Chairman/Mayor: Cllr. Tricia Thomas

Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:

Cllr. Peter Endsor

**Town Clerk:** C. Benbow



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# Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall, on Monday 15 August 2016 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr. T. Thomas – Chair

Cllr. Greenway, Cllr. Walmsley, Cllr. Hathorn, Cllr. R. Shapland

Cllr. Ingle, Cllr. Endsor, Cllr. J. Shapland, Cllr. Harvey

C. Benbow - Town Clerk

**In attendance:** 5 members of the public

Minute Agenda No:

Ref:

C16/73 Apologies for Absence 1

**NOTED** There were no apologies received.

C16/74 Reports 2

**Police Report** 

PCSO Howard Firth sent his apologies and the following crime report for the past month:

22 calls for service. 3 crimes including: 1 theft, 1 domestic assault, 1 drugs offence.

#### **District Council Reports**

District Councillor Eric Morrell sent his apologies. District Councillor Mary Wilson didn't have a report but was willing to answer questions. There were no questions.

# **County Council Report**

County Councillor Bill Wearing reported that:

- The Historic Vehicle Rally was a great success. Cllr. Wearing thanked the Mayor and Town Councillors for their involvement in the event.
- Subsidised Saturday Bus Service figures for the use of this should be available soon.
- Grange Fell Road the hole has been filled in.
- Library volunteers induction sessions for Grange volunteers will be run over the next few weeks, Cllr. Wearing will send the session dates to the Town Council.

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Cllr. Walmsley told Cllr. Wearing that a hole had appeared in the road to Guides Lot.

Cllr. Walmsley also announced that the Historic Vehicle Rally was seeking younger volunteers to get involved with organising and running the event.

Cllr. Walmsley asked when the town's drains would be cleared.

Cllr. Wearing asked that people let him know of specific drains that need clearing.

# **Mayors Report**

Mayor Cllr. Tricia Thomas: Mayor's Report August 2016

Jackie and I had a busy Sunday attending a truly delightful Bake Off and Afternoon Tea at the Victoria Hall. This event, organised by Grange WI and the Lyons, was a real treat. The entrants in the baked goods competitions looked very toothsome and I was somewhat glad not to have been asked to be a judge. It must have been exceedingly difficult.

Having chatted to a number of those partaking in a truly scrumptious tea we wended our way down to the Playing field to attend the annual Historic Vehicle Rally. So many beautiful cars, so pristine, even down to shiny engines. It makes you wonder if they get out at every traffic light and have a quick polish under the bonnet! As usual at this event, there was a great atmosphere and the owners were happy to talk about and show off their vehicles. The weather was compliant too which meant a better turnout for car owners and visitors alike. It was a real pleasure to hand out the prizes, though as in the Bake Off – how do they choose the winners?

I would like to say a huge thank you to the organisers of both events for all their hard work – they bring real enjoyment to the town.

On the previous Saturday Tom Harvey and myself held a Councillor Surgery at the Library. Although we had a pleasant morning chatting to each other, no one attended. As we are not getting much, if any, take up on these surgeries I will be suggesting that we cut down to two a year to be held in conjunction with SLDC and Cumbria County Councillors.

If a particular issue means we need further opportunities for the community to meet us then we can respond appropriately with a further surgery either at the Library or at Abbot Hall.

It may seem as though Christmas is a long way off but Sally Haines and myself are already planning the annual Charity Christmas Fair at the Victoria Hall.

This year it will be on Saturday December 3. If your Charity or group would like a free table at this event please get in touch with Sally as soon as possible

#### C16/75 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say

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

#### **Nick Thorne**

Made a representation to members with regard to:

1. Signs – Mr Thorne commented favourably about the new signs that have been put up around town and asked if some signs could be put at the top of Grange Fell Road. These would be to divert pedestrians off the road and onto the footpath instead.

2. Noise pollution from Sky Dive North West – Mr Thorne has been in touch with SLDC about this and asked if the Town Council could contact other local councils to see if others are affected.

Council Response Cllr. Thomas replied that the Town Council would contact County Cllr. Bill Wearing about the signs and contact the Local Area Partnership regarding noise pollution.

# C16/76 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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**RESOLVED** 

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 18 July 2016 were accepted as a true record.

### C16/77 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

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NOTED

There were no requests received for dispensations or declarations of

interest.

# C16/78 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item

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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.

# C16/79 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/2016/0694

National Westminster Bank Plc, Main Street

ATM surround (non-illuminated)

**Advertisement** 

**RESOLVED** 

**NO OBJECTION** 

#### b. SL/2016/0695

Broad View, Lyndene Drive

Construction of a side extension & enlargement of rear annex. Landscaping alterations including enlarged rear patio & creation of off road parking to the front boundary

# **Full Planning**

Members noted that the application had been withdrawn as SLDC were awaiting more information from the applicant.

