Grange-over-Sands Town Council

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Draft Minutes

Full Council Monday 9 November 2026

Present: Cllr. Roger Handley – Chair

Cllr. Ann Walmsley, Cllr. Tricia Thomas, Cllr. Wlodek Tych, Cllr. Jane Walmsley.

Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

Attending: Westmorland and Furness Unitary Councillor Tim Bloomer. There were no members of the public present.

C26.112 **Apologies for Absence** **Agenda Item 1**

RESOLVED That apologies from Cllr. Berry due to other commitments, and Cllr. E. Walmsley due to work commitments, were approved.

C26.113 **Public Participation: Public Have Your Say** **Agenda Item 2**

There was no representation from the public.

C26.114 Reports Agenda Item 3

Westmorland and Furness Councillor Tim Bloomer

1. **Locality** - updated the meeting on the Locality consultation and the Transformation Programme that is underway at Westmorland and Furness Council. The plan is to bring areas of the Council into logical geographic areas will improve service provision and strategic vision.
2. **Grange CE Primary School** – are building a new classroom.
3. **Have Your Say** – responded to the resident's query at the previous Town Council meeting regarding the lime trees at the top of Yewtree Road, querying why not all of them have been pollarded. The response is that the trees were left due to nesting birds and WAF intend to go back and complete the works.
4. **Planning** – the new planning regime is in place, with only a few planning applications being heard by one committee and all other decisions delegated to officers.

The Mayor, Cllr. Roger Handley

Reported that he attended the Civic Service of Remembrance at St. Pauls and the Act of Remembrance Ceremony at the War Memorial on Sunday 8 November 2026.

C26.115 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 12 October 2026 as a true record.

C26.116 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations Agenda Item 5

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

C26.117 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.

C26.118 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. 2026/1942/HOU RUFFORD GRANGE FELL ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6BJ
    Demolition of a single storey rear extension and erection of replacement two storey extension.
    Householder
    Extension to comment deadline requested
    RESOLVED
    NO OBJECTION

    b. 2026/1928/FPA
    Full Application
    Methodist Church Kents Bank Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7EY
    Construction of a glazed accessible entrance porch to the north elevation, creation of level access, removal of external steps, formation of associated access arrangements, and external repairs and alterations.
    Extension to comment deadline requested
    RESOLVED
    COMMENT
    The Town Council expresses concern that the removal of the external steps would constitute a loss of historic value to the built environment, and it is not clear from the plans how the associated access arrangements would be formed.

    c. 2026/1922/HOU
    Householder
    Fern Bank Kents Bank Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7DJ
    Garage conversion, window and door alterations including new juliette balcony
    Extension to comment deadline requested
    RESOLVED
    NO OBJECTION

    d. 2026/1995/FPA
    SOMERSET HOUSE KENTS BANK ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7EY
    Change of use from bed and breakfast (Use Class C1) to a large House in Multiple Occupation (Sui Generis) to provide staff accommodation for up to nine occupants
    Full Application
    RESOLVED
    NO OBJECTION

2. **Decisions - Members noted that the following decisions had been made since the last Full Council meeting:**
    a. 2026/1640/HOU HEATH CROFT CARDRONA ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7EW Householder Approved With Conditions.
    b. 2026/1677/HOU FAIRVIEW 5 FELLSIDE COURT GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6BY Householder Approved With Conditions.
    c. 2026/1230/HOU PEAR TREE COTTAGE WINDERMERE ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6JT Householder Approved With Conditions
    d. 2026/1555/FPA FORMER PALACE FITNESS PALACE BUILDING MAIN STREET GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6AB Full Application Approved With Conditions

3. **Planning Committee Alerts – Members noted the following:**

    2026/0156/FPA
    Westwinds, Allithwaite Road, Grange-over-Sands, LA11 7EP
    The above application was to be reported to the South Lakeland Local Area Planning Committee on Thursday, 22nd October, 2026.

C26.119 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. J. Walmsley and Tych would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

Grange-over-Sands Town Council

Payments List - Nov 2026

Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit				£	-
Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque				£	-
	Total Bank Account No. 1			**£**	**-**
Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits					
238	Lloyds Bank Plc - Card Oct 2026 - Monthly fee	£	3.00		
238a	Amazon - Induction Hob 13th Oct 2026 (Vic Hall)	£	74.87		
238b	WFC - Permit for Music in the Park - 15th Oct 2026 (MITP)	£	36.50		
238c	UK Point - Poster & Card Holder & Dispenser - 16th Oct 2026 (Vic Hall)	£	118.78		
238d	Amazon - Hardback Weekly Planner 2027 - 23rd Oct 2026 (Council)	£	23.93		
238e	Amazon - Monitor Wall Mount Arm - 23rd Oct 2026 (Vic Hall)	£	29.99		
238f	Amazon - Corner Protector Furniture Guard - 22nd Oct 2026 (Vic Hall)	£	8.54		
238g	Amazon - Clear edge corner Protector - 23rd Oct 2026 (Vic Hall)	£	17.99	£	313.60
239	WFC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall			£	725.00
240	WFC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3			£	176.00
241	WFC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4			£	98.00
242	WFC - 7/9 Non Dom Rates Rooms 6 & 7			£	154.00
243	ICO - Teir 1 Data Protection fee - 16th Nov 2026 (Council)			£	73.00
244	Sage - Support 01/10/26 - 31/10/26			£	126.00
245	Waterplus - Victoria Hall 01/04/2026 - 31/03/2027 - 15th Nov 2026			£	131.77
246	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/09/26 - 01/10/26			£	161.06
247a	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/09/26 - 30/09/26	£	54.85		
247b	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/08/26 - 31/08/26 (CRD 207- Oct)	-£	52.99		
247c	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/08/26 - 31/08/26 (Adjusted)	£	56.68	£	58.54
248a	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/08/26 - 31/08/26 (Rec) (Adjusted)	£	104.18		
248b	Npower - Elec XmasT.lights 01/08/26 - 31/08/26 (Rec.) (CRD - 208 Oct)	-£	114.48		
248c	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/09/26 - 30/09/26 (Recoverable)	£	157.90	£	147.60
249a	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/08/26 - 31/08/26 (Adjusted)	£	95.88		
249b	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/08/26 - 31/08/26 (CRD - 206 Oct)	-£	86.65		
249c	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/09/26 - 30/09/26	£	71.99	£	81.22
250	BT - Tel & Broadband 01/11/26 - 30/11/26			£	58.74
251	Unity Trust Bank Charges - 01 Sept - 30 Sept 2026			£	22.00
Bank Account No. 2 - Bank Payments					
252	Mr Paul Johnson - Rec Ground Maintenance Oct 2026			£	595.00
253	South Barn - Christmas Ornaments, Christmas Tree Committee (Recharged)			£	792.00
254	Grange Town Map - Town Map Entry 2027 - 13th Oct 26			£	50.00
255	Duddon Hire - Portaloo 29th Aug -11th Sept 2026			£	198.00
256	UK Office Direct - 10x Hi Vis Jacket Two Band			£	2.69
257	Habispace - Design fee deposit Oct 2026			£	485.00
258	Lamont Pridmore - Professional services to 5th July 2026			£	450.00
259	Sinkfall - Builders Skip Oct 2026			£	405.00
260	Turnstone HR - HR support 01/11/26 - 30/11/26			£	75.00
261	Healthmatic - PC cleaning 01/11/26 - 30/11/26			£	1,779.43
262	UK Office Direct -Yellow Warning Cone - 22 Oct 2026 (Vic Hall)			£	74.38
263	UK Office Direct - A4 Paper & Diary - 20 Oct 2026 (Council)			£	73.34
264	KTD - 6 x Cloud backup and monitoring 01/12-31/12/26 (Council)			£	67.20
265	KTD - Photocopying Oct 2026 (Council)			£	76.63
266	SJ Burgess - Prom Toilets Fit Door & Paint - 21st Oct 2026 **(CIL)**			£	709.00
267	NPG - Security Instal Extra - 28th Oct 2026 (Vic Hall)			£	2,033.60
268	WB electical Services - Bandstand Speaker, Remove old electrics **(MITP)**			£	300.00
269a	Hall Team Expenses - Spar, Milk & Biscuits Oct 2026 (Vic Hall)	£	30.87		
269b	Hall Team Expenses - Spar, Biscuits Oct 2026 (Vic Hall)	£	8.92		
269c	Hall Team Expenses - Amazon, Padlock Oct 2026 (Allotments)	£	18.99	£	58.78

