

# 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 9 February 2026 commencing at 7.00 pm.

**Present:** Cllr. R. Handley – **Chair**

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

Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

**In attendance:** Westmorland and Furness Unitary Councillor T. Bloomer and 4 members of the public.

| Minute Ref: |                       | Agenda No: |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| C25/166     | Apologies for Absence | 1          |

Apologies were received from Cllr. W. Tych who was absent due to holiday.

### RESOLVED

That apologies from Cllr. W. Tych due to holiday were approved.

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C25/167

Public Participation: Public Have Your Say

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- Resident 1** Made representation to members regarding green waste collections.
- Council Response** Unitary Cllr. Tim Bloomer indicated that he would comment in his report.
- Resident 2** Made representation to members, speaking as a member of PEAT (Peninsula Environment Action Together), regarding Item 16, requesting support for their proposal to install a water fountain on the Prom, and giving an update on their *Let's Talk Travel and Transport* project.
- There is a display of the project work in the Library. PEAT aims to work with Town and Parish Councils to identify areas that needs specific action such as quiet lanes, ghost footpaths and traffic calming measures. They will be sending a questionnaire to all the local Town and Parish Councils.
- Resident 3** Made representation to members regarding concerns about parking on the pavement, parking enforcement, traffic speed control and asking if Westmorland and Furness Council could mark dropped kerbs and provide highways statistics.
- Spoke to object to Planning Application 2025/1227/FPA on grounds of noise nuisance, lack of parking and restricted highway access.

C25/168

Reports

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### Westmorland and Furness Council Report

Councillor Tim Bloomer reported:

- 1. Westmorland and Furness Council Revenue Funding**  
Central Government's *Fairer Funding Formula* has changed the way funding settlements for local councils are calculated. This will mean a significant reduction in revenue funding for the Unitary Council and subsequent financial pressure.
- 2. Waste Collection**  
Residents will be charged directly for green bin collections. There will be a £60 annual collection charge. There are no plans to charge residents to use the tip.
- 3. Accessibility on Main Street**  
Problems with the kerb, and pavement access, have been brought to the attention of Highways for inclusion in their work plan.

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4. **Victoria Hall** – Unitary Cllr. Helen Chaffey is going to contact the Town Council as portfolio holder for Communities, Customer Services, Culture and Communications. There may be some grants available that Grange Town Council could apply for from the Unitary Council, but Grange owns the Hall and will have to continue to rise to the challenge of looking after it. Cllr. Bloomer committed to help.
5. **Flooding at Cart Lane**  
This is a complex situation that the Unitary Council is working with other agencies and bodies to resolve. Residents are creating a Flood Action Group.
6. **Lido**  
There was no update on the Lido refurbishment works.

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Cllr. Roger Handley reported that he attended the *Friends of the Lake District* training on planning for Town Councils on 4 February 2026.

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| C25/169 | <b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> | 4 |
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| <b>RESOLVED</b> | That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 12 January 2026 were accepted as a true record. |
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| C25/170 | <b>Declarations of Interests and Dispensations</b> | 5 |
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| <b>NOTED</b> | There were no requests received for dispensations or declarations of interest. |
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| C25/171 | <b>Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item</b> | 6 |
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| <b>RESOLVED</b> | Those items 14 (a) and (b), Recreation Ground Maintenance and Cleaning Contracts, should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2 as they contained commercially sensitive information. |
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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. 2025/2336/FPA

Full Application

Yew Tree Playing Fields Yew Tree Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7AA

Siting of a metal storage container adjacent to the football pitch to provide secure storage for football equipment.

*Extension to comment deadline granted.*

**RESOLVED**

**NO OBJECTION**

The Town Council has no objection to having a facility to store equipment on the field but requests that the design is more fitting with the surroundings and in keeping with the Conservation Area.

b. 2026/0031/FPA

Full Application

Yewbarrow Lodge Main Street GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6EB

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission SL/2023/0467 (Demolition of existing building and erection of 9 Houses and 9 apartments with associated car parking and landscaping. (Major application))

*Extension to comment deadline granted.*

**RESOLVED**

The Town Council could not resolve to either object or support as it is not clear from the plans what any proposed changes are.

c. 2026/0086/HOU

Householder

Cragmere, Lyndene Drive GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6QP

Alterations to dwelling and replacement porch

**RESOLVED**

**NO OBJECTION**

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- d. 2025/1227/FPA  
Full Application  
Harrisons Lodge Kents Bank Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7EY  
Change of use from dwelling

## **RESOLVED OBJECTION**

Grange Town Council reiterates the OBJECTION made previously to this proposal.  
The objections made are on record.

