

# 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 10 November 2025 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 Tim Bloomer and six members of the public.

At the start of the meeting, the Age Friendly Coordinator from the South Lakeland Westmorland and Furness Partnership, Katie Gatt, introduced *Age Friendly South Lakeland*.

This is one of over 100 Age Friendly Communities across the UK and part of the World Health Organisation's global Age Friendly Cities and Communities initiative. It is funded by the Cumbria Community Foundation thanks to a generous anonymous donor who wishes to see South Lakeland thrive and grow for older residents. The initiative encourages employers and premises to be age-friendly and make older people welcome and aims to create an age-friendly forum from the local population.

**Minute****Ref:****Agenda No:**

**C25/108 Apologies for Absence**

**1**

Apologies were received from Cllr. W. Tych who was absent due to a family commitment.

**RESOLVED**

That apologies from Cllr. W. Tych due to a family commitment were approved.

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C25/109 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say

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|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Resident 1</b>       | Made representation to members regarding:   |
| a.                      | <b>Band Concerts</b> - asking for details of the plans for the 2026 Music in the Park season.   |
| b.                      | <b>Westmorland and Furness Council Communications and Publicity</b> – opining that this is poor, that residents were not informed about the A590 road closure and that the planning section of the website is inaccessible. |
| c.                      | <b>Flooding</b> – Westmorland and Furness Council held a meeting for residents of Windermere Road; the speaker felt that all Grange residents should have been invited.   |
| <b>Council Response</b> | The Chairman responded that the Music in the Park Band Concert details were in Item 16 of the agenda.   |
| <b>Resident 2</b>       | Made representation to members, speaking as residents of Cart Lane, that the flooding situation is deteriorating.   |
| <b>Council Response</b> | The matter was referred to Unitary Cllr. Tim Bloomer who addressed the residents.   |

C25/110 Reports

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## Westmorland and Furness Council Report

Councillor Tim Bloomer reported:

- a. **Flooding** – the Windermere Road Residents Meeting was constructive.
- b. **Devolution** – this is underway and progressing well.

## Mayor's Report

Mayor Cllr. Roger Handley reported that he attended the Remembrance Sunday event on 9 November 2025.

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**C25/111 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 13 October 2025 were accepted as a true record.

**C25/112 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations**

**5**

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

**C25/113 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded 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.

**C25/114 Planning Report**

**7**

**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. 2025/1177/FPA**

Full Application

Lancaster Bank Main Street GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6DP

Installation of external fan condenser units to rear of building (Retrospective)

**RESOLVED**

**NO OBJECTION**

**b. 2025/1957/OPA**

Outline Application

Lancasters Main Street GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6DP

Outline planning permission (with all matters reserved) for the subdivision of the existing property into three separate commercial units (Use Class E) at the front, and the creation of 2–3 residential units (Use Class C3) to the rear of the property.

**RESOLVED**

**NO OBJECTION**

The Town Council noted the comment from a resident in a neighbouring property, who supports the application, that they hope that the proposed dwellings will be for permanent residents. The Town Council supports that position.

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- c. 2025/2043/FPA  
Full Application  
Land Opposite Grange-Over-Sands Lido The Promenade GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6DP.  
Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) & 4 (landscaping) attached to planning permission SL/2023/0540

**RESOLVED**  
**NO OBJECTION**

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

- a. 2025/1480/HOU FLAT 4 THE ROWANS EDEN MOUNT ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6BN Householder Approved with Conditions.
- b. 2025/1419/DISC MIDDLE FELLGATE FARM CARTMEL ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7QA Approval of Details Reserved by Condition(s) Discharge of Conditions.
- c. 2025/1420/DISC LINGWOOD PARK CARTMEL ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7QA Approval of Details Reserved by Condition(s) Discharge of Conditions.
- d. 2025/1562/HOU LYNWOOD WINDERMERE ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6JX Householder Approved with Conditions.

**3. Notice of Appeal – Members to note that an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State (Planning Inspectorate) in relation to the following item:**

- a. APPEAL REF: 2025/0568/APP  
Barn opposite High Farm Spring Bank Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6HA

**C25/115 Finance - Monthly Payments**

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**a. Verification of Expenditure**

**NOTED** That prior to the meeting one councillor verified invoices received and payments made since the last full council meeting prior to the council meeting and could verify their authenticity.

**b. Verification of Accounts Reconciliation**

**NOTED** That prior to the meeting one councillor verified that the monthly bank reconciliation had taken place.

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### **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. Handley and A. Walmsley would complete online authorisation of payments for the next payment period.

