for initial infrastructure of £2,400. This could come out of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) reserve funds and would bring the total for this year to £9,551.

- b. Members noted that to have new Christmas lights installed on street columns, Westmorland and Furness Council now require Town and Parish Councils to get street columns structurally tested.

Previously, Westmorland and Furness Council did this, but now are not providing the service, and require independent professional structural test reports.

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To date, it has not been possible to get any quotes for structural testing of street columns.

## **RESOLVED**

- i) That the quote from Lite Ltd. for an extra eight Christmas lights was approved in principle but that this cannot be actioned until the streetlights are structurally tested as required by Westmorland and Furness Council.
- ii) That quotes to provide structural testing of street columns continue to be sought.

**C25/84**

**Next Meeting**

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Members noted that the next Full Council Meeting would be held:

Monday 13 October 2025, 7.00pm, Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm.

**Signed:**

**Dated:**

**Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council**