Grange-over-Sands Town Council

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Minutes

Full Council Monday 12 October 2026

Present: Cllr. Roger Handley – Chair

Cllr. Ann Walmsley, Cllr. Tricia Thomas, Cllr. Barbara Berry.

Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

Attending: Westmorland and Furness Unitary Councillor Tim Bloomer and 2 members of the public.

Moment of Reflection

Before the meeting commenced, a moment of reflection was held in honour and memory of Bob Neathway, who died on 9 August 2026.

C26.91 Apologies for Absence **Agenda Item 1**

RESOLVED Apologies from Cllr. J. Walmsley due to work commitments, from Cllr. E. Walmsley due to holiday and Cllr. Tych due to unexpected family commitment were approved.

NOTED That Cllr. Julie Mason has resigned from the Town Council. The Notice of Casual Vacancy will be published, and Westmorland and Furness Council informed. Julie was thanked for her contribution to the Town Council.

C26.92 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say **Agenda Item 2**

Speaker 1 Made representation to the Council regarding the lime trees at the top of Yewtree Road, querying why not all of them have been pollarded.

Council Response This work was done by Westmorland and Furness Unitary Council. Unitary Cllr. Bloomer said he would investigate and report back.

C26.93 Reports **Agenda Item 3**

Westmorland and Furness Councillor Tim Bloomer

1. **Budget** – Westmorland and Furness budgets will be cut by 15% in the next financial year.
2. **Planning** – following decisions from central Government, the planning system is changing dramatically so council officers will make most of the decisions rather than planning committees. All Westmorland councillors have lost their right to 'call in' a decision to ensure it is heard by a committee. There will now be a single planning committee for the whole area.
3. **Tour de France** – the event will be in July 2027, and funding is available for communities to support and celebrate the event.

The Mayor, Cllr. Roger Handley

Reported that he attended an online meeting about changes to the planning system on 17 September 2026 and a briefing on local policing, the Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee, on 15 September 2026.

C26.94 Minutes of the Previous Meeting **Agenda Item 4**

RESOLVED That the Chair was authorised to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10 August 2026 as a true record.

C26.95 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations **Agenda Item 5**

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

C26.96 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 **Agenda 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.

C26.97 Planning **Agenda Item 7**

1. Members considered the following full or outline planning permission applications and reserved matters, discharge of conditions, listed building consent, change of use, advertising consent, withdrawals, and appeals:

a. **2026/1824/PIP**
Permission in Principle
Land North of Allithwaite Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11
Permission in principle for a residential development of between seven and nine dwellings.
Extension to comment deadline requested.

RESOLVED
OBJECTION
Grange Town Council objects to this development on the grounds that:
1. The proposal would represent overdevelopment of the site.
2. The development would be inappropriate as it would be in the green gap between the settlements of Allithwaite and Grange-over-Sands.

b. **2026/1230/HOU**
Householder
Pear Tree Cottage Windermere Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6JT
Single storey rear extension
The reason(s) for this re-consultation are as follows: Please pay consideration to amended plans and supporting material (dated 25/09/26).

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

c. **2026/1814/HOU**
Householder
Silver Royd 16 Kirkhead Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7DB
Erection of single storey front extension and roof alterations

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

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

a. 2026/0328/FPA LINGWOOD PARK CARTMEL ROAD LA11 7QA Full Application Approved With Conditions
b. 2026/1436/LDEX 20 FELL COTTAGES GRANGE FELL ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6AH Lawful Development Certificate - Existing Use Approved
c. 2026/1145/FPA SPRINGFIELD METHVEN ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7DU Full Application Approved With Conditions

d. 2026/1060/FPA 9 LOWTHER GARDENS GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7EX Full Application Approved With Conditions
e. 2026/1397/FPA GARTH HOUSE KENTS BANK ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7HD Full Application Refused
f. 2026/1264/NMA SKY LARK 11 HAZELWOOD COURT LINDALE ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6SP Non-Material Amendment Approved
g. 2026/1368/FPA LYTHCOE HOUSE KENTS BANK ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7EY Full Application Approved With Conditions
h. 2026/1532/LDPR 28 OVERSANDS VIEW GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7BW Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed Use Approved

3. Planning Committee Alerts

2026/1060/FPA
9, Lowther Gardens, Grange-over-Sands, LA11 7EX
Members noted that the above application was reported to the South Lakeland Local Area Planning Committee on Thursday, 10th September 2026.