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

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

# T O W N C O U N C I L O F G R A N G E - O V E R - S A N D S

## GRANGE-OVER-SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

### Payments for Approval

November 2025

#### 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

|      |   |        |
|------|---|--------|
| 233  | Lloyds Bank Plc - Card Oct 2025 - Monthly fee               | 3.00   |
| 233a | Gov.uk - Civil Money Claims                                 | 35.00  |
| 233b | Safety Signs - Sign clamps & straps for Recreation Ground   | 33.74  |
| 233c | Safety Signs - 2 x 'No Dogs' signs for Recreation Ground    | 29.69  |
| 233d | Banner Group - Industrial tea towels                        | 26.43  |
| 233e | Amazon - 5 x reams A4 paper                                 | 24.13  |
| 233f | Amazon - Sliding sign for Council office door               | 20.93  |
| 233g | Amazon - A5 2026 diary                                      | 20.44  |
| 233h | Crown Supplies - Paper hand towels                          | 27.48  |
| 233i | Amazon - Visitor Log Book                                   | 10.61  |
| 233j | Harrow - 2 x A4 diaries                                     | 22.78  |
| 233k | Amazon - 25 x Key tags & spring snap hooks                  | 12.62  |
| 233l | Amazon - Accident Report book                               | 13.70  |
| 234  | WFC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall                             | 280.55 |
| 235  | WFC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office       | 798.00 |
| 236  | WFC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4                             | 167.00 |
| 237  | WFC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4                             | 94.00  |
| 238  | Npower - Elec V Hall 01/09-30/09/25                         | 238.78 |
| 239  | Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/09-30/09/25                 | 38.85  |
| 240  | Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/09-30/09/25                        | 42.64  |
| 241  | Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/09-30/09/25 (recoverable) | 23.47  |
| 242  | Sage - Support 01/11-30/11/25                               | 109.20 |
|      | BT - Tel & Broadband 01/11-30/11/25                         | 53.94  |

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

|     |  |          |
|-----|--|----------|
| 243 | A Thould - V Hall external window cleaning                               | 45.00    |
| 244 | Lamont Pridmore - Payroll services Apr - Jun 2025                        | 408.00   |
| 245 | Lamont Pridmore - Payroll services Jul - Sep 2025                        | 426.00   |
| 246 | Screwfix - Various screws, fixings etc. for V Hall maintenance           | 834.00   |
| 247 | Grange First Responders - Charge pack for defibrillator                  | 175.66   |
| 248 | Grange First Responders - Charge pack for defibrillator                  | 150.00   |
| 249 | UK Office Direct - Refuse bags & toilet rolls                            | 159.58   |
| 250 | UK Office Direct - Washing pods, hand towels, toilet descaler            | 100.37   |
| 251 | JT Atkinson - Steel wool, tap connector                                  | 259.95   |
| 252 | J Davenport - Clean int. office, ground floor ext. windows & bus shelter | 10.97    |
| 253 | WFC - Hire of Park Road Gardens for 2025 band concert season             | 36.00    |
| 254 | WFC - Annual Premises Licence 2025-26                                    | 73.00    |
| 255 | Healthmatic - Nayax device for Ladies Church Hill PC                     | 180.00   |
|     | Healthmatic - PC cleaning 01/11-30/11/25                                 | 1,314.10 |
|     |  | 1,715.94 |
|     |  | 3,030.04 |

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|-----|---|--------------|--------|
| 256 | KTD - 6 x Cloud backup and monitoring 01/12-31/12/25                        | 67.20        |        |
| 257 | KTD - Photocopying October 2025   | <u>58.54</u> | 125.74 |
| 258 | The Lawn Man - Recreation Ground maintenance - 01/10-31/10/25               |              | 409.00 |
| 259 | Lengthsman - 01/10-31/10/25   |              | 520.54 |
| 260 | Turnstone HR - HR support 01/11-30/11/25                                    |              | 60.00  |
| 261 | Debbie's Cleaning - V Hall cleaning & materials 01/10-31/10/25              |              | 756.00 |
| 262 | Lancasters - Goggles, driver, hooks, keys, blades, batteries etc.           |              | 56.30  |
| 263 | Sinkfall Recycling - Skip for lengthsman                                    |              | 384.00 |
| 264 | Hall Staff expenses - Fire Warden training                                  |              | 42.00  |
| 265 | Hall Manager expenses - Materials for rails rear of hall, 3D logo sign etc. |              | 344.06 |
| 266 | Town Clerk expenses - Remembrance Day refreshments                          |              | 19.84  |

**Total Bank Account No. 2**

**9,358.53**

**Total Accounts**

**9,358.53**

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

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total Salaries</b> | <b>9,811.54</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 7                 | 3,160.56                |
| LG Pension Scheme Month 7 - Employer payment | 2,976.38                |
|  | <u><b>15,948.48</b></u> |

**Total Bank Account No. 2**

**25,307.01**

**Total all payments for approval**

**25,307.01**

### **Accounts paid in previous month:**

#### **Bank Account No. 1**

##### **Direct Debits**

##### **Cheques**

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

##### **Direct Debits**

|     |   |        |
|-----|---|--------|
| 230 | Waterplus - V Hall 06/09-05/10/25         | 137.94 |
| 231 | Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 07/09-06/10/25    | 67.39  |
| 232 | Waterplus - Church Hill PC 07/09-06/10/25 | 76.39  |

##### **Direct Bank Payments**

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| <b>Total Accounts paid in previous month</b> | <b>281.72</b> |
|--|---------------|

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>25,588.73</b> |
|--------------------|------------------|

#### **Bank Balances**

Bank Account No. 1 As at 30/09/25 (Awaiting copy bank statement)

Bank Account No. 1 As at 31/10/25

213,627.62

Bank Account No. 2 As at 31/10/25

230,657.63

**Signed (Chairman) .....**

**Dated.....**

**a. Six-Month Financial Report**

Members considered the six-month Financial Report to 30 September 2025.

**RESOLVED**

That the six-month Financial Report to 30 September 2025 was approved.

**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**

Members noted that the annual budget working party scheduled for 7pm on Tuesday 4 November, to discuss the Town Council's Aims and Objectives and for training for new Councillors, took place.

Cllrs. Handley, A. Walmsley, J. Walmsley, Tych, Mason and Thomas and the Town Clerk participated.

Members considered the Town Council's Aims and Objectives, last approved August 2025.

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Council's Aims and Objectives, amended to show that the Lido Gallery has been re-homed, were approved.

**d. Draft Budget 2026/27**

Members considered the draft budget 2026/27.

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk was asked to prepare a budget, with provision for increased contract costs, for consideration at the next meeting.

**e. Casual Vacancies**

Members noted that 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.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk)

**f. IT Equipment**

Members noted that a laptop is required for Finance Administrator use and considered the quote from KTD Ltd.

**RESOLVED**

That the quote of £875 (ex-Vat) from KTD Ltd. to provide, configure and install a new laptop for Finance Administrator use was approved.

# T O W N C O U N C I L O F G R A N G E - O V E R - S A N D S

## g. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Members noted 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. This is held in a ring-fenced reserve.