### c. SL/2016/0232

22 Graythwaite Court

Installation of replacement French doors

**Full Planning** 

**RESOLVED** 

**NO OBJECTION** 

## d. SL/2016/0713

Seawood House, Carter Road

Conversion of single dwelling into 3 self-contained apartments (retrospective)

**Full Planning** 

**RESOLVED** 

#### **NO OBJECTION**

Grange Town Council makes the following request:

That the parking spaces are assessed for safety.

# e. SL/2016/0633

Land at Beech Hill, 53 Carter Road

Erection of single dwelling

**Outline Planning** 

**RESOLVED** 

Members noted that the application had been declared invalid by SLDC.

### f. SL/2016/0750

Lakes Lodge, Castlehead, Lindale, LA11 6QS

Garage/Storage unit to be erected in Garden, Change of use from Agricultural to residential land

**Full Planning** 

**RESOLVED** 

#### NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council makes the following requests/comments:

- 1. Request a condition that the workshop is used only as stated in the application and not for anything else.
- 2. Request a condition that the three trees being removed are replaced elsewhere on the site.
- 3. Comments that Grange Town Council supports the planting of the new hedge.

#### g. SL/2016/0759

St Pauls Church, Hampsfell Road

Formation of paths & terrace

**Full Planning** 

**RESOLVED** 

**OBJECTION** 

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to the application on the following grounds:

- 3. That no provision has been made for drainage in the application.
- 4. As more hard-standing is being installed on the site, it is requested that permeable paving is used and there is agreement to install a soakaway.
- 2. Decisions Members noted that the following decisions had been made since the last Full Council meeting:

# a. SL/2016/0420

Middle Fellgate Farm, Cartmel Road

Change of use & extension of the existing agricultural building to comprise one dwellinghouse

Grant with conditions

#### b. SL/2016/0466

Lakes Lodge, Castlehead

Single storey extension & alterations

**Grant with conditions** 

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

The following items had consultation deadlines which fell between the meeting:

#### SL/2016/0677

Monks Nook, Kirkhead Road

Front porch and installation of two glazed double doors to front elevation and demolition of part of rear store

**Response Submitted: NO OBJECTION** 

### 4. Appeals – Members noted the following appeals:

SL/2016/0700 Monton, Cart Lane

Alleged Breach: Increase in height of the eaves, ridge line & roof plane

Enforcement Notice requires: Return the roof to its original profile.

# C16/80 Delegation of Planning Responses

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- a. Members noted that a clear audit trail for delegation of planning responses to the Clerk was required, for use when a planning response was required between council meetings.
- b. Members considered approving the below addition to the Standing Orders that:

Planning applications shall be received by the Clerk who will provide details to Councillors and where no queries arise by joint decision of all Councillors, the Clerk shall be delegated to inform the Planning Department within the time allocated of the decision of the Council. All Councillors will report directly back to the Clerk thereby avoiding discussion between members. Councillors will give the Clerk notification of their interest in any applications so that they can be omitted from the reply. Where queries arise the Chairman will call for a site meeting which may require an Extraordinary Meeting to decide upon the application, adhering strictly to legal procedures set by NALC.

**RESOLVED** – That the Standing Orders be amended to include the above.

# C16/81 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 this finance period as recorded in the payments list were approved as below.

### d. Identification of Councillors to approve next finance period payments

**RESOLVED** 

That Cllrs J. Shapland and Walmsley 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 Greenway would complete online authorisation of payments for the next payment period.

