

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 10 February 2025 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 10 FEBRUARY 2025

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 13 January 2025 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 planning 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 Vacancy

To note that the informal meetings with co-option candidates, scheduled for Wednesday 29 January, did not take place as the candidate withdrew their application.
The casual vacancy remains open.

b. Quarterly Financial Report

To approve the 9-month quarterly financial report to 31 December 2024 (*circulated*).

c. Victoria Hall Support Group (VHSG) Donation Report

To note that for the quarter to 31 December 2024, the following were purchased using donated funds from VHSG:

- Display rails for Room 4 - £171.90
- Wall clock for Room 4 - £25.68
- Timber for new projector stand - £27.50
- Lincat water boiler - £419.99

The remaining donation balance is £7,213.31. This is held in reserve.

d. IT Equipment

To note that Windows 10 support ends in October this year. This means if a device can be upgraded to Windows 11 it should be, and if not, it needs to be replaced.

The two office desktops (purchased March 2013 and August 2014) and the Hall Laptop (purchased January 2019) will not upgrade to Windows 11.

To consider quotes to replace devices.

e. Budget Publicity in '*Grange Now*'

To note that an article will be in '*Grange Now*' about the budget, cost to be confirmed.

10. Consultations

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

11. Updates from Members

To receive councillor updates on any works in progress and meetings and events attended.

12. Victoria Hall

To note any updates.

13. Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

To note any updates.

14. Correspondence from Police

To note correspondence from Cumbria Constabulary about their Neighbourhood Policing Pledge and consider the request for two council representatives to take part in meetings (*circulated*).

15. Rail Accident Investigation Branch Report

To note the Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) report into the derailment of a passenger train at Grange on 22 March 2024 (*circulated - press release and full report*).

These can also be read at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/report-022025-derailment-of-a-passenger-train-at-grange-over-sands>

16. Training

To note that Cllr. Tych was scheduled to take part in the CALC 'Councillor Module 2' online course on 6 February and Cllr. Mason took part in the online 'Tree Management' course on 21 January.

17. Staffing

To note an update on the recruitment for a Hall Administrator. Interviews were scheduled for Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 February 2025.

18. Next Meeting

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

Monday 10 March 2025 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm