

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 March 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 MARCH 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 10 February 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 Vacancies

The Notice of Casual Vacancy in South Ward due to the resignation of Claire Logan was published on 13 February 2025.

As fourteen days have now elapsed, and no election has been called, the Town Council can now co-opt to fill the vacancy.

There are now two casual vacancies. Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information, or see

www.grangeoversandtowncouncil.gov.uk

b. Budget Publicity in 'Grange Now'

To note that an article has been put in 'Grange Now' about the budget, costing £307.97 + VAT.

c. Annual Authorisation of Payments

To approve the annual review of payments made by variable direct debit and standing order and to approve the use of BACS payments in compliance with Grange Town Council Financial Regulations (*circulated*).

10. Consultations

To consider the Council's participation in appropriate consultations:

a. Devolution Priority Programme (DPP)

This consultation seeks views on a proposal to form a Mayoral Combined Authority for the local government areas of Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness.

The full consultation document can be found on the GOV.UK page

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/cumbria-devolution>

Deadline for the consultation is 11.59pm on 13 April 2025.

To take part and have your say, please visit: <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/lggc/cumbria-devolution-consultation>.

(circulated – correspondence from CALC)

11. Updates from Members

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

a. Cllr. Thomas – Lido Gallery

b. Cllr. Thomas – Civic Society AGM

12. Victoria Hall

To note that following a theft at the Hall, security arrangements are being reviewed.

13. Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

To note any updates.

14. Furness Line Action Group (FLAG)

To consider the July 2024 press release issued by FLAG and presented to the Council in Item 2 Public Participation 'Have Your Say' at the previous meeting (*circulated*).

15. Public Conveniences

To note correspondence from Healthmatic about the annual cleaning contract review. The contract ends in March 2027; the contract price is increasing by £1,530.32, from the existing annual price of £16,455 to £17,985 (*circulated*).

16. Recreation Ground

To note that the putting greens are getting damaged by dog owners exercising their pets on the space. The consequent dog poo is a significant problem for maintenance of the greens.

To consider the quote below for two signs for the same specification as the street workout sign:

Keep the A4 sign on 76mm diameter powder coated white post with all clips and caps needed at the previous price of £288 plus vat each, then installation for the pair would be £358.00 plus vat making a job total of £934.00 plus vat fitted.

17. Training

Councillor Training

To note that:

- a. Cllr. Tych took part in the 'Councillor Module 2' online course.
- b. Cllr. Mason took part in online courses about Village Greens and Common Ground.

18. Staffing

Hall Administrator

To note that the Hall Administrator will start in May and to approve the revised salaries sheet to include the appointment.

19. Next Meeting

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

Monday 7 April 2025 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, to be held after the Annual Town Meeting, which starts at 7pm.