| Grange-over-Sands Town Council                |           | Meeting: 10 November 2025 |                |                |               | Prepared: Oct 2025 |  |
|---|-----------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|--|
| Budget Monitoring 6 months to 30 Sept 2025    |           | 50% Budget                |                | Actual         | % Spend       |                    |  |
| INCOME  | Sage Code | Budget for year           | £ to date      | £ to date      | Variance £    | £ to date          | Comments   |
| Precept                                       | 4000      | 261,559                   | 130,780        | 130,779        | (0)           | 50%                |  |
| Refreshment Sales                             | 4009      | -                         | -              | 942            | 942           |                    | Bandstand concerts   |
| Sundry Receipts                               | 4010      | -                         | -              | 5              | 5             |                    | Reimbursement of underpaid postage   |
| Interest Received                             | 4015      | -                         | -              | -              | 0             |                    |  |
| Grant Receipts - Running Costs WFC            | 4100      | -                         | -              | -              | 0             |                    |  |
| Grant Receipts - General                      | 4105      | -                         | -              | -              | 0             |                    |  |
| Grant Receipts - WFC Council Tax              | 4106      | -                         | -              | -              | 0             |                    |  |
| Grant Receipts - WFC Comm Infrastructure Levy | 4107      | -                         | -              | 14,284         | 14,284        |                    | Total CIL grant received £28,567.10  |
| Donations Received                            | 4115      | 1,200                     | 600            | 150            | (450)         |                    | 13% Donation from Civic Society for Band concerts                                      |
| Donations for Assets                          | 4116      | -                         | -              | -              | 0             |                    |  |
| Donations - Victoria Hall                     | 4117      | -                         | -              | 10,221         | 10,221        |                    | Includes £10,000 VHSG lump sum donation  |
| Tenanted Room Rent Receipts                   | 4120      | 6,800                     | 3,400          | 2,988          | (412)         |                    | 44% Room 6/7 (The Planning Office) vacant  |
| Allotment Rent Receipts                       | 4121      | 1,631                     | 816            | 1,566          | 750           |                    | 96%  |
| Room Hire Receipts                            | 4125      | 20,000                    | 10,000         | 10,541         | 541           |                    | 53%  |
| Hospitality Recharged                         | 4126      | -                         | -              | 140            | 140           |                    |  |
| Hall Team Recharged                           | 4127      | 2,000                     | 1,000          | 1,726          | 726           |                    | 86%  |
| Bay Villa Trust Admin Fee                     | 4162      | 450                       | 225            | -              | (225)         |                    | 0% See 4th quarter   |
| Commission Received                           | 4170      | -                         | -              | 19             | 19            |                    | Ticketsource referral income   |
| Lease Registration Fees                       | 4175      | -                         | -              | -              | 0             |                    | Cedric Walk  |
| Toilet Entry Fees                             | 4500      | 12,000                    | 6,000          | 7,665          | 1,665         |                    | 64% Entry price increased to 40p   |
| Fund Raising Income                           | 4600      | 500                       | 250            | -              | (250)         |                    | Christmas Fair   |
|   |           | <b>306,140</b>            | <b>153,070</b> | <b>181,026</b> | <b>27,956</b> | <b>59%</b>         |  |
| EXPENDITURE                                   |           | Budget for year           | Budget to date | Actual to date | Variance £    | Spend to date      | %  |
| Fund Raising Expenditure                      | 6170      | 200                       | 100            | -              | (100)         |                    | 0% Christmas Fair  |
| Musicians' Fees                               | 6200      | 1,200                     | 600            | 400            | (200)         |                    | 33% Bandstand concerts   |
| Band concert Staff Team Costs                 | 6201      | 580                       | 290            | 2,197          | 1,907         |                    | 379% Chair set up/take down/Serving refreshments                                       |
| Mobile Toilets                                | 6220      | 750                       | 375            | 450            | 75            |                    | 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                   | 58,500         | 71,222         | 12,722        |                    | 61%  |
| Hall Team Salaries                            | 7000      | 24,000                    | 12,000         | 8,045          | (3,955)       |                    | 34% Excludes Band concert Staff Team Costs - see code 6201                             |
| Pensions                                      | 7001      | 29,000                    | 14,500         | 14,968         | 468           |                    | 52%  |
| Printing and Stationery                       | 7010      | 650                       | 325            | 344            | 19            |                    | 53%  |

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| EXPENDITURE cont...   | Sage | Budget         | Budget         | % Spend        |               |  |
|---|------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--|
|   | Code | for year       | to date        | Actual to date | Variance £    | Spend to date  |
| Postage   | 7012 | 70             | 35             | 24             | (11)          | 34%  |
| Water   | 7015 | 5,400          | 2,700          | 2,469          | (231)         | 46%  |
| Business Rates  | 7020 | 10,000         | 5,000          | 5,296          | 296           | 53%  |
| Telephone/Broadband   | 7025 | 650            | 325            | 277            | (48)          | 43%  |
| Insurance   | 7030 | 6,800          | 3,400          | 3,279          | (121)         | 48%  |
| Subscriptions   | 7040 | 1,355          | 678            | 1,036          | 359           | 76% Annual CALC, NALC, SLCC subscriptions  |
| Information Technology  | 7046 | 9,000          | 4,500          | 4,846          | 346           | 54% Incls. HP Probook i5 laptop £1,290   |
| Website   | 7047 | 2,500          | 1,250          | -              | (1,250)       | 0%   |
| Travelling Expenses   | 7050 | 100            | 50             | -              | (50)          | 0%   |
| Training Expenses   | 7052 | 1,600          | 800            | 120            | (680)         | 8% Staff First Aid training  |
| Civic Expenses  | 7055 | 300            | 150            | 54             | (96)          | 18% Wreaths VE Day & VJ Day  |
| Hospitality   | 7065 | 100            | 50             | 76             | 26            | 76% Refreshments (see also code 4126 Hospitality Recharged)  |
| Bank Charges  | 7070 | 240            | 120            | 111            | (9)           | 46%  |
| Audit Fees  | 7075 | 1,200          | 600            | 1,060          | 460           | 88% Internal and external audit fee to 31/03/25  |
| Accountancy Fees  | 7080 | 2,800          | 1,400          | 2,438          | 1,038         | 87% Accountancy £1,330 Y/e 31/03/25 & 9 months payroll   |
| Gas   | 7100 | 7,000          | 3,500          | 1,580          | (1,920)       | 23%  |
| Electricity   | 7105 | 6,050          | 3,025          | 1,770          | (1,255)       | 29%  |
| Christmas Lights  | 7106 | 4,800          | 2,400          | 6,188          | 3,788         | 129% Deposit 2025 plus 9 x column stress testing & 8 x column c  |
| Donation Expenditure - Victoria Hall  | 7110 | -              | -              | 836            | 836           | Thermobox with lid 45l and ice pack set  |
| Hall Maintenance, Repairs and Renewals  | 7119 | 18,700         | 9,350          | 31,847         | 22,497        | 170% 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         | 7,250          | 6,124          | (1,126)       | 42% 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          | 1,590          | 885            | (705)         | 28% HR support   |
| Toiletries and Cleaning Materials   | 7130 | 9,300          | 4,650          | 279            | (4,371)       | 3% See below   |
| Hall Cleaner  | 7131 | -              | -              | 4,014          | 4,014         | New code - Budget incl. in code 7130   |
| Rent Payable  | 7160 | 760            | 380            | 515            | 135           | 68% Rent bandstand & Grange Fell allotments  |
| Card Handling Charges (Toilets only)  | 7190 | 1,300          | 650            | 886            | 236           | 68% Nayax card readers & service fee   |
| Cleaning  | 7200 | 16,455         | 8,228          | 8,580          | 352           | 52% Toilets  |
| Communications  | 7255 | 600            | 300            | -              | (300)         | 0%   |
| Lengthsman  | 7455 | 8,000          | 4,000          | 6,369          | 2,369         | 80% Incls. Skip hire   |
| Parish Election Costs   | 7600 | -              | -              | -              | 0             |  |
|   |      | <b>306,140</b> | <b>153,070</b> | <b>190,247</b> | <b>37,177</b> | <b>62%</b>   |
| <b>Net profit (Loss)</b>  |      | -              | -              | -              | <b>9,221</b>  |  |

## Balance Sheet Summary as at 30/09/25

Total Assets Less Total Liabilities **320,335**

## C25/117 Consultations

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### a. Westmorland and Furness Community Governance Review

Members noted 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)    |

### RESOLVED

That the following response to the consultation is made:

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.

Grange is a small town; the Council has never been political, and having all Councillors available to all residents is more straightforward and accessible.

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There is no benefit apparent for having the town split into wards. Having wards in such a small place causes unnecessary administration and confusion.

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/>

## RESOLVED

That Councillors would attend the consultation, and residents were also encouraged to do so.

### C25/118      Updates from Members

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Members received the following updates from Councillors 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.

There is going to be an increase in Community Beat Officers. Simon Eyres is the Community Beat Officer, Jayne Park is PCSO and a new team member will be in post after Christmas.

Lakes Sergeant who manages the team is Suzanne Scott O' Neill. Inspector Ross Woods is in charge overall.

There has been a spate of burglaries in the area; a suspect is being held.

The police are publicising a scheme called FUSUS where ring doorbells and home CCTV can be registered. Additional numberplate recognition cameras are being installed in the area.

b. **Cllr. Thomas - Westmorland and Furness Design Code Briefing** – online on 22 October 2025 at 7pm.

There will be a National Design Guide. The Grange Neighbourhood Plan Design Guide will be referenced, and this will be useful for commenting on planning applications.

There is a public drop event at the Victoria Hall on 27 November, 3 - 6.45pm.

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C25/119 Victoria Hall

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a. **Victoria Hall Working Party**

Members noted that a meeting of the Victoria Hall Working Party took place on 29 October; 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. Members noted that the renovation of the Chamber will be paid for by donations from the Victoria Hall Support Group.

b. **Stage Special Effects**

Members considered the Victoria Hall Stage Special Effects Policy and Risk Assessment.

**RESOLVED**

That the Victoria Hall Stage Special Effects Policy and Risk Assessment were approved.

C25/120 Westmorland and Furness Council

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**Tree Preservation Order No. 10/2025** Members noted 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.

C25/121 20 mph Speed Limits

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a. Members noted 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. Members considered, 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.

**RESOLVED**

That an expression of interest is submitted 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.

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**C25/122 Remembrance**

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Members noted an update following the event scheduled for Sunday 9 November 2025, that despite the rain, the event was well-attended and successful.

Members noted that the memorial 'Tommy' figure was repaired, and reinstalled, by resident Mark Walmsley after it blew down in Storm Amy earlier this Autumn. Mr Walmsley has undertaken to install the figure annually in November; it will be stored in the cellar at the Victoria Hall.

**C25/123 Music in the Park**

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Members noted 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.

**C25/124 Prom Gardeners**

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Members noted 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.

**C25/125 Staffing**

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**a. Staffing Committee Meeting**

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

**b. Recruitment**

Members noted that recruitment for a Finance Administrator is underway.

**C25/126 Next Meeting**

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Members noted that the next Full Council Meeting would be held Monday 15 December 2025, 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**