There is nothing in the revised application that mitigates these concerns.

- The proposal is unneighbourly in the extreme, too close to permanent residences.
- Noise nuisance is a major concern for permanent neighbouring properties.
- The site is an unsuitable location for a multi-occupancy holiday let.
- Parking is inadequate – see the comments from Westmorland and Furness Council Highways.
- Road access would be dangerous - there is no turning circle, so vehicles would have to back in or out onto the main road.

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

- a. 2025/1840/FPA KIRK HEY KIRKHEAD ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7DB Full Application  
Approved With Conditions
- b. 2025/2043/FPA LAND OPPOSITE GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LIDO THE PROMENADE GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6DP Full Application Approved With Conditions
- c. 2025/1487/HOU HOLLYBANK EDEN MOUNT ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6BN Householder  
Approved With Conditions

## **C25/173 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.

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### 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 Handley would complete online authorisation of payments for the next payment period.

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

**RESOLVED**

- i) That Cllrs. E. Walmsley and Thomas would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.
- ii) That Cllr. Thomas would meet the Finance Administrator by appointment to complete verification.
- iii) That Cllr. E. Walmsley would meet the Town Clerk at 6.15pm prior to the next Full Council meeting to complete verification.

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## GRANGE-OVER-SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

### Payments for Approval

February 2026

#### 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

|      |   |        |          |
|------|---|--------|----------|
| 351  | Lloyds Bank Plc - Card Jan 2026 - Monthly fee               | 3.00   |          |
| 351a | Contrado - Montage wallpaper for Chamber (VHSG donation)    | 217.08 |          |
| 351b | Amazon - Projector mount for Chamber (VHSG donation)        | 45.98  |          |
| 351c | Amazon - Folding parking post                               | 59.99  |          |
| 351d | Smart Horizon - Fire Warden training                        | 24.00  | 350.05   |
| 352  | Npower - Elec V Hall 01/12-31/12/25                         |        | 327.30   |
| 353  | Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/12-31/12/25                 |        | 85.49    |
| 354  | Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/12-31/12/25                        |        | 41.35    |
| 355  | Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/12-31/12/25 (recoverable) |        | 261.36   |
| 356  | Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/12-01/01/26                   |        | 1,027.90 |
| 357  | Sage - Support 01/02-28/02/26                               |        | 126.00   |
| 358  | BT - Tel & Broadband 01/02-28/02/26                         |        | 53.94    |

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

|      |  |        |          |
|------|--|--------|----------|
| 359  | KTD - 6 x Cloud backup and monitoring 01/03-31/03/26                   | 67.20  |          |
| 360  | KTD - Photocopying January 2026  | 49.80  |          |
| 360a | KTD - Microsoft Entra ID annual fee 14/02/26-13/02/27                  | 66.24  |          |
| 360b | KTD - MFA/2FA for 365 support annual fee 14/02/26- 13/02/27            | 86.40  | 269.64   |
| 362  | Robinsons - Repair to strands on Xmas Tree lights (recoverable)        |        | 172.80   |
| 363  | Brayshaw Heating - Repair to gas boiler                                |        | 171.00   |
| 364  | S Lycett - Balance Chamber re-decoration (VHSG donation)               |        | 3,950.00 |
| 365  | Lamont Pridmore - Payroll services Oct - Dec 2025                      |        | 426.00   |
| 366  | JT Atkinson - Materials for corridor shelves                           |        | 149.51   |
| 367  | Screwfix - Contractor cleaning kit, Access lever, Hi Load bracket etc. |        | 221.62   |
| 368  | Turnstone HR - HR support 01/02-28/02/26                               |        | 75.00    |
| 369  | Debbie's Cleaning - V Hall cleaning 01/01-31/01/26                     |        | 648.00   |
| 370  | Healthmatic - PC cleaning 01/02-28/02/26                               |        | 1,715.94 |
| 371  | The Lawn Man - Recreation Ground maintenance - 01/12-31/01/26          |        | 818.00   |
| 372  | Lengthsman - 01/12-31/12/25  | 229.65 |          |
| 373  | Lengthsman - 01/01-31/01/26  | 734.88 | 964.53   |
| 374  | Hall Manager expenses - Moulded grating, Xmas wreaths, Shelf & tape    |        | 374.10   |
| 375  | Councillor expenses - Recruitment catering                             |        | 28.00    |

##### **Total Bank Account No. 2**

**12,257.53**

##### **Total Accounts**

**12,257.53**

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

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|---|------------------|
| <b>Total Salaries</b>                         | <b>9,402.19</b>  |
| HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 10                 | 3,446.34         |
| LG Pension Scheme Month 10 - Employer payment | 3,146.32         |
|   | <b>15,994.85</b> |
| <b>Total Bank Account No. 2</b>               | <b>28,252.38</b> |
| <b>Total all payments for approval</b>        | <b>28,252.38</b> |

## Accounts paid in previous month:

### Bank Account No. 1

#### Direct Debits

#### Cheques

### Bank Account No. 2

#### Direct Debits

|     |   |        |
|-----|---|--------|
| 348 | Waterplus - V Hall 06/12-05/01/26         | 168.06 |
| 349 | Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 07/12-06/01/26    | 90.50  |
| 350 | Waterplus - Church Hill PC 07/12-06/01/26 | 76.99  |

#### Direct Bank Payments

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| 361 | Lampenwelt GmbH - 6 x lights for Chamber (VHSG donation) | 1,293.76 |
| 364 | S Lycett - Deposit Chamber re-decoration (VHSG donation) | 1,000.00 |

**Total Accounts paid in previous month** **2,629.31**

**Grand Total** **30,881.69**

### Bank Balances

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Bank Account No. 1 As at 31/01/26 | 216,071.74 |
| Bank Account No. 2 As at 31/01/26 | 240,444.40 |

Signed (Chairman) .....

Dated.....

C25/174 Finance and Governance

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a. **Casual Vacancies**

There are two casual vacancies on the Town Council. Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information, or see [www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk)

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b. **Quarterly Financial Report**

Members considered the 9-month quarterly financial report to 31 December 2025.

**RESOLVED**

That the 9-month quarterly financial report to 31 December 2025, as below, was approved.

c. **Victoria Hall Support Group (VHSG) Donation Report**

Members noted that in the quarter to 31 December 2025 there were no purchases using VHSG donations. The balance remains unchanged from the last quarter at £15,717.33. The next quarter will reflect VHSG donations covering the Chamber refurbishments costs.

d. **Budget Publicity in 'Grange Now'**

Members considered putting an article in 'Grange Now' about the budget, cost to be confirmed.

**RESOLVED**

That an article in 'Grange Now' about the budget, cost to be confirmed, is published.

e. **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

Members noted receipt of £33,228.47 Community Infrastructure Levy funds. These are held in a ring-fenced reserve which now totals £66,508.48.

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| Grange-over-Sands Town Council                |           | Meeting: 9 February 2026 |                  |                  | Prepared: Jan 2026 |  |
|---|-----------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--|
| Budget Monitoring 9 months to 31 Dec 2025     |           | 75%                      |                  |                  |                    |  |
|   | Sage Code | Budget for year £        | Budget to date £ | Actual to date £ | Variance £         | % Spend to date  |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                 |           |                          |                  |                  |                    |  |
| Precept                                       | 4000      | 261,559                  | 196,169          | 196,169          | (0)                | 75%  |
| Refreshment Sales                             | 4009      | -                        | -                | 944              | 944                | Incls. Bandstand concerts                                  |
| Sundry Receipts                               | 4010      | -                        | -                | 25               | 25                 | Refund underpaid postage/Compensation Prom loo damage 2019 |
| Interest Received                             | 4015      | -                        | -                | -                | 0                  |  |
| Grant Receipts - General                      | 4105      | -                        | -                | -                | 0                  |  |
| Grant Receipts - WFC Comm Infrastructure Levy | 4107      | -                        | -                | 28,567           | 28,567             | Total CIL grant received                                   |
| Donations Received                            | 4115      | 1,200                    | 900              | 150              | (750)              | 13% Donation from Civic Society for Band concerts          |
| Donations for Assets                          | 4116      | -                        | -                | -                | 0                  |  |
| Donations - Victoria Hall                     | 4117      | -                        | -                | 60,342           | 60,342             | £10k VHSG donation & £50k Crane-Wexler donation            |
| Tenanted Room Rent Receipts                   | 4120      | 6,800                    | 5,100            | 4,464            | (636)              | 66% Room 6/7 (The Planning Office) no longer tenanted      |
| Allotment Rent Receipts                       | 4121      | 1,631                    | 1,223            | 1,607            | 383                | 99%  |
| Room Hire Receipts                            | 4125      | 20,000                   | 15,000           | 17,024           | 2,024              | 85%  |
| Hospitality Recharged                         | 4126      | -                        | -                | 287              | 287                |  |
| Hall Team Recharged                           | 4127      | 2,000                    | 1,500            | 3,436            | 1,936              | 172%   |
| Bay Villa Trust Admin Fee                     | 4162      | 450                      | 338              | -                | (338)              | 0% See 4th quarter   |
| Commission Received                           | 4170      | -                        | -                | 29               | 29                 | Ticketsource referral income                               |
| Lease Registration Fees                       | 4175      | -                        | -                | -                | 0                  | Cedric Walk  |
| Toilet Entry Fees                             | 4500      | 12,000                   | 9,000            | 9,568            | 568                | 80% Entry price 40p  |
| Fund Raising Income                           | 4600      | 500                      | 375              | 844              | 469                | 169% Christmas Fair  |
|   |           | <b>306,140</b>           | <b>229,605</b>   | <b>323,455</b>   | <b>93,850</b>      | <b>106%</b>  |