Bank Account No. 2 - Bank Payments Continued...				Page 2 of 2
270	Lengthsman Expenses - Oct 2026			£ 903.29
271	Lengthsman Expenses- Prom Toilets Maintenance, Oct 2026 **(CIL)**			£ 1,205.00
272	Lengthsman Expenses - Ornimental G. Maintenance, Oct 2026 **(CIL)**			£ 1,065.00
273	Lengthsman Expenses - Church Hill, Oct 2026 **(CIL)**			£ 1,455.00
274	Lengthsman Expenses - Prom Block Door, Oct 2026 **(CIL)**			£ 709.00
275	Alpha Furniture - Retro-Fit Link for Chairs - Oct 2026 **(VHSG)**			£ 1,441.20
276	Debbie's Cleaning - V Hall cleaning 01/10/26 - 31/10/26			£ 653.78
	Total Bank Account No. 2			**£ 17,983.85**
Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Bank Account No. 2)				
	Total Salaries			**£ 9,171.76**
	HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 7			£ 4,526.60
	LG Pension Scheme Month 7 - Employer payment			£ 3,684.07
	Total HMRC & Pension			**£ 8,210.67**
	Grand Total for approval 13th Nov 2026			**£ 35,366.28**
Payments paid in previous month				
Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit				£ -
Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque				£ -
	Total Bank Account No.1 (paid in previous month)			**£ -**
Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits				
200	Lloyds Bank Plc - Credit Card Sept 2026 - Monthly Fee	£	3.00	
200a	Amazon - Kitchen Bin **(VHSG)**	£	35.99	
200b	Amazon - Kitchen Bin **(VHSG)**	£	35.99	
200c	Amazon - Waste Bin 2 compartments **(VHSG)**	£	58.39	
200d	Amazon - Kitchen Bin **(VHSG)**	£	35.99	
200e	Amazon - Bin Liners (Vic Hall)	£	9.98	
200f	Amazon - Bin Stickers **(VHSG)**	£	4.88	£ 184.22
277	Waterplus - V Hall 6th Sept - 5th Oct 26			£ 170.02
278	Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 7th Sept - 6th Oct 26			£ 83.52
279	Waterplus - Church Hill PC 7th Sept - 6th Oct 26			£ 118.17
Bank Account No. 2 - Bank Payments				
280	1 Five Events & Film - Mixer & Wifi upgared Oct 2026			£ 2,733.75
	Total Bank Account No.2 (paid in previous month)			**£ 3,289.68**
	Grand Total for approval from Oct 2026			**£ 3,289.68**
Bank Balances				
	Bank Account No. 1 As at 30/09/26 Statement Delayed			
	Bank Account No. 1 As at 31/10/26 Statement Delayed			
	Bank Account No. 2 As at 31/10/26			£ 337,656.18
Signed (Chairman)		**Dated.....**		

C26.120 Finance and Governance Agenda Item 9

a. **Six-month Financial Report**

RESOLVED That the six-month Financial Report to 30 September 2026 was approved as below and the Hall Staff were congratulated on their hard work and success in increasing room hire booking income.

b. **Victoria Hall Support Group (VHSG) Quarterly Report**

Members noted the quarterly financial report for the Victoria Hall Support Group:
The balance at the end of the previous quarter to 30 June 2026 was £18,575.
Income was £200 donations, received from the VHSG, and £14.74 from the collection boxes in the Hall.

Expenditure in the quarter to 30 September 2026 was £3,893.48.
This comprised carpet for the Chamber refurbishment and kitchen and facilities equipment:

- Chamber carpet £3,601
- Bar glass cupboard £18.53
- Bar glasses £10.33
- Crockery £120.92
- Bins £142.70

The balance at the end of the quarter to 30 September 2026 was £14,896.26.

c. **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Reserve Quarterly Report**

Members noted that the CIL balance movement for the quarter from July to September 2026 shows a net decrease of £2,500, consisting of a single transaction for the maintenance of the Skate Park in August 2026.