# **GRANGE-OVER-SANDS TOWN COUNCIL**

Pay	/ments	<u>2016</u>		
1	Acco		<u>£</u>	
	Cheq	ues (Nat West)		
	110	British Gas - V Hall gas June 2016		112.41
		Band Concert - Ulverston Town Band - 31 July 16		100.00
		Band Concert - KCB Big Band - 7 Aug 16		100.00
	Direc	t Debits (Nat West)		
1-	M5	SLDC - Non Dom Rate. V. Hall		557.00
2-	M5	SLDC - Non Dom Rate Rooms Rooms 1 & 3/Council Office		138.00
3-	M5	SLDC - Non Dom Rate Police Room 4		87.00
4-	M5	SLDC - Non Dom Rate Tourist Information Centre		62.00
	124	SAGE - SAGE 50 accounts renewal to 4 Sept 2017		698.40
	126	Barclaycard transaction fees July 2016		25.15
		Total Nat West account	-	£ 1,879.96
	Unity	Trust	:	
	105	Cardtoons - IC stock		139.21
	106	SLDC - Grange Fell Allotments rent inc from 1.7.16		6.75
	107/	PR Books - IC stock	01.14	
	108	PR Books - IC stock	04.29	205.43
	109	Brayshaw Heating - V Hall replacement heating timer		186.42
	111	Lamont Pridmore - 1st qtr payroll & year end P60s		302.40
	112	Westmorland Fire - V Hall upgrade fire alarm system		12,156.00
	114	National Stage Tech Ltd - V Hall stage hoist test		1,111.68
116		CALC - Asset Transfer training course T Clerk		29.50
	117	Cumbria CC - Funding bus service 532 16/17		
		(£2,000 recoverable)		4,300.00
	118	Lancasters - Kents Bank bench stain repair		14.00
	119	Lakeland Leisure - IC stock		72.50
	120	Grange Now - Monthly ad Aug 16 T Council details		48.00
	121	SLDC - Parish Election Costs May 2015		2,321.71
	122	Plan-et - Neighbourhood Plan consultants		1,475.00
	123	Intoucherm - website monthly hosting July 2016		35.99
	125	WB Electrical - repair to Bandstand water heater		60.00
		Band Concert - S Cumbria Retirement Band -		
		29 May & 10 July 16		200.00
	127	Healthmatic Public Conveniences cleaning Aug 2016		1,590.00
		Total Unity Trust account	-	£ 24,254.59
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		Total accounts	=	£ 26,134.55

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

Total Salaries	£ 5,764.49
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 4	£ 1,501.87
	£ 7,266.36
Total Unity Trust account	£ 31,520.95
Total all payments for approval	£ 33,400.91

# 3 Accounts paid in previous month - approved

**Unity Trust** 

Accounts paid in previous month - not yet approved

**Unity Trust** 

**Nat West** 

Cheques

#### **Nat West**

#### **Direct Debits**

	Grand Total	£ 33,469.32
	Total Accounts paid in previous month	£ 68.41
115	XLN calls & line rental August 2016	34.25
113	Plusnet 9/07 to 8/08 2016 - tel & broadband	34.16

# 4 Alto Prepaid Card (Pre-Authorised £1,000.00)

#### 5 Bank Balances

 NatWest Current Accounts
 181,253.53

 Unity Trust Bank
 85,637.78

 Alto Prepaid Card
 877.23

# 6 Transfers between bank accounts

# C16/82 Finance and Governance

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#### a. Audit year ended 31 March 2016

Members considered that the external audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2016 had been completed.

**RESOLVED** - That the external audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2016 was approved and accepted.

#### b. First Quarter Financial Report

Members considered the first quarter Financial Report 1 April to 30 June 2016.