|                                | Sage Code | Budget for year £ | Budget to date £ | Actual to date £ | Variance £ | % Spend to date  |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>             |           |                   |                  |                  |            |  |
| Fund Raising Expenditure       | 6170      | 200               | 150              | 316              | 166        | 158% Christmas Fair  |
| Musicians' Fees                | 6200      | 1,200             | 900              | 400              | (500)      | 33% Bandstand concerts   |
| Band concert Staff Team Costs  | 6201      | 580               | 435              | 2,562            | 2,127      | 442% Chair set up/take down/Serving refreshments/Meetings                              |
| Mobile Toilets                 | 6220      | 750               | 563              | 450              | (113)      | 60% For Bandstand concerts   |
| Event Equipment                | 6550      | -                 | -                | 1,265            | 1,265      | Ice-cream freezer; 2nd hand freezer; trolley; cooler box; fridge; posters; 2 x banners |
| Event Refreshments - Purchases | 6560      | -                 | -                | 399              | 399        |  |
| Staff Salaries                 | 7000      | 117,000           | 87,750           | 108,417          | 20,667     | 93%  |
| Hall Team Salaries             | 7000      | 24,000            | 18,000           | 11,462           | (6,538)    | 48% Excludes Band concert Staff Team Costs - see code 6201                             |
| Pensions                       | 7001      | 29,000            | 21,750           | 22,566           | 816        | 78%  |
| Printing and Stationery        | 7010      | 650               | 488              | 704              | 217        | 108%   |

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| EXPENDITURE cont...   | Sage Code | Budget for year<br>£ | Budget to date<br>£ | Actual to date<br>£ | Variance<br>£ | % Spend to date  |
|---|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|--|
| Postage   | 7012      | 70                   | 53                  | 24                  | (28)          | 34%  |
| Water   | 7015      | 5,400                | 4,050               | 3,380               | (670)         | 63%  |
| Business Rates  | 7020      | 10,000               | 7,500               | 7,943               | 443           | 79%  |
| Telephone/Broadband   | 7025      | 650                  | 488                 | 411                 | (76)          | 63%  |
| Insurance   | 7030      | 6,800                | 5,100               | 4,951               | (149)         | 73%  |
| Subscriptions   | 7040      | 1,355                | 1,016               | 1,036               | 20            | 76% Annual CALC, NALC, SLCC subscriptions  |
| Information Technology  | 7046      | 9,000                | 6,750               | 6,831               | 81            | 76% Incls. HP Probook i5 laptop £1,290 & Terra 1517 i5 laptop £875   |
| Website   | 7047      | 2,500                | 1,875               | 828                 | (1,047)       | 33%  |
| Travelling Expenses   | 7050      | 100                  | 75                  | -                   | (75)          | 0%   |
| Training Expenses   | 7052      | 1,600                | 1,200               | 650                 | (550)         | 41% First Aid/Fire Warden/Data Protection Compliance toolkit £495  |
| Civic Expenses  | 7055      | 300                  | 225                 | 96                  | (129)         | 32% Wreaths VE Day & VJ Day  |
| Hospitality   | 7065      | 100                  | 75                  | 131                 | 56            | 131% Refreshments (see also code 4126 Hospitality Recharged)   |
| Bank Charges  | 7070      | 240                  | 180                 | 174                 | (6)           | 72%  |
| Audit Fees  | 7075      | 1,200                | 900                 | 1,292               | 392           | 108% 2 x Internal and external audit fee to 31/03/25   |
| Accountancy Fees  | 7080      | 2,800                | 2,100               | 2,438               | 338           | 87% Accountancy £1,330 Y/e 31/03/25 & 9 months payroll   |
| Gas   | 7100      | 7,000                | 5,250               | 4,006               | (1,244)       | 57%  |
| Electricity   | 7105      | 6,050                | 4,538               | 2,932               | (1,605)       | 48%  |
| Christmas Lights  | 7106      | 4,800                | 3,600               | 8,088               | 4,488         | 169% 2025 + 8 x Startorches/9 x stress testing/8 x column conversions  |
| Donation Expenditure - Victoria Hall  | 7110      | -                    | -                   | 836                 | 836           | Thermobox/Ice pack set/Chest Freezer/Chairs/cushions Planning Office   |
| Hall Maintenance, Repairs and Renewals  | 7119      | 18,700               | 14,025              | 35,705              | 21,680        | 191% Incls. hall LED lights £19,195; redecoration hall exterior £4,056; building masonry inspection & repairs £1,050 |
| Repairs and Maint. (Toilets, Rec Ground, Bandstand, Allotments & Public Domain) | 7120      | 14,500               | 10,875              | 8,640               | (2,235)       | 60% 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                | 2,385               | 828                 | (1,557)       | 26% Incls. HR support/Premises Licence   |
| Toiletries and Cleaning Materials   | 7130      | 9,300                | 6,975               | 637                 | (6,338)       | 7% See below   |
| Hall Cleaner  | 7131      | -                    | -                   | 6,174               | 6,174         | New code - Budget incl. in code 7130   |
| Rent Payable  | 7160      | 760                  | 570                 | 807                 | 237           | 106% Rent bandstand & Grange Fell/Yewbarrow allotments   |
| Card Handling Charges (Toilets only)  | 7190      | 1,300                | 975                 | 1,285               | 310           | 99% Nayax card readers & service fee   |
| Cleaning  | 7200      | 16,455               | 12,341              | 12,870              | 528           | 78% Toilets  |
| Communications  | 7255      | 600                  | 450                 | 901                 | 451           | 150% Adverts for Finance Administrator/Grounds Contractor  |
| Lengthsman  | 7455      | 8,000                | 6,000               | 8,724               | 2,724         | 109% Excludes December. Incls. Skip hire   |
| Parish Election Costs   | 7600      | -                    | -                   | -                   | 0             |  |
|   |           | <b>306,140</b>       | <b>229,605</b>      | <b>271,160</b>      | <b>41,555</b> | <b>89%</b>   |
| <b>Net profit (Loss)</b>  |           | -                    | -                   | <b>52,295</b>       |               |  |

Balance Sheet Summary as at 31/12/25

Total Assets Less Total Liabilities

**381,851**

**C25/175**

**Consultations**

**10**

There were no consultations.

**C25/176**

**Updates from Members**

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

Cllr. Thomas – **Cumbria Better Connected** – reported that the windows at Grange station are going to be replaced.

There will be significant disruption at Manchester Piccadilly from 14 - 22 February 2026.

a. **Chamber Renovation**

Members noted that decoration is now complete and lights have been purchased. The renovation of the Chamber is being funded by donations from the Victoria Hall Support Group.

Members noted an update, that the lights have now been installed.

Councillors congratulated the Hall Manager and Hall Administrator on their achievement in transforming the room.

b. **The Planning Office (Room 6/7)**

Members noted that an application for Listed Building Consent has been submitted to Westmorland and Furness Council, to remove the partition wall, as resolved in December 2025.

a. **Community Governance Review**

Members considered any response to the second consultation for the Community Governance Review, noting that Westmorland are proposing to take forward the response the Town Council gave to the first consultation, resolved November 2025 (C25/117) that:

*Grange Town Council requests that the wards are removed and that the nine Councillors all work together to represent all residents in an unwarded parish.*

**RESOLVED**

That no further response is required as Westmorland and Furness Council have taken forward the proposal made by the Town Council to the first consultation.

b. **Public Conveniences Fund Launch**

Members noted correspondence received on 30 January from Westmorland and Furness Council, that they are launching a capital investment fund to support the ongoing sustainability of public conveniences.

Members noted that the original closing date for the receipt of applications and supporting documentation was Friday 20 February 2026 with successful applicants notified the w/c 2 March.

Members noted an update from the Town Clerk that Westmorland had revised the timescale:

*Following the communications previously sent regarding the Public Convenience Capital Investment Fund, feedback has been considered in terms of the deadline for*

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*application submissions and the challenges with obtaining quotations within this timeframe. Therefore, in order to support applicants, we are able to extend the deadline until Friday 13th March.*

### **RESOLVED**

That an application would be made to the fund if quotes could be obtained in time.

#### **C25/179 Recreation Ground**

**14**

a. **Grounds Maintenance Contract**

To consider responses to the Invitation to Tender for the maintenance of the Recreation Ground and award the contract.

*This item was considered in Part Two of the meeting.*

b. **Site Cleaning**

To consider quote to deep-clean the surfaces of the skate park, tennis court, and MUGA.

*This item was considered in Part Two of the meeting.*

c. **Skate Ramps**

Members noted that work is underway to find a contractor to renew the surfaces of the skate ramps.

#### **C25/180 Bailey Lane Level Crossing**

**15**

Members considered response to the Planning Inspectorate's correspondence about the Public Inquiry scheduled for June 2026.

### **RESOLVED**

That the Town Council will not be making any representation to the Inquiry or attending the Inquiry.

The Town Council's objection to the Order was to reiterate that the judgement of the Inspector at the first Public Inquiry, that the crossing should re-open, should be respected and acted on.

It is a waste of public money to hold a second Public Inquiry. A government-appointed Inspector made a clear, legal decision, and this decision should be upheld.

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### C25/181 PEAT Water Fountain Project

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Members considered the proposal from PEAT (Peninsula Environment Action Together) that they apply to Sea Changes for a water fountain to install at the public conveniences on the Prom.

#### RESOLVED

That the Town Council would support PEAT (Peninsula Environment Action Together) in their application to Sea Changes for a water fountain on the Prom, by granting permission for the fountain to be installed at the public conveniences and funding the water supply.

### C25/182 Music in the Park

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Members noted that the annual application to Westmorland and Furness Council for an Events Licence, for permission to hold the Music in the Park concert season, has been submitted. This cost £35.

Members noted an update from the Town Clerk, that a Street Collections Licence was also required to run these events and that this is being applied for.

### C25/183 Training

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#### Planning Training

A training session on planning was scheduled at the Victoria Hall, delivered by the *Friends of the Lake District*, in exchange for a donation, on 4 February 2026 at 7pm.

Cllrs. Handley, Thomas, A. Walmsley, and Mason, B. Berry and the Town Clerk took part.

Members noted an update from the attendees, that it was an excellent session, helpful in giving an oversight of the whole planning process, and the current reforms.

#### RESOLVED

That a donation of £100 is given to the *Friends of the Lake District* in exchange for the Planning Training session, as agreed, held on 4 February 2026 at the Victoria Hall.

### C25/184 Staffing

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Members noted that a new Finance Administrator has been appointed.

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**C25/185**

**Part Two**

**6**

**RESOLVED**

That the meeting moves to Part Two.

**C25/186**

**Recreation Ground**

**14**

a. **Grounds Maintenance Contract**

Members considered responses to the Invitation to Tender for the maintenance of the Recreation Ground.

**RESOLVED**

That the contract for the maintenance of the Recreation Ground was awarded to Paul Johnson Property Developments, for one year from 1 April 2026, with an annual cost of £7,140.

b. **Site Cleaning**

Members considered quotes to deep-clean the surfaces of the skate park, tennis court, and MUGA.

**RESOLVED**

That the quote from Aqua Clean Cumbria of £6,921.50 to deep-clean the surfaces of the skate park, tennis court and MUGA at the Recreation Ground was approved.

**C25/187**

**Next Meeting**

**20**

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

Monday 9 March 2026, 7.00pm Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

**Signed:**

**Dated:**

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