

Grange-over-Sands Town Council

Aims and Objectives 2024 – approved by Full Council 12 August 2024

| 1. Community Engagement – representing residents and community members. | | |
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| What we do | How we do it | Comments |
| Surgeries | Regular joint councillor surgeries are held with Unitary Councillors in local venues. | Ongoing |
| Public Queries | Help people solve problems or identify which council or other body can help. | Ongoing |
| Local Groups | Provide Councillor Representatives for local groups as requested. | Ongoing – reviewed each May. |
| Website | Publish statutory council documents, promote the Victoria Hall and events. | Ongoing |
| Social media | Social media is used to engage with wider audiences. | Ongoing |
| Grants | Local organisations and individuals are supported with grants through the Bay Villa Trust. | Ongoing |
| Ward Boundaries | Encourage WFC to change ward boundaries to ensure representation for all residents. | Ongoing |
| Planning | Respond to planning application consultations from Westmorland and Furness Council. | Ongoing |
| Neighbourhood Plan | Ensure Grange Neighbourhood Plan is referenced in planning responses. | Ongoing |
| Consultations | Comment on consultations for development, transportation and future strategic planning. | Ongoing |
| Promote democracy | Run the Town Council effectively, encouraging residents to get involved in local democracy. | Ongoing |

| 2. Services and Facilities – provided to support the town and quality of life. | | |
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| Victoria Hall | <p>Council committed (March 2018) to providing and promoting the Victoria Hall as a Community Venue, recognising that it is a valuable resource within the Community. GTC subsidises the Hall, as it does to provide and maintain all the other services and facilities.</p> <p>GTC encourages, supports and works alongside the Victoria Hall Support Group (VHSG) to improve the facilities, fundraise, increase income and footfall and raise the profile of the Hall.</p> | Ongoing |
| Public Conveniences | Provide three blocks of public conveniences (Ornamental Gardens, Church Hill and Promenade) working with the cleaning and maintenance contractors to ensure a high standard of facility. | Ongoing |
| Recreation and Parks | <p>Provide the Recreation Ground on the Promenade (contracted to Horton Leisure Ltd).</p> <p>Wall-top planting at the Ornamental Gardens – currently researching the possibility of sustainable planting for the wall-tops.</p> <p>Lido Gallery – return and re-home the Gallery after Lido refurbishment works.</p> | Ongoing |
| Allotments | Provide and maintain allotments at two sites – Grange Fell and Yewbarrow. | Ongoing |
| Band Concerts | Support Charity and Co in holding the <i>Music in the Park</i> Summer Band Concert Season. | Ongoing |
| Civic Pride | <p>The Town Council provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Lights • Community Lengthsman • Hanging baskets at the Victoria Hall • Mayor or Deputy Mayor attendance at events • War Memorial maintenance and contributes to the Act of Remembrance | Ongoing |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages litter-pickers • Union and Remembrance flags flown at Church Hill | |
| Work with others | <p>Work in partnership with other authorities and stakeholders to improve the town generally, including the Promenade and Lido, the Ornamental Gardens, Park Road Gardens, Olive Way and the Community Orchard.</p> <p>Support the Christmas Tree Committee by providing insurance cover for the event.</p> <p>Support local groups for events in relation to licences and permissions.</p> | Ongoing |

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| 3. The Environment | | |
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| Changes in Climate and Biodiversity Loss | <p>The Town Council is concerned about the changes to our environment, the climate and by biodiversity loss and this awareness underlies all council activity.</p> <p>Specific actions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Training – becoming informed, reading briefings and attending WFC and CALC events and courses. Planning Application Consultations – considering biodiversity and habitat loss in all responses. Victoria Hall – encouraging users to provide non-meat options at their events and investigating heating zoning and more insulation for the building. Community Partnership Working – supporting Peninsula Environmental Action Together (PEAT). | Ongoing |