

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Chairman/Mayor:

Cllr. Tricia Thomas

Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:

Cllr. Ann Walmsley

Town Clerk:

Mrs. C. Benbow



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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 14 November 2022 at 7.00pm.

Note: Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 this meeting was advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media or the public.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Benbow', written over a light blue horizontal line.

C. Benbow, Town Clerk

AGENDA FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2022

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies from members.

2. Public Participation: Have Your Say

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

3. Reports

To receive the following reports:

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

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10 October 2022 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. Planning

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

8. 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 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.

9. Finance and Governance

a. Six-Month Financial Report

To consider the six-month Financial Report to 30 September 2022 (*circulated*).

b. Staff Pay Award

To note National Association of Local Councils (NALC) announcement of staff pay award, from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, of £1,925 awarded across all pay points for full time staff and pro rata for part-time staff. This was negotiated by the National Joint Council for local government services and applied to staff payments as contracted (*circulated*).

c. **Grange Town Council Aims and Objectives**

To consider Aims and Objectives last reviewed March 2021 and a draft version for 2022-23 (*circulated*).

d. **Draft Budget and Precept 2023/24**

To consider the draft Budget and Precept 2023/24 (*circulated with notes*).

e. **Casual Vacancy**

There is still a casual vacancy on the Town Council due to the resignation of Tracy Hathorn in August 2021. This continues to be advertised; anyone interested is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information, or see www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk

10. Consultations

To consider the Council's participation in appropriate consultations:

a. **South Lakeland District Council 2021 Call for Sites Feedback Consultation**

SLDC seek feedback on the 40 sites submitted in their second Call for Sites in 2021.

To consider response drafted by Cllr. Greenway (*circulated with photos*).

For detail: <https://cumbria.citizenspace.com/south-lakeland-district-council/call-for-sites-2021-feedback/consultation/>

b. **Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) and Westmorland and Furness Council (WF)**

CALC and WF Council survey about engagement, aspirations and what might be possible as the new council develops. Deadline Friday 18 November. (*survey circulated*).

11. Updates from Members

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

- a. Cllr. Thomas – Blueworks Bus Company

12. Promenade and Lido District Council Refurbishment Update

To note any update from South Lakeland District Council and that officers plan to attend the December Grange Town Council Meeting.

The Westmorland and Furness shadow cabinet has been moved from 11 November until 9 December 2022. It is hoped that all approvals will be in place for the project by then.

13. Victoria Hall

a. **Cost-of-Living Working Party**

A Working Party was appointed at the last meeting to investigate energy-saving measures for the Victoria Hall and a meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 9 November 2022.

To note an update from the meeting.

b. Fire Risk Assessment

To note that a quote from Ardent Safety Ltd of £680.00 (ex VAT) has been accepted to fire risk assess the Victoria Hall. This is scheduled for 18 January 2023.

c. Waste Collection

To note that SLDC have withdrawn waste collection services from the Victoria Hall. A commercial contract with a provider is now needed. District Councillor Fiona Hanlon is following this up on behalf of the Town Council.

d. Front-of-House Team

To note that the new Front-of-House staff have settled in well and are making a great contribution to the running of the Hall.

14. Bailey Lane Level Crossing

To consider correspondence from resident regarding the closed Bailey Lane Level Crossing (*correspondence circulated*).

15. Soroptimists Tap Twinning

To consider correspondence from the Soroptimists and the request for £120 towards their tap twinning project (*two letters circulated*).

16. Training

- a. To note that Cllr. Julie Mason attended the Cumbrian Association of Local Councils (CALC) training on Planning on 31 November 2022 costing £30.
- b. To note that the Town Clerk attended the Society of Local Council Clerks National Conference 2-3 November 2022 costing £125 (ex VAT)

17. Next Meeting

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

Monday 12 December 2022 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm