

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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Cllr. Peter Endsor

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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 12 June 2017 at 7.00pm.

(Please Note: Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 this meeting has been advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media or members of the public)

AGENDA FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 12 JUNE 2017

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and note apologies from members.

2. Reports

To receive reports from the following:

- a. Police Report
- b. District Council Report
- c. County Council Report
- d. Mayor's Report

3. Public Participation: Have Your Say

Have Your Say: Members of the public are invited to speak.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

- a. To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 8 May 2017 as a true record.
- b. To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 15 May 2017 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. Victoria Hall Support Group

- a. To note correspondence from District Cllr. Eric Morrell (circulated).
- b. To note the Victoria Hall Support Group timeline (circulated).
- c. To note the objectives of the Victoria Hall Support Group as detailed by Cllr. Thomas:
 - i) To increase the profile of the Hall by putting on a variety of activities and events to get people into the building to see its potential.
 - ii) To put on fundraising events, either for a particular project (eg the balcony seats) or for more general use.
 - iii) To look and apply for grants which are not accessible to the Town Council as a public body.
- d. To note the Victoria Hall Support Group's draft Constitution which has been adopted by the Group (circulated).
- e. To note that the Group will formally adopt the Constitution after it has been approved by Council.
- f. To approve the Constitution of the Victoria Hall Support Group.

8. Grants

To consider application from Victoria Hall Support Group (circulated).

9. Planning

To consider Planning Applications as circulated and to note submissions to planning applications considered under delegated authority.

10. 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 prior to the 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 verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.
- e. To identify and approve two councillors to complete the online authorisation of the payments for the next payment period.

11. Finance and Governance - 12 Month Year-End Report 16-17

To note the Year-End Report 16-17 that has been audited by the Internal Auditor and the Council's accountant (circulated).

12. Finance And Governance – Internal Audit

- a. To note that the Internal Audit took place on 17 May 2017.
- b. To note the Internal Audit Report dated 17 May 2017 (circulated).

13. Finance And Governance – Annual Return

- a. To approve the Annual Governance Statement in the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017 (circulated).
- b. To approve the Accounting Statements in the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017 (circulated).
- c. To authorise the Chairman and Town Clerk to sign the statements.
- d. To authorise the submission of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017 for external audit to commence 3 July 2017, following the prescribed period for public examination from Tuesday 13 June 2017 to Monday 24 July 2017.

14. Finance and Governance – Precept

- a. At the previous meeting, it was noted that there was a variance between the resolution to raise the Precept by 5.8% and the Council Tax bills subsequently issued by South Lakeland District Council showing a rise of 8.2%. It was resolved (C17/13) to request that District Cllr. Morrell investigate this matter with SLDC.
- b. To consider District Cllr. Eric Morrell's findings and any response:

'The increase arises out of increased street lighting charges. In particular one street light in Edenmount Road had to be entirely replaced at a cost of some £1,500. Street lights are in the ownership of either CCC, SLDC or the local parish/town council (in this case GTC) which can be difficult to follow. These charges relate to lamps in the ownership of GTC. Similar charges have occasionally been made in the past, but this increase is unfortunately a large one. I am sorry that there was no advance warning to GTC about this increase.'

15. Finance and Governance - Insurance

To consider insurance provision for 2017/18 (circulated).

16. Governance – Training and Development Policy

To consider and approve the reviewed Training and Development Policy (circulated).

17. Updates from Members

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

- Chairman – Have Your Say response – Prom Shelters and Esplanade traffic.
- Chairman – Volunteer recruitment for Information Centre.
- Chairman – Bloom Group meeting.
- Cllr. Thomas - Edwardian Festival Committee meeting.
- Cllr. Thomas – Victoria Hall Support Group meeting.
- Cllr. Thomas – meeting with Citizens Advice Bureau.
- Cllr. Thomas – Cycle racks, playing fields grasscrete, orchard retaining wall, signage.
- Cllr. Ingle – Saturday Subsidised Bus Service meeting

- Cllr. Greenway – Olive Way
- Cllr. Hathorn – Yewtree Play Project

18. Council Priorities

- To note the Council Priorities and Action Plan 2017-18 (circulated) drafted for approval and now including:
 - *Work with SLDC to investigate replacing the Prom playground play house.*
 - *Investigate, in liaison with the Christmas Tree Committee, getting Christmas lights for the Town.*
 - *Continue to improve signage around the Town and appoint a Working Party to review provision and recommend next phase.*
 - *Request training/meeting with SLDC to ensure GTC planning responses are heard.*
- To consider draft Council Priorities and Action Plan 2017-18 (circulated)
- To appoint Signage Working Party with remit to review provision and recommend next phase.

19. SLDC request regarding land use

To consider a response to the following query from SLDC:

SLDC has approached GTC with a query about a small parcel of land on the Esplanade. The land area is edged in red on the plan (circulated).

SLDC want to know if GTC has any objections to them getting the land valued with a view to offering this land for sale:

My query around this plot is if it has any historical or sentimental value such as memorial space etc. I would appreciate your comments before I seek a valuation from our property services provider.

20. Neighbourhood Plan

To receive a progress report from the Steering Committee Spokesperson Cllr. Greenway.

21. Mayoral Chain

To consider Cllr. Thomas's proposal regarding the maintenance of the Mayoral Chain (circulated).

22. Signage

To consider Cllr. Thomas's proposal regarding signage to the Promenade facilities.

23. Victoria Hall Maintenance Programme

To note an update from the Chairman about works in progress.

24. Next Meeting

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

Monday 10 July 2017 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm

Signed C. Benbow

C. Benbow, Town Clerk