**RESOLVED** – That the first quarter Financial Report 1 April to 30 June 2016 was approved.

Pudget Menitering 2 months to 20	luno 2040			25%		
Budget Monitoring 3 months to 30 J		Dudget		25%		
	Budget for year	Budget to date	Actual to		Budget spend	
INCOME	£	£	date £	Variance £	to date %	Comments
Precept	141,440	35,360	35,360	0	25%	
Interest Received	120	30	42	12	35%	
Grant Receipts - Running Costs SLDC	43,000	10,750	10,967	217	26%	
Grant Receipts - SLDC Council Tax	8,656	2,164	8,656	6,492	100%	Full Year
Grant Receipts - Other	-	2,104	6,010	6,010	0%	i dii i cai
Donations Received	830	208	515	308	62%	
Rent Receipts	7,099	1,775	1,574	(201)	22%	
Room Hire Receipts	7,000	1,750	2,013	263	29%	
Sale of Goods	5,000	1,250	1,673	423	33%	
Commission Received	700	175	403	228	58%	
Toilet Entry Fees	8,250	2,063	2,443	381	30%	
Fund Raising Income	-	_,000	1,066	1,066	0%	
Lease Registration Fees	-	-	200	200	0%	
S	222,095	55,524	70,922	15,398	32%	-
Expenditure		•	,	•		-
•	Budget	Budget				
	for year	to date	Actual to		Budget spend	
Purchases	£	£	date £	Variance £	to date %	
Stock Movement	3,000	750	1,224	474	41%	<del>.</del>
	3,000	750	1,224	474	41%	-
Direct Expenses						
Volunteer's Expenses	180	45	22	(23)	12%	
Musicians' Fees	1,460	365	-	(365)	0%	
Mobile Toilets	410	103	140	38	34%	
Fund Raising Expenses		-	550	550	0%	-
	2,050	513	712	200	35%	1
	Budget	Budget				
Overheads	for year £	to date £	Actual to date £	Variance £	Budget spend to date %	
Salaries	88,868	22,217	21,919	(298)	25%	
Printing and Stationery	900	22,217	301	(296) 76	33%	
Postage	250	63	54	(9)	22%	
Water	4,200	1,050	1,355	305	32%	
Business Rates	8,680	2,170	2,108	(62)	24%	
Dubinos Nates	Budget	Budget	2,100	(02)	2470	
	for year	to date	Actual to		Budget spend	
Overheads	£	£	date £	Variance £	to date %	Comments
Telephone/Broadband	890	222	173	(49)	19%	
Insurance	4,000	1,000	924	(76)	23%	
Subscriptions	550	138	549	412	100%	
Information Technology	6,000	1,500	2,403	903	40%	
Travelling Expenses	450	113	-	(113)	0%	
Training Expenses	1,000	250	-	(250)	0%	
Civic Expenses	500	125	-	(125)	0%	
Bank Charges	100	25	-	(25)	0%	
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	210,778	52,694	52,880	186	25%	<del>.</del>
Projects	15,000	3,750	10,617	6,867	71%	see notes
Pensions	1,500	375	-	(375)	0%	
PWLB Loan Interest Paid	1,100	275	-	(275)	0%	
Parish Election Costs	2,322	581	-	(581)	0%	
Grants to Local Groups	2,000	500	450	(50)	23%	
Lengthsman	6,000	1,500	1,122	(378)	19%	
Communications	800	200	349	149	44%	see notes
Cleaning	15,900	3,975	3,975	0	25%	
Card Handling Charges	250	63	70	8	28%	
Rent Payable	818	205	38	(167)	5%	
Toiletries and Cleaning Materials	600	150	-	(150)	0%	
Professional Fees - Non Financial	1,300	325	260	(65)	20%	see notes
Repairs and Maintenance	32,400	8,100	1,768	(6,332)	5%	
Electricity	3,700	925	733	(192)	20%	
Gas	4,000	1,000	1,116	116	28%	
Accountancy Fees	5,500	1,375	2,369	994	43%	
Audit Fees	1,200	300	227	(73)	19%	

Net profit 6,267 1,567 16,106

#### **Notes**

Professional Fees - Non Financial - includes Victoria Hall taped music licence (a new annual fee) Communications - includes Saturday bus timetable and the GTC Grange Now contact box. Projects - Neighbourhood Plan, Bus Grant, War Memorial plaques.

# C16/83 Broadband Upgrade for Council Office

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Members noted that fibre broadband was needed to operate the GTC finance system and considered approving upgrading the broadband provision.

**RESOLVED** - That upgrading the broadband provision to fibre was approved.

# C16/84 Grange Fell Allotment Society Grant – Special Motion

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- a. Members noted that new information had been provided in support of this grant application which was refused at the previous council meeting on the grounds that the equipment had already been purchased so the grant would be retrospective. The information was that the Allotment Society Chairman had contacted the Clerk to point out that the equipment had in fact not yet been purchased by the Allotment Society.
- b. In the light of new information having been provided, members voted on a special motion to reverse the resolution C16/61a made at the July meeting.

**RESOLVED** - That a majority of members voted to approve a special motion to reverse the resolution C16/61a made at the July meeting.

c. Following the resolution to approve a special motion, members considered the

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Grange Fell Allotment Society application for £428.00 to purchase a brush cutter, safety helmet and petrol can for use by the Grange Fell allotment holders.

**RESOLVED** - That £200 was granted to the Grange Fell Allotment Society towards the purchase of a brush cutter, safety helmet and petrol can for use by the allotment holders.

# C16/85 Consultations

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Members considered participation by Councillors in appropriate consultations:

**Eggerslack and Hampsfield Forest Plan**: Forest Enterprise England are part of the Forestry Commission and manage the public forest estate in Cumbria. They are in the process of revising the Eggerslack and Hampsfield Forest Plan which outlines how they intend to manage these woodlands into the future. The plan, which is in draft stage, is available for public consultation and they welcome your comments on the plan. The consultation is open until 21 August. The plan can be viewed by following the link below:

https://englandconsult.forestry.gov.uk/forest-districts/eggerslack-hampsfield-design-plan-2016

**RESOLVED** – that Grange Town Council responds to:

- Thank the Forestry Commission for the information and request that they continue to keep the council informed.
- Inform them that there will soon be a Neighbourhood Plan which has policies about biodiversity.
- Ask that when looking at biodiversity that they maintain dry stone walls in a fit state to support and encourage biodiversity.
- Inform them that there will be a policy about dry stone walls in the Neighbourhood Plan.

# C16/86 Meeting Updates from Members

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

- 5. **Subsidised Saturday Bus Service** meeting on 28 July with Cumbria County Council and partner parishes. Cllr. Ingle reported that the service appears to be well-used but we are waiting for statistics from the bus provider to demonstrate the split of fare-paying/subsidised passengers. These should be available by the next meeting in October to inform discussion about the feasibility of continuing the subsidy.
- 6. **Cedric's Walk Path Site Visit** on 2 August with SLDC to discuss surface of path behind Cedric's Walk. Cllr. Thomas reported that the planting of the area is planned for the Autumn and the replacement of the surface with an accessible surface is being negotiated between SLDC and Two Castles.
- **7. Stonycroft SL/2016/0608** meeting on 10 August initiated by the Town Council as resolved at July meeting with SLDC Planning Department, Witherslack School and residents. Cllr. Thomas reported that all parties discussed the situation regarding the decision that the planning department had to make.

# C16/87 Chairman's Update

Members received an update from the Chairman about works in progress.

- Yewbarrow Allotment Door the work to replace this has been completed.
- Recreation Ground on Prom regular meetings take place with Horton Landscapes. A new mower has been ordered for the bowling green.
- Complaints about lorries to Trickett's Field have been received in the council office the police have been contacted and they are monitoring this.
- Pavements obstructed Cumbria County Council have been contacted.

# C16/88 Neighbourhood Plan

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Members noted a progress report from the Steering Committee Spokesperson Cllr. Greenway and that the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan was underway.

# C16/89 Community Led Plan

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Members noted that the Chairman, Clerk and Victoria Hall Manager reviewed the actions of the Community Led Plan which was published Autumn 2014 and that while a number of issues were ongoing and would continue, many actions had been successfully resolved.

# C16/90 Skip for Lengthsman

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- a. Members noted that GTC had received approval and a licence from SLDC to site a skip in the SLDC Hampsfell Road depot for the use of the Lengthsman.
- b. Members considered approving the quote obtained by Cllr. Walmsley for £120 for a skip to be provided with no on-going weekly charges, to be emptied as required at a cost of £120 each time.

**RESOLVED** – That the quote obtained by Cllr. Walmsley for £120 for a skip to be provided with no on-going weekly charges, to be emptied as required at a cost of £120 each time was approved.

# C16/91 I Play Equipment on Promenade

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Members noted that repairs to the I Play on the Promenade costing £438.64 had been commissioned from Playdales.

## C16/92 Victoria Hall

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Members noted updates from the Chairman as follows:

- a. **Victoria Hall Action Group** an email was sent to all who attended the Public Meeting earlier in the year to let them know progress on the Locality Study.
- b. Locality Study councillors and staff met Zoe Goddard from Locality on 28 July.
- c. Victoria Hall Maintenance Programme:
  - External painting Willie Crowe has started the work.
  - Stage floor Andrew McClure scheduled in September between events.
  - ASK roof is scheduled to complete the roof repairs in September.
  - The hearing loop has been repaired.

• Glass Passage – meeting on 23 August with NPS to take work forward.

# C16/93 Mayor's Tea Party 21

Members noted that the Mayor was hosting the volunteer's tea party on Thursday 13 October 2016 and considered approving expenditure up to £500 from the civic expenses budget.

**RESOLVED** – That up to £500 from the civic expenses budget was approved for the Mayor's Tea Party.

C16/94 Training 22

- a. Members noted that Cllrs. Hathorn and Endsor would be attending the CALC course 'New and Aspiring Chair' on 13 October 2016 and considered approving payment of £70.00 course fees from the training budget.
- b. Members noted that the Clerk had completed the course 'Introduction to Local Council Administration' and now wished to register to complete the 'Certificate in Local Council Administration' (CiLCA). This is administered by the Society of Local Council Clerks and costs £250.
- c. Members considered approving paying £200.00 from the training budget for this registration (£50 covered by vouchers awarded for contributing to 'The Clerk' magazine).

**RESOLVED** – That payment of £70.00 for the course 'New and Aspiring Chair' for Cllrs. Hathorn and Endsor and £200.00 for the Clerk to register for CiLCA was approved from the training budget.

# C16/95 Next Meeting 23

**NOTED** That the next Full Council Meeting would be held at:

Monday 10 October 2016, 7.00pm Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.22pm

Signed:

Date:

**Chair of Grange-over-Sands Town Council**