CIL Quarterly Movement Summary (July – September 2026)

- Opening Balance (as of 1 July 2026): £101,744.03
- Total Income: £0.00
- Total Expenditure: £2,500.00
- Closing Balance (as of 30 September 2026): £99,244.03

d. **Council Aims and Objectives**

Members noted that the annual Budget Working Party took place on Wednesday 28 October, 2pm, to discuss the Town Council's Aims and Objectives. Cllrs. Handley, Thomas, Berry, J. Walmsley and Tych and the Town Clerk took part.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council's Aims and Objectives, edited to record that the aim of getting WAF to change ward boundaries to ensure representation for all residents, was achieved in 2026.

e. **Draft Budget 2027/28**
Members considered the draft budget 2027/28*,* noting that the tenders for the cleaning and maintenance of the public conveniences may affect budget considerations. The tender deadline is 20 November 2026, and the Working Party appointed at the October Town Council meeting to open the tenders will meet after the Victoria Hall Working Party on Wednesday 9 December at 1 pm. Members also considered where cost savings could be made if required to keep the public conveniences open, noting the costs associated with managing and maintaining the Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED

i) That a revised budget is prepared for the next meeting, taking into account tender values for the contract to clean and maintain the public conveniences.
ii) That increasing revenue by increasing the price of entry to the public conveniences is considered at the next Town Council meeting.
iii) That cost savings by handing management of the Recreation Ground back to Westmorland and Furness Council are considered at the next Town Council meeting.

f. **Casual Vacancies**
Members noted that the Notice of Casual Vacancy, caused by the resignation of Julie Mason was published, and sent to Westmorland and Furness Council, and that, as fourteen days have elapsed and no election has been called, the Town Council is now able to co-opt to fill the vacancy.

There are two vacancies on the Town Council. Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman.

g. **Community Governance Order**
Members noted that following the Community Governance Review, Westmorland and Furness Council has now made the formal legal Order that the parish wards in Grange will be removed. The order is in force from 1 April 2027*.*

h. **Recharging Policy from 2027/2028**
Members noted the Westmorland and Furness Council Parish Recharging Policy and that provision is needed in the Town Council budget for the 2027 election. WAF have estimated that the Grange elections would cost £3,367.53. The consultation deadline has been extended to Friday 13 November 2026.

i. **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**
Members noted that a sum of £7,281.12 was paid to Grange-over-Sands Town Council for eligible CIL income received from development within the parish between 1 April 2026 and the end of September 2026.

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Budget Monitoring 6 months to 30 Sept 2026

INCOME	Sage Code	Budget for year (£)	50% Budget to date (£)	Actual to date (£)	Variance (£)	% Spent to date (%)	Comments
Precept	4000	283,045	141,523	141,522	(0)	50%	
Refreshment Sales	4009	1,600	800	2,133	1,333	133%	Music in the Park
Sundry Receipts - Prom Loo Compensation 2019	4010	-	-	85	85	-	£66.51 outstanding as of 05/10/2026
Interest Received	4015	-	-	0	0	-	
Grant Receipts - General	4105	-	-	0	0	-	
Grant Receipts - WFC Comm Infrastructure Levy	4107	-	-	35,236	35,236	-	
Donations Received	4115	900	450	950	500	106%	Donations for Music in the Park
Donations - Victoria Hall	4117	-	-	15,215	15,215	-	Donations from Hall collection boxes and VHSG £15,215
Tenanted Room Rent - Receipts	4120	6,000	3,000	3,187	187	53%	Room 6/7 (The Planning Office) no longer tenanted
Allotment Rent - Receipts	4121	1,600	800	1,496	696	94%	A couple of allotments payments still due
Room Hire - Receipts	4125	22,000	11,000	17,947	6,947	82%	Victoria Hall Hire
Event Expenditure - Recharged	4126	200	100	38	(62)	19%	Posters recharged to a customer for an event
Hall Team - Recharged	4127	3,000	1,500	5,011	3,511	167%	
Bay Villa Trust - Admin Fee	4162	450	225	0	(225)	0%	
Commission Received	4170	-	-	15	15	-	Ticketsource referral income
Lease Registration Fees	4175	-	-	0	0	-	Cedric Walk
Toilet Entry Fees	4500	13,000	6,500	6,596	96	51%	Entry price 40p
Fund Raising - Income	4600	200	100	3	(97)	2%	
Ticket Sales - Income	4601		-	4,034	4,034	-	New code to manage Ticket Sales
Total Income		**331,995**	**165,998**	**233,468**	**67,471**	**70%**	

EXPENDITURE	Sage Code	Budget for year (£)	50% Budget to date (£)	Actual to date (£)	Variance (£)	% Spent to date (%)	Comments
Fund Raising Expenditure	6170	200	100	0	(100)	0%	
Musicians' Fees	6200	900	450	450	0	50%	Music in the Park - 3 bands haven't sent invoices
Salaries - Music in the Park	6201	3,700	1,850	1,864	14	50%	Music in the Park (MITP) Salaries
Salaries - Hall Team	6202	51,000	25,500	16,481	(9,019)	32%	
Mobile Toilets	6220	550	275	715	440	130%	
Event Equipment - Purchases	6550	400	200	79	(121)	20%	Music in the Park
Event Refreshments - Purchases	6560	600	300	636	336	106%	Music in the Park
Salaries + NI	7000	97,300	48,650	61,373	12,723	63%	Core salaries - excludes MITP, Caretaking, Hall Team
Pensions	7001	30,000	15,000	15,123	123	50%	
Salaries - Vic Hall Caretaking	7002	-	-	1,411	1,411	-	Vic Hall Caretaking salary costs
Printing and Stationery	7010	900	450	520	70	58%	
Postage	7012	50	25	0	(25)	0%	
Water	7015	6,000	3,000	2,451	(549)	41%	
Business Rates	7020	12,000	6,000	5,689	(311)	47%	
Telephone/Broadband	7025	650	325	294	(31)	45%	
Insurance	7030	7,000	3,500	3,421	(79)	49%	
Subscriptions	7040	1,200	600	1,082	482	90%	Annual CALC, NALC, SLCC subscriptions
Information Technology	7046	9,000	4,500	1,623	(2,877)	18%	Cloud Backup, Domain Cover, New Monitor, SAGE package
Website	7047	3,150	1,575	57	(1,518)	2%	
Travelling Expenses	7050	100	50	11	(40)	11%	

EXPENDITURE (continued)	Sage Code	Budget for year (£)	50% Budget to date (£)	Actual to date (£)	Variance (£)	% Spent to date (%)	Comments
Training Expenses	7052	1,600	800	211	(590)	13%	
Civic Expenses	7055	200	100	0	(100)	0%	
Events Expenditure (was Hospitality)	7065	200	100	55	(45)	28%	Refreshments (see Code 4126 Events Expenditure Recharged)
Bank Charges	7070	240	120	126	6	52%	
Audit Fees	7075	1,400	700	1,290	590	92%	Internal Audit 12/05/26 External Audit 10/09/26
Accountancy Fees	7080	2,800	1,400	2,458	1,058	88%	Cost of Finance Administrator handover - outgoing staff
Gas	7100	7,500	3,750	2,319	(1,431)	31%	
Electricity	7105	6,280	3,140	1,708	(1,432)	27%	
Christmas Lights	7106	7,100	3,550	0	(3,550)	0%	
Donation Expenditure - Victoria Hall	7110	-	-	7,007	7,007	-	Chairs, plates, glasses, Chamber carpet (VHSG)
Hall Maintenance, Repairs and Renewals	7119	17,000	8,500	25,566	17,066	150%	Includes alarm and CCTV Installation
Repairs and Maintenance	7120	15,500	7,750	13,551	5,801	87%	Skate Park Repairs, Cleaning Rec Ground
Professional Fees - Non Financial	7125	1,485	743	3,234	2,491	218%	Includes HR and Decarbonisation Report
Toiletries and Cleaning Materials	7130	600	300	469	169	78%	See below
Hall Cleaner	7131	8,200	4,100	4,131	31	50%	
Rent Payable	7160	780	390	518	128	66%	Rent - Bandstand and two allotment sites
Card Handling Charges (Toilets only)	7190	1,450	725	1,030	305	71%	Nayax Card Readers
Cleaning	7200	17,160	8,580	8,897	317	52%	Public Conveniences Cleaning Contract
Communications	7255	300	150	107	(43)	36%	
Lengthsman	7455	8,500	4,250	3,951	(299)	46%	Includes skip hire
Parish Election Costs	7600	-	-	0	0	-	
Ticket Sales - Expenditure	7132	-	-	3,631	3,631	-	New code added
Total Expenditure		**322,995**	**161,498**	**193,537**	**32,040**	**60%**	
Net profit (Loss)		**9,000**	**4,500**	**39,931**			
Balance Sheet Summary as at 21/07/2026							
Total Assets Less Total Liabilities				**395,610**			

C26.121 Consultations **Agenda Item 10**

a. **Westmorland and Furness Locality Working**
Consultation on proposals to change how Locality working is organised. The engagement exercise runs to 27 November 2026. Members noted that there was a briefing on 10 November 2026 and that individuals would respond as necessary following attendance at the briefing.

C26.122 Member Updates **Agenda Item 11**

Members received the following updates:

a. **Cllr. A. Walmsley and Handley**
Attended a meeting of The Grange Shed which hosted a talk at St Pauls Church from The Lancaster Hub. The next meeting is 19 November 2026.

b. **Cllr. Thomas –** attended the Veterans Service on 1 November at St Pauls Church. This is the service that used to be held at Rusland Church.

c. **Cllr. Thomas** – that the handrail has been installed at the Normandy Gardens.

C26.123 Victoria Hall **Agenda Item 12**

a. **Central Heating Boilers**
Members considered quotations for the replacement of the existing gas boilers, noting the urgency of the matter due to the recurring boiler failures and that due to deterioration, there is now the requirement for a Gas Safe registered engineer to attend each time the boilers need to be relit. Quotations are for the replacement of just the actual boilers, not the whole system, which is under review as part of Project 125.

RESOLVED That the boilers are replaced as an urgent measure and the quote from Sanderson Facilities of £30,351.52 (ex. VAT) plus £1,500 (ex. VAT) for the floor frame and base works, totalling £31,851.52 (ex. VAT), was approved.

b. **Victoria Hall Working Party**
Members noted that a meeting of the Working Party took place on 4 November 2026. Cllrs. Handley, Thomas, J. Walmsley, Berry and the Hall Manager, Hall Administrator and Town Clerk took part.
The next meeting will be Wednesday 9 December 1 - 2.30pm.

c. **Project 125 Funding Update – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**
Members noted that following an application from the Town Council, Westmorland and Furness Council have made an indicative funding offer of £250,000. The offer is conditional on entering into a grant funding agreement and satisfactorily completing the special conditions of offer.

d. **Project 125 Funding Update – FutureProof Cumbria**
Members noted that an expression of interest was submitted to FutureProof Cumbria Great British Energy Fund for feasibility studies and the deadline for the fund was 11 November 2026.
Members received an update from the Town Clerk that this funding is not available.

e. **Funding Update – WAF Community Fund**
Members noted an update on the funding application to install an accessible automatic side door, that an application has been submitted to the WAF Community Fund, and it is anticipated that a decision may be made in December.

C26.124 **Westmorland and Furness Council** **Agenda Item 13**
There were no updates.

C26.125 **Music in the Park Summer Band Concerts** **Agenda Item 14**
Members noted that, following the meeting with Westmorland and Furness Council on 1 September 2026 regarding the Bandstand and store lease, which expires on 31 March 2027, the Town Council has applied for an events licence to hold the Music in the Park band concerts series in 2027.

Westmorland and Furness Council have recently advised that they are consulting with their legal department before any permission is granted. The Town Council is now waiting for confirmation from Westmorland and Furness Council as to whether the proposed concerts will be allowed to go ahead.

C26.126 **Remembrance** **Agenda Item 15**
Members noted an update following the events on Sunday 8 November 2026, that the Remembrance Day events were successful and well-attended.

RESOLVED That volunteer resident Mr Jim Bevis was thanked for taking care of the Memorial all year round and particularly for installing the 'Tommy' figure and ensuring that the area was so well-presented for Remembrance.

C26.127 **Public Conveniences** **Agenda Item 16**
Members noted an update on the tender for the Contract to Clean and Maintain the facilities, that the tender deadline is 20 November 2026, and the Working Party appointed at the October Town Council meeting to open the tenders will meet after the Victoria Hall Working Party on Wednesday 9 December at 1 pm.

C26.128 **Staffing** **Agenda Item 17**
Members noted that the annual Staffing Committee Meeting to review staff appraisals is scheduled for Wednesday 18 November, 1pm.

C26.129 Next Meeting **Agenda Item 18**

Members noted that:

a. The next Full Council Meeting will be held:
Monday 14 December 2026 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm

b. The May Annual Town Council meeting can't be held on Monday 10 May 2027 due to building works to remove asbestos. **The 2027 May Annual Town Council meeting will be on Friday 7 May.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed:

Dated:

Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council