4. Appeals

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78
APPEAL REF: 2025/1227/APP
PINS REF: 6015182
LOCATION: Harrisons Lodge Kents Bank Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7EY
PROPOSAL: Change of use from dwelling (Use Class C3) to holiday let (Use Class Sui generis)
APPELLANT: Up North Real Estate Ltd
APPEAL START DATE: 27 August 2026

Members noted that an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Westmorland & Furness Council to refuse to grant planning permission.

C26.98 Finance - Monthly Payments **Agenda Item 8**

Councillor Verification and Payment Approval

a. Members noted that prior to the meeting two councillors verified invoices received and payments made since the last full council meeting and verified their authenticity.

b. Members noted that two councillors verified that the monthly bank reconciliation took place.

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

d. **RESOLVED**
That Cllrs. A. Walmsley and Handley would complete online authorisation of payments for the next payment period.

e. **RESOLVED**
That Cllrs. Berry and Thomas would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period and would meet the Finance Administrator by appointment to complete verification.

C26.99 Finance and Governance **Agenda Item 9**

a. **Statutory Document Review**
RESOLVED That the updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were approved.

b. **Partnership Policy**
RESOLVED That the Partnership Working Policy, revised to include Morecambe Bay Partnership, as resolved at the previous meeting was approved.

c. **Risk Assessments – Finance and Governance**
RESOLVED That the report for Finance and Governance Risk Assessments and the Finance, Governance, Website and IT and Business Continuity Risk Assessments were approved.

d. **Internal Audit Plan**
RESOLVED That the Internal Audit Plan for financial year 2026-27 was approved.

e. **Internal Auditor**
RESOLVED That Mrs. G. Airey was appointed Internal Auditor for financial year 2026-27.

f. **Risk Assessments – Operational**
Members noted the reviewed Remembrance and Legionella Risk Assessments and that the water bottle refill station at the Prom Loo is now included in the Legionella Risk Assessment.

RESOLVED That the Risk Assessment Record and the following Risk Assessments reviewed as part of the annual review schedule were approved: Legionella Risk Assessment; Remembrance Risk Assessment.

g. **Policies Review**
RESOLVED That the Legionella Policy, reviewed in accordance with the Policies Review Schedule and no material changes made, was approved.

h. **Bank Authorisation**
RESOLVED That Cllr. Berry was approved as a signatory to authorise bank payments.

i. **Casual Vacancies**
Members noted that there are now two casual vacancies on the Town Council, the latest caused by the resignation of Cllr. Julie Mason on 12 October 2026. Anyone interested in getting involved was invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information.

j. **2026/27 National Salary Scales**
RESOLVED That the NALC announcement of the staff pay agreement for 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027, negotiated by the National Joint Council for local government services was applied to staff payments as contracted.

k. **External Audit year ended 31 March 2026 – Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)**
Members noted correspondence and considered approving and accepting that the external audit of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2026 had been completed and published.

RESOLVED That the external audit of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2026, as completed and published, was approved and accepted.

The Town Clerk and Finance Administrator were thanked for their work in achieving a successful audit.

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Payments List				Sept 2026
Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit			£	-
Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque			£	-
	Total Bank Account No. 1		**£**	**-**
Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits				
159	Lloyds Bank Plc - Card Aug 2026 - Monthly fee	£ 3.00		
159 a	Amazon - Katrin Classic System Toilet Eco Paper 8th Aug 2026	£ 77.36		
159 b	Amazon - A4 Laminating Pouches 8th Aug 2026	£ 11.00		
159 c	Amazon - Digital Room Thermometer 10th Aug 2026	£ 12.61		
159 d	Amazon - iPhone Charger Fast Charge & USB Desk Fan 10th Aug 2026	£ 56.97		
159 e	Amazon - A4 Laminating Pouches 10th Aug 2026	£ 9.00		
159 f	Amazon - Paper Hand Towel Eco Natural 10th Aug 2026	£ 54.96		
159 g	Amazon - Multipurpose Wiping Paper Blue Roll 10th Aug 2026	£ 20.59		
159 h	Amazon - Toilet Dispenser With Core Catcher 14th Aug 2026	£ 38.22		
159 i	Amazon - Eco All-surface Cleaner 16th Aug 2026	£ 20.51		
159 j	Amazon - Toilet Bowl Cleaner & Quiet table fan 16th Aug 2026	£ 28.98		
159 k	Amazon - Monitor Wall Mount 20th Aug 2026	£ 32.48		
159 l	Amazon - Computer Monitor 20th Aug 2026	£ 51.50		
159 m	Amazon - CCTV compliant GDPR Sign 21st Aug 2026	£ 9.03		
159 n	Amazon - Large Sticky Pad Notebook 21st Aug 2026	£ 13.07		
159 o	Amazon - CCTV Sign Aluminum 21st Aug 2026	£ 11.67		
159 p	Amazon - Laminating Pouches 21st Aug 2026	£ 34.20	**£**	**485.15**
160	WFC - 5/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall		£	725.00
161	WFC - 5/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3		£	176.00
162	WFC - 5/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4		£	98.00
163	WFC - 4/9 Non Dom Rates Rooms 6 & 7		£	154.00
164	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/07/26 - 31/07/26		£	107.75
165	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/07/26 - 31/07/26		£	54.46
166	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/07/26 - 31/07/26 (recoverable)		£	36.33
167	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/07/26 - 01/08/26		£	131.37
168	Sage - Support 01/08/26 - 31/08/26		£	126.00
169	BT - Tel & Broadband 01/07/26 - 31/07/26		£	58.74
170	Bank Charges - 01 Aug 2026 - 31 Aug 2026		£	16.90
Bank Account No. 2 - Bank Payments				
171	Paul Johnson Property Development - Rec Ground Maintenance Aug 2026		£	595.00
172	Welbum & Wood Fundraising Soultions - W&F CIL Stage 2 Ap.		£	900.00
173	Duddon Hire - Portaloo Hire, Padlock & Collection 27th-31st June 26 (MITP)		£	270.00
174	KTD - 6 x Cloud backup and monitoring 01/10-31/10/26		£	67.20
175	Healthmatic - PC cleaning 01/09/26 - 30/09/26		£	1,779.43
176	1 Five Events & Film - Standard Servicing 11th Aug 2026		£	320.00
177	**Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band - 2nd Aug 2026 (MITP) Invoice Error - Reissued 177a**		**-£**	**200.00**
177a	Amended Invoice Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band - 2nd Aug 2026 (MITP)		£	150.00
178	The Dobsons - Jet Washing		£	120.00
179	The Dobsons - Collection & Develiery of Oven		£	36.00
180	A Thould & Sons Window Cleaning - 12th Aug 2026		£	45.00
181	A Thould & Sons Window Cleaning - 10th June 2026		£	45.00
182	Hall Expenses - Milk & Victoria Hall Plants		£	9.80
183	JT Atkinson - Sika One Strike Filler		£	9.92
184	Lengthsman 01/07/26 - 31/07/26		£	734.88
185	Hall Team Expenses - Vic Hall Refreshments Biscuits, Milk, Tea		£	22.95
186	KTD - Photocopying Aug 2026		£	56.32
187	Turnstone HR - HR support 01/09/26 - 30/09/26		£	75.00
188	1 Five Events & Film - Wireless Upgrade & 1 x Router		£	475.00

