

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 November 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

A short presentation will be given before the meeting by the Age Friendly Coordinator from the South Lakeland, Westmorland and Furness Partnership, introducing *Age Friendly South Lakeland*.

AGENDA FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 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 October 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 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. **Six-Month Financial Report**

To consider the six-month Financial Report to 30 September 2025 (*circulated*).

b. **Victoria Hall Support Group Donation Report**

To note that the donation balance, held in reserve, is £15,717.33.

c. **Council Aims and Objectives**

To note that the annual budget working party was scheduled for Tuesday 4 November, 7pm, to discuss the Town Council's Aims and Objectives and for training for new Councillors.

To consider the Town Council's Aims and Objectives, last approved August 2025 (*circulated*).

d. **Draft Budget 2026/27**

To consider the draft budget 2026/27 (*circulated*).

e. **Casual Vacancies**

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.grangeoversandtowncouncil.gov.uk

f. **IT Equipment**

To note that a laptop is required for Finance Administrator use and to approve quote from KTD (*circulated*).

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

To note that £33,228.47 will be paid to Grange Town Council, for eligible CIL income received from development within the Parish between 1 April and 20 September 2025.

10. Consultations

To consider the Council's participation in consultations:

a. **Westmorland and Furness Community Governance Review** (*circulated*), noting the current electorate figures for the Grange Wards:

- Grange North 1,775 voters (4 Town Councillors)
- Grange South 1,644 voters (4 Town Councillors)
- Grange West 194 voters (1 Town Councillor)

b. **Westmorland and Furness Draft Design Code**

This sets out requirements and guidance to homeowners, developers, and the local community about what constitutes good design.

The public consultation runs from 3 November to 14 December 2025, supplemented by a series of public drop-in events; there will be one at the Victoria Hall on 27 November.

For more information: <https://consult.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/planning-policy-designcode/> (*circulated*)

11. Updates from Members

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

- a. **Cllr. Thomas - Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge** online meeting on 20 October 2025 at 6pm.
- b. **Cllr. Thomas - Westmorland and Furness Design Code Briefing** – online on 22 October 2025 at 7pm.

12. Victoria Hall

a. Victoria Hall Working Party

To note that a meeting of the Victoria Hall Working Party took place on 29 November, topics for discussion included the new Victoria Hall website and the decoration and lighting of the Chamber. Cllrs. Handley, Thomas, A. Walmsley and J. Walmsley, the Hall Manager, Hall Administrator and Town Clerk took part.

b. Stage Special Effects

To approve the Victoria Hall Stage Special Effects Policy and Risk Assessment (*circulated*).

13. Westmorland and Furness Council

Tree Preservation Order No. 10/2025

To note the response emailed and posted 23 October 2025, as resolved at the previous meeting of the Council, that the Town Council does not support the application for TPO status for the trees at Shoreside Development adjacent to Kents Bank Road (*circulated*).

14. 20 mph Speed Limits

- a. To note that in June this year, the Town Council resolved to support speed limit areas as follows:

The Town Council supports the proposed introduction of 20 mph speed limit areas in Allithwaite and Cartmel and would welcome the introduction of 20 mph speed limits in Grange, specifically looking at Kents Bank Road, Main Street, and the Esplanade.

- b. To consider, following requests from residents, submitting an expression of interest to Westmorland and Furness Council for the next phase of 20mph zones as above, and including from Hazelwood Court to Grange on Lindale Road, B5277, to encompass Berridale Terrace and the hotel entrances.

15. Remembrance

To note that the Lengthsman cleaned the War Memorial, in preparation for the Remembrance events, as a voluntary service.

To note any update following the event scheduled for Sunday 9 November 2025.

16. Music in the Park

To note that the Music in the Park 2026 season is being planned, to deliver a programme of events, on the following provisional dates: 24 May, 7 and 21 June, 12 July, 2 and 23 or 30 August 2026.

17. Prom Gardeners

To note that a water supply has been provided, on the Prom, for the Prom Gardeners for watering new plants. Installation of this will be paid for out of the Community Infrastructure Levy reserve.

18. Staffing

a. Staffing Committee Meeting

To note that the annual Staffing Committee Meeting to review staff appraisals and salaries is scheduled for Wednesday 19 November, 7pm.

b. Recruitment

To note that recruitment for a Finance Administrator is underway (*circulated*).

19. Next Meeting

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

Monday 15 December 2025 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm