

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall, on Monday 10 April 2017 commencing at 7.20 pm.

Present: Cllr. Thomas – **Chair**
Cllr. Greenway, Cllr. Walmsley, Cllr. Shapland
Cllr. Ingle, Cllr. Endsor, Cllr. Harvey, Cllr. Hathorn
S. Haines – Victoria Hall Manager (minutes)

In attendance: 9 members of the public
1 member of the press

Minute Ref:		Agenda No:
C16/197	Apologies for Absence	1
	NOTED District Councillor (Grange North) Eric Morrell – a family commitment District Councillor (Grange West) Mary Wilson – on holiday	
C16/198	Reports Police Report	2

PCSO Howard Firth reported:

Past thirty days: 30 calls for service

1 x assault, 1 x Domestic Burglary, 2 x thefts

Incident Thursday 6 April was not a terrorist incident. It was a fall out over a tenancy agreement & money. Police armed response team called as someone was trying to get access using an axe. Council concerned that the road (Main Street) was closed for over 2 hours & this is the main access route to the other villages on the peninsular.

Cllr Thomas asked why there had not been any police officers directing traffic. Members of the public had undertaken this task. PCSO Firth said he didn't know, but several officers were out on other calls. Cllr Thomas suggested that for any future incidents non local officers are made aware that Main Street is the main route through the town and is used by emergency vehicles across the peninsula.

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District Council Report

No report this month

County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing reported that:

1. Following on from the police report re: the major incident last week – Cllr Wearing informed the meeting that the Chief Fire Officer had been informed that Main Street was blocked due to the incident.
2. **HMRC Scam** – Cllr Wearing reported that Trading Standards had been made aware of a scam involving HMRC. People are being cold called and told they owe money to HMRC. HMRC would not do this. If you owe them any money they would write to you. An alert from County had been circulated.
3. **Retained Fire Officers** – The Fire Service are looking for retained fire officers. The service is really short of members.

Cllr Thomas raised the issue of dropped kerbs. They are not easy to spot if you are a driver of a vehicle and as such vehicles park against them. (This is a traffic offence) Is it possible for Highways to paint them in some way so that they are more visible?

Mayors Report

Mayor Cllr. Tricia Thomas reported that:

I have had a very busy month one way and another and one thing I am particularly pleased about is that we now have a Victoria Hall Support Group committee – VHS Group for short! They will be working with a number of others to support the future of the Victoria Hall by raising the profile of the Hall and running fundraising events and activities.

The highlight of the past month however has to be the Mayor's Charity Concert on Thursday April 6th at the Victoria Hall. This event was very well attended indeed and we were treated to an evening of music with performers aged from six to well over sixty. The calibre of the performers was astonishing. We really do have a plethora of talent in the town and it starts with our local school-age children and continues well into retirement years. A huge thank you goes out to all those who played and sang so amazingly for us. You really were appreciated.

Of course, like any large event, it doesn't just happen, so a massive vote of thanks also goes to all those who helped on the night, selling refreshments, raffle tickets and programmes and holding the ever heavier buckets for the retiring collection. And I really cannot thank Sally Haines enough – without her there would have been no concert. As I write this we haven't quite worked out the final figure but we made something in the region of £1200 to be shared between the Alzheimer's Society and the Victoria Hall Fund. Thank you all for your generosity.

This will be my final Mayor's Report as I shall be stepping down in May to be succeeded by my present deputy, Peter Endsor. I have really enjoyed my year, in particular meeting so many interesting and inspiring people. You

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have all been great. Thank you.

C16/199 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say 3

Members of the public agreed that their names may be included in the minutes.

Judith Shapland Made a representation to members with regard to:

1. Council Tax. Would like an explanation of why the 5.8% rise in the precept, agreed at the January GTC meeting, appears as 8.2% on the actual Council Tax bill
2. Recreation Ground concerned that the bowling green & putting green has not been scarified & spiked. The Crazy Golf course is littered with leaves

Council Response Cllr Thomas thanked Mrs Shapland for her comments. SLDC will be asked for an explanation re the precept.

Robert Leach **PromArt** – Mr Leach wanted to inform council about the exciting changes happening to Promart. Over the last 3 months a new committee has been formed and a contract entered into with Geraud an event management company, who will now take over the running of PromArt. Mr Leach is no longer involved in the organisation, but is still interested.

Council Response Cllr Harvey gave a vote of thanks to Mr Leach for all his efforts over the years to make PromArt a very good and popular event.

C16/200 Minutes of the Previous Meeting 4

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 13 February 2017 were accepted as a true record.

C16/201 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations 5

NOTED None this month

C16/202 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.

Cllr Harvey asked if Agenda Item 9 could be brought forward & dealt with as the next item. Councillors were in agreement

C16/203 Governance – Co-option of new Councillor 9

It was noted that 4 members of the public had put their names forward to be considered for the town council vacancy. Councillors met with 3 of them on Monday 3rd April for an informal chat. The fourth member unable to attend the get together sent a written statement.

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RESOLVED Cllr Endsor Proposed & Cllr Harvey Seconded and Lyndon Howson was duly co-opted to the Town Council.

C16/204 Planning Report

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1. Members considered the following full or outline planning permission/reserved matters/discharge of conditions/listed building/change of use/advertising consent:

Application Number, Address and Specification

a. SL/2017/0099

Flat 3, Oaklands, Fernleigh Road

Installation of five velux roof lights to the eastern roof slope

Full Planning

Response:

No objection

b. SL/2017/0132

Windy Ridge, 55 Grange Fell Road

Erection of two single storey side extensions & one single storey front extension

Full Planning (SL/2017/0057 Application withdrawn)

Response:

No objection, however concerns raised re: external drainage, must make sure that surface water runoff does not flow down the street as the property is located on a hill.

c. SL/2017/0218

Upper Ground Floor, Palace Buildings, Main Street

Change of use from Office (B1) to Gym (D2)

Full Planning

Response:

Grange Town Councillors support this application in principle but have the following concerns:

- **Noise levels & reverberation effect, would like to see a Noise Management Assessment**
- **GTC would like to see a Fire Risk Assessment**
- **GTC would like to clarification over the lack of parking provision**

d. SL/2017/0240

Applethwaite, Methven Road

Minor material amendments to vary Condition 2 (Approved plans), Condition 3 (Landscaping), Condition 4 (Trees) & Condition 9 (Surface Water Drainage) attached to planning permission SL/2015/0390 (Erection of single dwelling)

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Full Planning

Response:

No objection

e. SL/2017/0254

Tockholes, Lyndene Drive

Single storey rear extension

Full Planning

Response:

No objection

f. SL/2017/0268

Oakleigh, Fernleigh Rd

Erection of balcony to rear of property

Full Planning

Response:

No objection

g. SL/2017/0277

Cragdale House, Kents Bank Road

Single storey link extension & alterations to extend offices

Full Planning

Response:

No objection

h. SL/2017/0248

Flat 1 Lymehurst Hotel, Kents Bank Road

Partially infill conservatory glazing with limestone

Full Planning

Response:

No objection

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

a. SL/2016/1125

Building adjacent Poplar House, Hampsfell Road

Change of use from Class B8 (Non domestic storage) to Use Class C3 (Domestic garage & storage) in connection with Poplar House

Grant with conditions

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b. SL/2017/0047

40 Kentsford Road

Single storey timber orangery

Grant with conditions

c. SL/2017/0060

Rose Cottage, Station Square

Rear conservatory; repair & part replacement of front porch; replacement rear doors; and conversion of first floor bedroom to bathroom (revised scheme)

Listed Building Consent Agreed

d. SL/2017/0038

Holme Farm, Meathop Road

Erection of circular slurry store

Grant with conditions

3. Delegated Authority - Members to note that the following items were responded to under delegated authority as the consultation deadline fell between meetings:

a. SL/2017/0107

Fellside, Allithwaite Road

Minor material amendment to vary condition no.2 (Approved plans) attached to SL/2014/0724 (Two dwellings)

Full Planning

Response Submitted: NO OBJECTION

b. SL/2017/0083

The Royal British Legion, Kents Bank Road

Installation of illuminated & non-illuminated fascia, hanging & panel signs

Advertisement

Response Submitted: OBJECTION

Grange Town Council objects to this application for the following reasons:

1) The illuminated fascia hanging and panel signs fail to preserve or enhance the special character of the Conservation Area by reason of size, position and means of illumination. They set a precedent for similar signage which would be insensitive and inappropriate in a Conservation Area. The box fascia at first floor on C and Front elevation detract from the design and detail of the period windows next to them. They are out of character and insensitively placed, and completely unnecessary, as there will be more than sufficient signage plus light spillage from windows on elevation B and main entrance area, for the store to be apparent to customers in the evening.

2) The illuminated panels are likely to cause nuisance to close neighbours if they remain lit at night. Those on all three elevations, particularly those on Front and C elevation at first floor level are unnecessary and likely to shine into bedrooms of nearby neighbours and guest house visitors, as there

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is nothing shown to direct the light downward only. This location is in a quiet mainly residential area. We would like a light nuisance assessment to be carried out, and replacement of proposed box and hanging fascia with more traditional shielded downward-shining lighting which is turned off when the store is closed. This less obtrusive lighting is deemed adequate on other Tesco Express stores even in bigger busier town centres - I attach a recent photo example of the frontage of Tesco Express in Lytham Town Centre.

c. SL/2017/0143

High Farm, Spring Bank Road

Single storey rear extension to existing domestic outbuilding

Full Planning

Response submitted: No Objection

d. SL/2017/0174

68 Kentsford Road

New dormer, decking, open glazing & entrance steps to front elevation and a single storey rear extension

Full Planning

Response submitted: No Objection

C16/205 Finance - Monthly Payments

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a. Verification of Expenditure

NOTED

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 could verify their authenticity.

b. Verification of Accounts Reconciliation

NOTED

That prior to the meeting two Councillors verified that the monthly bank reconciliation had taken place.

c. Approval of Payments

RESOLVED

That the payments of the accounts and wages for both the March and April finance periods are recorded in the payments list were approved as below.

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Payments for Approval

March 2017

1 Accounts for Payment

£

Cheques (Nat West)

Direct Debits (Nat West)

304 British Gas - V Hall 1 Jan to 31 Jan 17		552.10
307 Npower - V Hall elec 1 Nov 16 to 31 Jan 17		594.65
308 Npower - C Hill PC elec 1 Nov 16 to 31 Jan 17		145.41
309 Npower - Prom Lido PC elec 1 Nov 16 to 31 Jan 17		40.72
327 Barclaycard transaction fees February 2017		29.96
330 British Gas - V Hall 1 Feb to 28 Feb 17		559.64
Total Nat West account		£ 1,922.48

Unity Trust

303 Joel Davenport - V Hall window cleaning		32.00
306 CPC - V Hall cables for new digital mixer (donation by Grange Drama)		80.35
310 Performing Rights - V Hall to 5 Jan 2017 (recoverable)		95.97
311 Lancasters - V Hall replacement padlock hall door	5.00	
Lengthsman - 1 pair loppers	27.50	32.50
312 YPO - V Hall 48 hi ball glasses	25.50	
313 YPO - V Hall cleaning materials	61.48	
314 YPO - V Hall milk jug, tea towel, 12 teaspoons, plates	88.98	
315 YPO - stationery	178.99	
/320 YPO - batteries and refuse sacks	36.43	391.38
316 Shorroch Trichem - V Hall paper towels		368.94
317 NPS - V Hall glass passage survey report		3,000.00
319 Lamont Pridmore - accountancy fees 22 Oct 16/31 Jan 17		2,214.00
321 Grange Now - ads for new Cllr./invitation to tender		192.00
322 KTD - replacement UPS for finance computer	142.80	
323 KTD - Samsung photocopies	98.00	240.80
324 Lengthsman - February 2017		385.00
325 Healthmatic Public Conveniences cleaning Mar 17		1,590.00
326 Bingham Ground Services - deposit Games Court Surface Rec Ground C16/193	Paid 3/3/17	3,957.42
328 Kitchen Equip Co - V Hall cups and saucers		1,036.80
329 Gear4music - V Hall lights for music stand		58.45
331 Intouchcrm - website monthly hosting March 17		35.99
Total Unity Trust account		£ 13,711.60

Total accounts

£ 15,634.08

2 Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Unity Trust)

Total Salaries		£ 5,462.49
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 11		£ 1,386.07
LG Pension Scheme Feb Month 11 - employer payment		£ 2,566.96
(TC temporarily paying 30% contributions to be re-assessed in April 2017)		£ 9,415.52
Total Unity Trust account		£ 23,127.12

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Total all payments for approval	<u>£ 25,049.60</u>
3 <u>Accounts paid in previous month - approved</u>	
<u>Unity Trust</u>	
<u>Accounts paid in previous month - not yet approved</u>	
<u>Unity Trust</u>	
301 Skills Consultancy - IC Volunteer training day	350.00
302 Sinkfall Recycling - skip for Lengthsman	120.00
<u>Nat West</u>	
<u>Cheques</u>	
<u>Nat West</u>	
<u>Direct Debits</u>	
305 Plusnet 9/02 to 8/3 2017 - tel & broadband	53.26
318 XLN calls & line rental March 2017	34.25
Total Accounts paid in previous month	<u>£ 557.51</u>
Grand Total	<u>£ 25,607.11</u>
4 <u>Bank Balances</u>	
NatWest Current Accounts	85,921.20
Unity Trust Bank	133,965.80
5 <u>Transfers between bank accounts</u>	

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Payments for Approval

April 2017

<u>1 Accounts for Payment</u>	£
<u>Cheques (Nat West)</u>	
Petty Cash	22.19
345 Butterfingers - V Hall fund raising St Patricks Day pie & peas	463.85
<u>Direct Debits (Nat West)</u>	
337 U Utilities - Orn Gdns PC water 8 Dec 16 to 7 Mar 17	110.05
338 Npower - Christmas Tree Lights electric 1 Nov 16 to 31 Jan 17 (recoverable)	17.66
339 Npower - V Hall Paid invoice 307 credit and re-issued - refund due £48.99	
340 U Utilities - C Hill PC water 6 Dec 16 to 5 Mar 17	152.21
341 U Utilities - V Hall water 6 Dec 16 to 7 Mar 17	346.14
343 U Utilities - Prom Lido PC 8 Dec 16 to 9 Mar 17	77.62
1- M1 SLDC - Non Dom Rate. V. Hall	535.00
2- M1 SLDC - Non Dom Rate Rooms Rooms 1 & 3/Council Office	148.60
3- M1 SLDC - Non Dom Rate Tourist Information Centre	57.85
4- M1 SLDC - Non Dom Rate Police Room 4	77.50
5 U Utilities - IC wastewater 1 Apr 2017 to 31 Mar 2018 -1st half	65.47
356 Barclaycard transaction fees March 2017	26.11
Total Nat West account	£ 2,100.25
<u>Unity Trust</u>	
333 Locality - V Hall Study Consultancy	8,100.00
335 Yellow Publication - IC stock	133.01
336/ PR Books - IC stock	77.15
352/ PR Books - IC stock	85.75
342 SLDC - recharged elc Orn Gardens PC Jan to Mar 17	70.87
344 S Haines - V Hall fund raising expenses	506.60
346 KTD - Samsung photocopies	30.97
347 Healthmatic Public Conveniences cleaning Apr 17	1,590.00
348/ Plan-et - Neighbourhood Plan consultants Jan 17	2,895.00
349/ Plan-et - Neighbourhood Plan consultants Feb 17	900.00
350 Plan-et - Neighbourhood Plan consultants Mar 17	450.00
351 Cardtoons - IC stock	107.57
353 Grange & Dist Natural History Soc - IC stock	12.00
354/ P Dalton Eng - V Hall - make & install steel support column to rear	768.00
355 P Dalton Eng - Skate Park - inspection & replacement 2 of damaged fence panels & repair ramp ends	600.00
6 Intouchcrm - website monthly hosting April 2017	35.99
7 Lamont Pridmore - PAYE & Pension final qtr 2016-17	316.80
8 SLDC - Bandstand rent full year April 2017 to 31 March 2018	37.50
9 Bingham Ground Services - balance Games Court Surface Rec Ground C16/193	9,233.98
Total Unity Trust account	£ 25,951.19
Total accounts	£ 28,051.44

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2 Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Unity Trust)

Total Salaries	£ 5,882.01
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 12	£ 1,444.15
LG Pension Scheme Mar Month 12 - employer payment (TC temporarily paying 30% contributions to be re-assessed in April 2017)	£ 2,225.85
	£ 9,552.01
Total Unity Trust account	£ 35,503.20
Total all payments for approval	£ 37,603.45

3 Accounts paid in previous month - approved

Unity Trust

Accounts paid in previous month - not yet approved

Unity Trust

18TC Grange Operatic Society - ticket reimbursement 3,316.75

Nat West

Cheques

Nat West

Direct Debits

332 Plusnet 9/03 to 8/4 2017 - tel & broadband 54.65

334 XLN calls & line rental April 2017 34.25

Total Accounts paid in previous month

£ 3,405.65

Grand Total

£ 41,009.10

4 Bank Balances

NatWest Current Accounts

92,128.11

Unity Trust Bank

108,367.48

5 Transfers between bank accounts

NatWest Current IC a/c to NatWest Current TC

3,500.00

C (i) Payments To review & approve the continuation of the payment method of the Town Council's utility bills (gas, electricity, water, telephone & SLDC non dom rates by variable direct debit as required by the Financial Regulations And To note the completion of a direct debit for the new gas supplier Corona

RESOLVED Cllrs. approved the continuation of variable direct debits for the Town Council's utility bills (gas, electricity, water, telephone & SLDC non-dom rates and noted a direct debit was completed for the new gas supplier Corona.

d. Identification of Councillors to approve next finance period payments

RESOLVED That Cllrs Hathorn and Ingle would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

RESOLVED That Cllrs Harvey and Thomas would complete online authorisation of

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payments for the next payment period.

C16/206	Grants	10
	There were no grant applications.	
C16/207	Consultations	11
	There were no consultations.	
C16/208	Meeting Updates from Members	12

- a Members noted the following reports from meetings and briefings attended since the last full council meeting.

- **Cllr. Thomas – Furness Line Community Rail Partnership 30 March 2017**

Discussion arose about the very poor provision on this line during the recent strike compared to other Northern lines. It was felt this should be improved should further strikes arise and that Northern should use their resources more fairly.

Most stations along the line now have a ‘friends’ group (Grange & Kents Bank do). The issue of the non-availability of booked seats on Northern trains was raised. This was particularly difficult for the older passengers who use the line as they ended standing for lengthy periods on busy trains. This is historical and linked to the variations in rolling stock in use by the franchise. Northern rep said he would look into it and a simple suggestion as to how the problem could be got around was suggested by the meeting’s chairman Tim Owen.
- **Cllr. Thomas – Edwardian Festival Committee 30 March 2017**

The festival is on Saturday June 10th.

The entertainment and the bus have been booked.

Stall bookings are coming in at a good rate.

The gate rota has been started and all committee members are on the lookout for potential help.

Free stall offered to the primary school for a children’s activity and the Victoria Hall Support Group.

The joint school choirs will be asked if they would like to sing.

GTC needs to be reminded to send the £100 pledged towards the prize money.
- **Cllr. Thomas – Bloom Group 4 April 2017**

Work to continue on the station border. The seat is now in situ and concreted in.

The group are in the midst of organising Open gardens 2017 which will probably be on July 9th and will be around the town centre.

Some planters need attention/new compost before summer planting and dead heading now.

A useful meeting with Deb Clarke when spring/summer plans were discussed.

There is a multi group representative’s meeting on April 24th re: entries to Cumbria in Bloom.

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The group are planning a trip to Silloth to meet the team there and see how they organise themselves as well as look at their planting.

- **Cllr. Thomas – Green Spaces Spring Meeting 21 March 2017**

This was a very useful meeting of local groups involved in gardening in the town with Deb Clarke, the Green Spaces officer from SLDC.

Each group put forward their spring/summer plans.

Representatives were present from 3Ps, Orchard Group, Bloom Group, Kents Bank Station Group, Prom Gardeners and the Soroptimists

- **Cllr. Thomas – Morecambe Bay Partnership Conference 5 April 2017**

A very interesting day here in the Victoria Hall beginning with overviews of what the Trust has been engaged in over the past year and their future plans.

Presentations included Iron Age settlement at Warton Crag, the use of Lidar in exploring archaeological sites from above, an oral history project interviewing people involved in the local fishing industry and the caves at Lindale.

There was also a short presentation on the Lido consultation and the next steps from Gareth and Ruth from SLDC.

The final string was Jack Manning talking about his exploits on Morecambe Bay while engaged in fishing.

- **Cllr. Thomas – Meeting with Giles Archibald 22 February 2017**

Present at this meeting were Giles Archibald and Laurence Conway from SLDC, SLDC Councillor Eric Morrell, Cllr. Peter Endsor and myself.

Discussion took place about the potential for a business hub in Grange. It was suggested that interested parties should meet in Kendal where they already have such a facility and information and expertise were available.

The possibility of town activities such as a market was raised. This would be led by the Chamber of Trade and organised so as not to impinge upon the local shops. Giles and Lawrence both supported this idea.

Discussion about the possibility of £1:20 fee for parking at Hampsfell Road car park as a way of easing the parking problems of residents in Fernleigh Road and the surrounding area. Giles accepted the case looked strong and that further investigation was needed. Also needs to be communication with CCC about a possible residents parking scheme. The problems of parking at the health centre were highlighted with people needing to pay as the centre car park was full, mostly with staff cars. Councillor Morrell said he would raise this with Tim Farron.

Giles and Laurence expressed their concern about Network Rail's statement that they would not be doing maintenance work on the prom as their responsibility was only to maintain the seawall where it was next to the railway line as a way of preserving the service.

There was a brief update on the Victoria Hall study.

Dog fouling – following comments from a resident there were queries about new signage appearing in some parts of the town. This is because new regulations are coming into place and the signs would gradually be replaced during the forthcoming year to reflect that.

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b. Updates from members on works in progress:

- **Cllr. Hathorn – Yewtree Play Project**

Cllr Hathorn has been to Grange Primary School and met with the School Council & the People's Parliament to discuss the type of equipment the children would like to see on the site

One of the parents will liaise with Playdales in Haverthwaite, who will put together a site plan & costings for the individual items of equipment. Thanks to SLDC the site on the playing fields will be extended slightly to give more space.

The group have already raised £45,000 towards the project. A request for funding application to Walney Windfarms is being prepared for another £45,000. The deadline for applications is end of June. Groups will be informed of the outcome in November. Should the application be successful, the group will have enough funds for the project & hope to have the equipment in situ for Summer 2018

- **Cllr. Hathorn – Games Court Surface (Prom Rec Ground)**

Work is now complete. It is “amazing” Children of all ages are really excited about it. Surface gives a clear definition to the pitch. Sand will still have to be brushed over the surface on a regular basis and areas taking the most wear (eg the goal mouth) will need particular attention.

Interest in using the court has been expressed by Morecambe Football club for their “Shrimps” & the Walking Football group

- **Cllr. Greenway – Olive Way Signs**

A design for the signs has been agreed and will be ordered shortly. Permission to erect the signs has been obtained from SLDC, CCC & Two Castles. Cllr Greenway asked if the Lengthsman would be able to “put them up”. The Lengthsman will be asked.

- **Cllr. Thomas – Skate Ramps**

Repair work complete. Phil Dalton has been asked to set in motion the staged replacement of 3 of the original items (as decided at the February meeting Minute Ref:C16/192)

- **Cllr. Thomas – Retaining wall at the Community Orchard**

I met with Deb Clarke the relevant officer from SLDC on 21/3/17.

I showed her the shifted stones near the top of the wall and she took photos. She will ask LSH to investigate the whole wall and get relevant repairs carried out.

- **Cllr. Thomas – Promenade Signage**

I met with Deb Clarke, the relevant SLDC officer on 21/3/17 and we walked the length of the prom. She agreed signage is needed highlighting that both pedestrians and cyclists use the area. Signs need to be erected at each entry point onto the prom, with special attention being drawn to the low height and blind corner at the underpass at the playing fields end where cyclists should dismount. There is at present one very small warning sign on the prom side but nothing on the playing field side. We agreed this was totally inadequate. Deb will work with Ruth Leahy (SLDC) and possibly MBP to install signs at relevant points.

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- **Cllr. Thomas – Grasscrete at Yewtree Road Playing Fields**

On 9/3/17 I met Frank McCall in response to the concerns he raised at the February 2017 Council Meeting. We looked carefully at the whole area and he is right to be concerned. When Deb Clarke and I investigated the prom signage on 21/3/17 we also looked at the state of the grasscrete at the lower end of the playing fields. It is in an appalling state and is in places clearly dangerous. Deb will contact LSH with a view to improvements to both safety and visual appeal. The whole area may need removing and replacing properly. She is aware that United Utilities had the work done originally.

C16/209 Neighbourhood Plan 13

Cllr. Greenway, Steering Committee Spokesperson reported that the Draft Report from the Consultants has been received. It will be going into Public Consultation from May 8th

C16/210 Shop Front Grant Scheme 14

Seven applications have now been received. Councillors considered the applications. Six applications have requested the full £250 & one has requested £210. After payment there will still be £790.00 available

RESOLVED

That payment in full be made to all applicants

C16/211 Kents Bank Post Office 15

Council noted the letter from the Post Office informing GTC that the Post Office in Kents Bank remains temporarily closed

C16/212 Victoria Hall 16

a. Victoria Hall Action Group

Cllr Thomas reported that the group met on Wednesday 5th April. Officers for a committee came forward. The group will now be called: **Victoria Hall Support Group** (VHSG). The next step will be to write a constitution and set out Aims & Objectives.

b. Maintenance Programme

- i) Glass Passage – 5 companies have asked for the Tender Documents. 3 of them have been for a site visit. No completed Tenders received yet.
- ii) Dressing Room crack – Work has now been completed.
- iii) Stage Ladder/Work Platform. The Victoria Hall Manager reported that there is just one suitable option: Zarges 41328 Giant ZAP Telescopic Work Platform

RESOLVED

Members asked the Victoria Hall Manager to explore the cost (including delivery) of the work platform and bring details to the next meeting.

C16/213 Subsidised Saturday 532 Bus Service 17

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Cllr Ingle asked council to consider supporting the Saturday 532 Bus Service again for 2016/17 and funding a reprint of the timetable.

RESOLVED

Council agreed in principle to support the Saturday Service, depending on cost & support from the other parishes involved.

Council to ask Carol Last at Cumbria County Council & County Councillor Bill Wearing for an update from County & the Traveller's Choice (the bus company) and costing for usage figures and to set up a meeting with the other 3 parishes who contributed to the running costs of the service.

It was decided not to reprint the timetable until a decision has been made re: the continuation of the service. Cumbria County Council are currently providing a timetable for the 532 service that includes the Saturday service & the 530 service

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Next Meeting

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NOTED

That the next Full Council Meeting would be held at:

Monday 8 May 2017, Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands

This will commence after the Annual Town Meeting at 7pm.

Cllr. Harvey thanks Cllr Thomas for her leadership and role as Mayor over the last year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair of Grange-over-Sands Town Council