Bank Account No. 2 - Bank Payments Continued...				Page 2 of 2
189	Lancasters - Padlock & Keys, Pruners, Drill Bits, W-Can, Weedkiller			£ 107.00
190	Debbie's Cleaning - V Hall cleaning 01/08/26 - 31/08/26			£ 621.00
191	Councillors Expenses - Parking Ticket 1st Sept 2026			£ 3.50
192a	Councillors Expenses - ScrewFix Seal & Weatherstrip 2nd Sept 2026	£	3.50	
192b	Screwfix - Insulations for Doors Seal, Weatherstrip	£	76.78	£ 80.28
193	JT Atkinson - Wood for Stage edging strip (Vic Hall)			£ 31.45
	Total Bank Account No. 2			**£ 8,524.43**
Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Bank Account No. 2)				
	Total Salaries			**£ 10,152.33**
	LG Pension Scheme Month 2 - Employer payment			£ 3,271.40
	HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 2			£ 2,966.05
	Total Salaries, HMRC & Pension			**£ 16,389.78**
	Total Bank Account No. 2			**£ 24,914.21**
	Total all payments for approval			**£ 24,914.21**
Accounts paid in previous month:				
Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit				£ -
Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque				£ -
	Total Bank Account No. 1			**£ -**
Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits				
194	Waterplus - V Hall 6th July - 5th Aug 2026			£ 198.50
195	Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 7th July - 6th Aug 2026			£ 84.50
196	Waterplus - Church Hill PC 7th July - 6th Aug 2026			£ 119.15
197	Bank Charges - 01 July 2026 - 31 July 2026			£ 17.35
Bank Account No. 2 - Bank Payments				
198	Radii Skate Park Repairs - Rec Ground Anti Slip paint 17th Aug 26 (CIL)			£ 2,500.00
199	Wilson Robinson - Carpet Tiles fitted, 14th Aug 26 - (C26.68) **(VHSG)**			£ 4,321.20
	Total Accounts paid in previous month			**£ 7,240.70**
	Grand Total			**£ 32,154.91**
Bank Balances				
	Bank Account No. 1 As at 31/08/26			£ 222,011.29
	Bank Account No. 2 As at 31/08/26			£ 372,676.67
Signed (Chairman)		**Dated.....**		

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Payments List — Oct 2026

Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit		£	-
Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque		£	-
	Total Bank Account No. 1	£	-
Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits			
200	Lloyds Bank Plc - Credit Card Sept 2026 - Monthly Fee Statement Delayed		
201	Unity Trust Bank Charges - 01 Sept 2026 - 30 Sept 2026	£	20.65
202	WFC - 7/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall	£	725.00
203	WFC - 7/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3	£	176.00
204	WFC - 7/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4	£	98.00
205	WFC - 6/9 Non Dom Rates Rooms 6 & 7	£	154.00
206	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/08/26 - 31/08/26	£	86.65
207	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/08/26 - 31/08/26	£	52.99
208	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/08/26 - 31/08/26 (recoverable)	£	114.48
209	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/08/26 - 01/09/26	£	132.34
210	Sage - Support 01/09/26 - 30/09/26	£	126.00
211	BT - Tel & Broadband 01/10/26 - 31/10/26	£	58.74
Bank Account No. 2 - Bank Payments			
212	Rec Ground Maintenance - Sept 2026	£	595.00
213	Moore East Midlands - External Auditor Fees (2025/2026)	£	1,260.00
214	Duddon Hire Aug 2026	£	216.00
215	UK Office Direct - Pencils, Eraser, Yorkshire Tea Bags, Hand Towels, Pens	£	90.65
216	KTD - Photocopying Sept 2026	£	73.92
217	KTD - 6 x Cloud backup and monitoring 01/11-30/11/26	£	67.20
218	KTD - Microsoft license for 1 x email account 01/11/26-31/10/27	£	44.64
219	Lamont Pridmore - Professional Services to 31st March 2026	£	2,094.00
220	Grange Now - Advent for Toilet Tender Sept 2026	£	128.47
221	Hall Team Expenses - Spar, Milk for event	£	3.50
222	Staff Expenses - 2x Calender 2027 Year Book	£	28.96
223	Turnstone HR - HR support 01/10/26 - 31/10/26	£	75.00
224	Debbie's Cleaning - V Hall cleaning 01/09/26 - 30/09/26	£	702.00
225	Healthmatic - PC cleaning 01/10/26 - 31/10/26	£	1,779.43
226	Joel Davenport - Windows Cleaned Sept 2026	£	38.00
227	NPG - Alarm repair due to Leak 11th Sept 2026	£	234.00
228	Duddon Fire - Annual Service 11th Sept 2026	£	180.60
229	Lancasters - Paint, Weedkiller & Screws Sept 2026	£	58.45
230	Furness Fluid Power - Stage inspection Sept 2026	£	1,653.60
231	Lengthsman 01/09/26 - 31/09/26	£	520.54
232	Councillor Expenses - Parking 7th Oct 2026	£	3.50
233	Staff Expenses - Business Cards	£	68.00
234	Staff Expenses - Business Card Holder, Stage Straps	£	22.75
	Total Bank Account No. 2	**£**	**11,683.06**
	Total Accounts	**£**	**11,683.06**

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Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Bank Account No. 2)			
	Total Salaries		**£ 10,850.60**
	HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 6		£ 3,505.16
	LG Pension Scheme Month 6 - Employer payment		£ 2,976.44
			£ 17,332.20
	Total Bank Account No. 2		**£ 29,015.26**
	Total all payments for approval		**£ 29,015.26**
Accounts paid in previous month:			
Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit			£ -
Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque			£ -
	Total Bank Account No. 1		**£ -**
Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits			
235	Waterplus - V Hall 6th Aug - 5th Sept 2026		£ 173.73
236	Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 7th Aug - 6th Sept 2026		£ 134.02
237	Waterplus - Church Hill PC 7th Aug - 6th Sept 2026		£ 119.15
Bank Account No. 2 - Bank Payments			
	Total Accounts paid in previous month		**£ 426.90**
	Grand Total		**£ 29,442.16**
Bank Balances			
	Bank Account No. 1 As at 30/09/26 Statement Delayed		
	Bank Account No. 2 As at 30/09/26		£ 356,503.16
Signed (Chairman)		**Dated.....**	

C26.100 Consultations **Agenda Item 10**

Members considered the Council's participation in appropriate consultations: no consultations.

C26.101 Member Updates **Agenda Item 11**

Members received the following updates on works in progress and meetings and events not covered in other agenda items:

a. **Cllrs. Handley and Thomas – Councillor Surgery - 15 August 2026.**
There was no representation from the community.

b. **Cllr. Handley - Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee - 15 September 2026** – report at Item 3.

c. **Cllr. Thomas – Furness Line Community Rail Partnership - 10 September 2026.**
Attended the meeting but no updates for Grange specifically.

d. **Cllr. Thomas – Cumbria Better Connected – 17 September 2026.**
There has been no progress on Sunday working for train conductors, so timetables are still limited. Under 16's season ticket has been extended to older students. Windermere bus trials were well-subscribed and successful.

e. **Cllrs. Thomas, Berry, and Handley - National Scheme of Delegation - Changes to the Planning System – 17 September 2026.**
A useful meeting concerning the new National Scheme of Delegation for planning decisions, which comes into force on 31 October 2026.

f. **Cllr. Berry – Westmorland and Furness 'Meet Miranda' (new CEO) - 6 October 2026.**
Attended the meeting where the new CEO outlined her goals for the area.

g. **Cllr. Berry - Morecambe Bay Fringe Festival – 8 October 2026.**
Had a walking tour of Grange looking at venues with the organisers to explore bringing the Festival to Grange in 2027.

C26.102 Victoria Hall **Agenda Item 12**

a. **Victoria Hall Working Party**
Members noted that meetings of the Working Party took place on 2 September and 7 October 2026, to discuss fundraising for Project 125, and research the best solution for heating the Hall.

On 2 September, Cllrs. Handley, A. Walmsley, J. Walmsley, Thomas and Berry, the Hall Manager, Hall Administrator and Town Clerk attended. Westmorland and Furness Councillor Tim Bloomer also took part.

On 7 October, Cllrs. Tych, J. Walmsley, Thomas and Berry, the Hall Manager, Hall Administrator and Town Clerk attended.

b. **Project 125 – Architect Quote**

RESOLVED That the quote from Habispace Ltd. to complete planning and listed building applications for the works to renew the heating system, install a lift and renovate the dressing rooms was accepted and payment of an initial design fee deposit of £485.00 was approved.

c. **Side Door**

Members noted that a funding application to Westmorland and Furness Community Fund to replace the side door with an automatic, accessible door is underway.

RESOLVED That the quote from Habispace Ltd. to complete the Listed Building Application for the works to renew the side door costing £710.00 (Ex VAT) was approved.

d. **Building Plans**

RESOLVED That the quote from Measured Survey Pro for £3,350 (Ex VAT) for a digital measured survey of the whole building was approved.

e. **Mechanical and Electrical Services Design**

Members considered quote from engineers to assess the viability, and consider options, for heating systems in the Hall.

RESOLVED That the work was approved pending an application to FutureProof Cumbria Great British Energy Fund for feasibility studies. The deadline for the fund is 11 November 2026.

f. **Community Engagement**

RESOLVED That the quote from Welburn and Wood Fundraising Solutions for support with the preparation of a community engagement plan and funder research, costing £900 was approved.

g. **Stage LOLER Inspection**

Members noted that the annual LOLER inspection and test of stage equipment costing £1,426.90 (ex VAT) has been completed.

RESOLVED That the payment to Furness Fluid Power for the annual LOLER inspection and test of stage equipment costing £1,426.90 (ex VAT) was approved.

h. **Victoria Hall Wi-Fi and Sound Mixer Upgrades**

RESOLVED That the quotes from 1Five Events & Film for upgrades to Wi-Fi System costing £1,755.00 and the Sound Mixer System costing £1,890.00 were approved.

C26.103 Westmorland and Furness Council **Agenda Item 13**

There were no updates.

C26.104 Music in the Park Summer Band Concerts **Agenda Item 14**

Members noted that a meeting took place on 1 September 2026 with Westmorland and Furness officers to discuss renewal of the lease for the Bandstand. Cllrs. Handley, Thomas, Tych, Berry and J. Walmsley, the Hall Manager and Town Clerk took part.

Members noted that Westmorland have not yet come back to the Town Council with options for renewal.

C26.105 Recreation Ground **Agenda Item 15**

a. **Skate Ramps**
Members noted that the skate ramps had been re-painted with anti-slip paint, and the metal protrusions on the shelter removed by Radii Skatepark Repairs as quoted for £2,500.

b. **Playground Inspection Services**
Members noted that from April 2027 the Annual Safety Check service provided by Westmorland and Furness Council will be withdrawn. The charge in May 2026 for the Annual Play Area Maintenance Check was £222 (ex VAT). Members considered quotes for annual inspection from independent playground inspection companies.

RESOLVED That the quote from the Play Inspection Company of £395.00 (ex VAT) for the annual outdoor inspection of the Prom Recreation Ground was accepted.

C26.106 Remembrance Sunday **Agenda Item 16**

Members noted that Remembrance Sunday will take place on Sunday 8 November, with the Civic Service of Remembrance at 2pm, followed by wreath laying at the War Memorial. On Wednesday 11 November, a short service and minute silence will be held at the War Memorial. All are invited to both events.

C26.107 Public Domain **Agenda Item 17**

There has been a delay in the installation of the handrails at the Normandy Gardens, but they are scheduled, and Cllr. Thomas hopes they will be installed by Remembrance Day.

C26.108 Peninsula Environment Action Together (PEAT) Agenda Item 18

Members noted updates from Cllr. Berry on:

a. **Climate Emergency UK Local Climate Academy** – a 6-week course aiming to help Councils become more climate aware and active.
b. **People's Climate Emergency Film** - there was a showing of the film at the Brewery in Kendal and Westmorland and Furness Council are running a week of Resilience activities in Kendal which Cllr. Berry hopes will be rolled out to Grange.
c. **FutureProof Cumbria Event** – held ahead of the Mayoral Combined Authority.

C26.109 Public Conveniences Agenda Item 19

a. Members noted the tender for the Contract to Clean and Maintain the Public Conveniences in Grange-over-Sands.
b. Members considered appointing a working party of councillors to consider applications and make a recommendation to Full Council for decision.

Members noted that the current contract expires at the end of April 2027 and that a decision would be made at the February Full Council Meeting.

RESOLVED

i) That the tender is amended to show that the decision will be made at the February Full Council Meeting.
ii) That Cllrs. Thomas, Berry, A. Walmsley, and Handley were appointed to the working party.

C26.110 Bailey Lane Level Crossing Temporary Traffic Order Agenda Item 20

Members noted correspondence received 2 October 2026 from Westmorland and Furness Council that the Department of Transport has approved a further 6 months extension of the temporary closure. This is to allow the decision to be made about the crossing after the public hearing in June. The closure shall be in effect until 6 April 2027 or until a permanent decision has been made about the crossing's future, whichever is the earlier.

C26.111 Next Meeting Agenda Item 21

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

Monday 9 November 2026 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed:

Dated:

Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council