Chairman/Mayor: Cllr. Tricia Thomas

Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:

Cllr. Ann Walmsley

Town Clerk: Mrs. C. Benbow



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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall, on Monday 8 August 2022 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr. T. Thomas – **Chair**

Cllr. A. Walmsley, Cllr. S. Bailey, Cllr. R. Handley, Cllr. E. Walmsley,

Cllr. J. Mason.

Mrs. C. Benbow - Town Clerk

In attendance: 5 members of the public, County Councillor B. Wearing.

Minute Agenda No: Ref:

C22/65 Apologies for Absence 1

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Logan and Greenway who were both absent due to holiday.

RESOLVED

That apologies from Cllrs. Logan and Greenway due to holiday were approved.

C22/66 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say 2

Resident 1 Made representation to members regarding:

- Item 15, Road Safety at Allotments County Highways response is disappointing. Call to reinstate 30mph limit and signage on Grange Fell Road.
- 2. Roadworks in Charney Well Lane County Council did not inform residents who were concerned and inconvenienced.
- 3. Yewbarrow Lodge and Gardens District Council is neglecting these.
- 4. Item 13, Prom and Lido Report District Council appear to be delaying on the planned refurbishment.
- 5. Police 'Street Safe' Survey this took place on Charney Well and highlights residents' concerns with traffic.

Council Response

The Chairman responded that the Police had sent the 'Street Safe' Survey to the Town Council on the day of the meeting.

Resident 2

Made representation to members regarding Item 13, District Council (SLDC) update about Prom and Lido refurbishment, raising the query that the report says SLDC remains committed to the refurbishment of the Prom and Lido, but it is not clear if this means the Lido as a swimming pool, or not. Expressed concern that residents who are not in favour of the pool being refurbished are not being represented or consulted.

Resident 3

Made representation to members regarding Item 13, speaking as the Chair of Save Grange Lido Community Benefit Society. The Group has run consultations and open days and will continue to bring updates and information to the Town Council meetings. Residents are welcome to correspond directly with the Group.

C22/67 Reports 3

District Council Report

There was no representation from South Lakeland District Council.

District Councillors Robin Ashcroft, Fiona Hanlon and Peter Endsor sent apologies.

County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing reported:

- 1. **Item 15, Road Safety** moving the 30mph limit on Grange Fell Road will have to be included in the new budget for the Unitary Authority in the next financial year.
- 2. Unitary Authority the District and County Councils are winding down. The Unitary Chief Executive Officer has been appointed. The Fire Service is staying as one service and the Police Commissioner will run it. The Shadow Authority will set the budget and will need to fund the Prom and Lido refurbishment. £5 million is currently in the budget for this but more will be needed. The budget consultation will be out before Christmas so everyone can have their say.
- 3. **Cumbria County Council Children's Services** a child died in the care of Cumbria County Adoption Services. Cllr. Wearing will circulate the report into the death.

Shadow Unitary Council Report

Shadow Unitary Councillors Sue Sanderson and Peter Endsor sent apologies.

There was no representation from the Shadow Unitary Council.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cllr. Tricia Thomas reported that she had attended the Classic Car Rally on 6 August.

C22/68 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 11

July 2022 were accepted as a true record.

C22/69 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

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NOTED

There were no requests received for dispensations or declarations of interest.

C22/70 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. Wearing left the meeting.

C22/71 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 or appeal:
- a. SL/2022/0619 Murrell Bank, Highfield Road
 Single storey rear and side extension to create additional living space
 FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

 SL/2022/0642 2 Abbotsford House 4 Kentsford Road UPVC Double glazed inserts into existing bay window FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council makes the following request: That the architectural details around the windows are retained.

 SL/2022/0643 3 Abbotsford House 4 Kentsford Road UPVC Double glazed inserts into existing bay window FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

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d. SL/2022/0658 49 Priory Lane

Loft conversion, front & rear dormers, single storey rear & side extensions FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

e. SL/2022/0685 Kent Lodge Cardrona Court Loft conversion with rear Juliette balcony and the addition of 4 roof lights.

RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

FULL PLANNING

f. SL/2022/0689 Lambert Manor Kirkhead Road

Change of use of former stable block to holiday let accommodation with part demolition of first floor link structure, re-cladding of cottage to provide staff accommodation and associated access, car port with car parking and photovoltaic panels with associated infrastructure and ancillary facilities.

FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED OBJECTION

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

The Town Council would be in favour of this development, except that the black cladding is entirely out of keeping with the Neighbourhood Plan Design Guide. There are no other buildings, agricultural or otherwise, faced in blackened timber planking in the area.

Otherwise, the Town Council is in favour, and requests that EV charging points are provided in the car park.

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LISTED BUILDING

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h. SL/2022/0701 Monton 10 Cart Lane
 Discharge of condition 1 (Windows) attached to planning permission
 DISCHARGE CONDITIONS

RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

Members noted:

i. Appeal SL/2022/0204

Appeal Start Date 8 July 2022

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78
Arnmore, 18 Yew Tree Road, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS, LA11 7AA
Full width porch extension with glazed 1st floor balcony over, extension to garage with link staircase to house.
Planning Inspectorate Ref APP/M0933/W/22/3298267

- 2. Decisions Members noted that the following decisions had been made since the last Full Council meeting:
- a. SL/2022/0433 Age Concern UK, Lindale Road Discharge Conditions Approval of Discharge.
- b. SL/2022/0434 Age Concern UK, Lindale Road Discharge Conditions Approval of Discharge.
- c. SL/2022/0590 Westfield Kents Bank Road Non-Material Amendment Grant with Conditions.

C22/72 Finance - Monthly Payments

8

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. Mason and Handley would verify the invoices and payments for

the next payment period.

e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

RESOLVED That Cllrs. Walmsley and Greenway would complete online authorisation

of payments for the next payment period.

GRANGE-OVER-SANDS TOWN COUNCIL Payments for Approval

August 2022

Accounts for Payment

£

Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit

Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque									
Total Bank Account No. 1	<u></u>	-							
Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits									
 Lloyds Bank Pic - Card July 2022 - Monthly fee Magic Toy Shop - Wine bottle coolers x 6 (VHSG donation) Nisbets - Cleaning materials & Thimble measures (VHSG donation) TTB Supplies - Cleaning materials TGC - Ometa Dehumidifier SLDC - 5/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall SLDC - 5/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office SLDC - 5/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4 Npower - Elec V Hall 01/06-30/06/22 Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/06-30/06/22 Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/05-31/05/22 Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/06-30/06/22 Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/06-01/07/22 Sage - Support 01/08-31/08/22 	3.00 52.74 onation) 176.42 43.76 139.99	415.91 574.00 155.00 87.00 300.18 46.11 11.06 41.70 240.41 86.40							
Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments									
 Lancasters - Keys & fobs Duddon Hire - Portaloo hire Park Gdns 06/06-03/07/22 Grange Now - Advert Front of House PPL PRS Ltd - Performing Rights to 05/07/22 (recoverable) Healthmatic - PC cleaning 01/08-31/08/22 Lamont Pridmore - Payroll services April - June 2022 KTD - Photocopying 27/06-29/07/22 Burneside Band - Bandstand concert 10/07/22 Flookburgh Band - Bandstand concert 17/07/22 Kirkby Lonsdale Band - Bandstand concert 24/07/22 Lancaster City Band - Bandstand concert 31/07/22 Promart CIC - Women in Rock (TS9) - Ticket reimbursement 	nt	8.50 294.00 221.24 200.88 1,500.00 356.40 20.82 100.00 100.00 100.00 1,755.58							
Total Bank Account No. 2		6,715.19							
Total Accounts		£ 6,715.19							

Page 2 Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Bank Account No. 2) 6,032.58 **Total Salaries** £ HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 4 1,787.98 LG Pension Scheme Month 4 - Employer payment 2,074.52 9,895.08 **Total Bank Account No. 2** 16,610.27 Total all payments for approval £ 16,610.27 Accounts paid in previous month Bank Account No. 1 **Direct Debits Cheques Bank Account No. 2 Direct Debits** 107 Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 08/08/22 Calls to 07/07/22 40.56 Waterplus - Church Hill PC 07/06-07/07/22 42.84 109 Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 07/06-07/07/22 60.14 **Direct Bank Payments (Not yet approved)** 143.54 Total Accounts paid in previous month £ £ 16,753.81 **Grand Total Bank Balances** Bank Account No. 1 As at 31/07/22 187,489.64 Bank Account No. 2 As at 31/07/22 116,216.15 Transfer to Petty Cash account to replenish float

Dated.....

Signed (Chairman)

Grange-over-Sands Town Council		Meeting:	8 August 2	2022	Prepared: July 2022		
Budget Monitoring 3 months to 30 June 2022		Budget	25% Budget	Actual		%	
	Sage	for year			Variance :	•	
Precept	Code 4000	£ 191,518	£ 47,880	£ 47,880	£ (0)	to 25%	Comments
Sundry Receipts	4010	-	-	230	230	25/0	Compensation re Prom Loo damage/Room Hire rechargeables
nterest Received	4015	_	-	-	0		
Grant Receipts - Running Costs SLDC	4100	-	-	_	0		
Grant Receipts - General	4105	-	-	-	0		
Grant Receipts - SLDC Council Tax	4106	8,239	2,060	2,060	(0)	25%	
Grant Receipts - SLDC Comm Infrastructure Lev	y 4107	-	-	-	0		
Donations Received	4115	1,200	300	1,400	1,100	117%	14 x £100 donations for Bandstand concerts for season
Donations for Assets	4116	-	-	-	0		
Donations - Victoria Hall	4117	-	-	865	865		
Rent Receipts	4120	5,225	1,306	1,451	145		All V Hall rooms tenanted
oom Hire Receipts	4125	6,500	1,625	3,963	2,338		V Hall fully open for events
Bay Villa Trust Admin Fee	4162	580	145	-	(145)	0%	Invoiced annually in 4th quarter
Commission Received	4170	-	-	-	0		Commission on ticket sales
ease Registration Fees	4175	-	- 2 575	-	0	220/	Cedric Walk
oilet Entry Fees	4500	14,300	3,575	3,114	(461)	22%	
und Raising Income	4600	227,562	56,891	60,963	4,073	27%	
		,,502	-0,001	20,303	.,5,5	%	
		Budget	Budget	Actual		Spend	
	Sage	for year	to date	to date	Variance	to	
XPENDITURE	Code	£	£	£	£	date	
und Raising Expenditure	6170	-	-	-	-		
Musicians' Fees	6200	1,200	300	100	(200)		Remaining £100 band payments due in 2nd quarter
Mobile Toilets	6220	500	125	245	120		Increase in cost
alaries	7000	96,588	24,147	25,238	1,091	26%	
ensions	7001	20,065	5,016	3,166	(1,851)	16%	
rinting and Stationery	7010	400	100	139	39	35%	
ostage	7012	40	10	- 054	(10)	0% 21%	
Vater Business Rates	7015 7020	4,650	1,163 1,975	954 2,040	(208) 65	26%	
elephone/Broadband	7025	7,900 750	1,975	2,040	(88)		Reduction in tariff from Feb 2021
nsurance	7030	4,000	1,000	781	(219)		Cost to increase from 01/07/22
ubscriptions	7040	850	213	573	361		Subs for CALC, NALC & SLCC
nformation Technology	7046	4,000	1,000	3,024	2,024		Support invoice £2,380 20/04/22 for 30/03/22-29/03/23
Vebsite	7047	400	100	15	(85)	4%	
						%	
		Budget	Budget		:	Spend	
	Sage	for year	to date	Actual	Variance	to	
XPENDITURE cont	Code	£	£	to date £	£	date	
ravelling Expenses	7050	200	50	-	(50)	0%	supply and the later of the lat
raining Expenses	7052	600	150	-	(150)		SLCC/NALC/CALC/Website Training
ivic Expenses	7055	100	25	171	146		Staff retirement/Jubilee
ank Charges	7070 7075	200	50 250	51 232	(18)	26%	Internal Audit fee
oudit Fees Accountancy Fees	7075	1,000 2,500	625	1,885	(18) 1,260		Accountancy fee £1,525 Y/e 31/03/22 plus 3 months Payroll
Gas	7100	4,500	1,125	2,000	1,260 875		Increase in gas tariff (x 5)
lectricity	7105	4,300	1,123	1,063	26		Increase in electariff (x 2)
hristmas Lights	7105	4,600	1,150	1,425	275	31%	
onation Expenditure - Victoria Hall	7110	-,000	-	785	785	/-	Projector to replace stolen one
Iall Maintenance, Repairs and Renewals	7119	18,000	4,500	2,598	(1,902)	14%	Includes LOLER inspection £1,222
Repairs and Maint. (Toilets, Rec Ground,	7120	5,600	1,400	33,214	31,814		Includes Kompan Combi 5 Street Workout
andstand, Allotments & Public Domain)							equipment £26,612
lall Regular Maintenance	7121	-	-	-	0		
all Maintenance Plan & Emergency Repairs	7122	-	-	-	0		
rofessional Fees - Non Financial	7125	1,500	375	60	(315)	4%	
piletries and Cleaning Materials	7130	600	150	5	(145)		Purchases made in 2nd quarter
ent Payable	7160	740	185	515	330		Includes annual rental for GF allotment & bandstand
ard Handling Charges (Toilets only)	7190	1,450	363	302	(61)		Monthly Nayax readers and service fee for toilets
leaning	7200	15,000	3,750	3,750	0		Toilets
ommunications	7255	500	125	- 4 740	(125)	0%	
	7455	6,500	1,625	1,749	124	27%	
engthsman	7000	-	-	-	(2.500)	00/	
Communications Lengthsman Parish Election Costs	7600 7605	10 000	2 500				
engthsman Parish Election Costs Projects	7605	10,000	2,500 55	- 24	(2,500) (31)	0% 11%	
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engthsman arish Election Costs rojects	7605						

C22/73 Finance and Governance

a. First Quarter Financial Report

Members noted that the quarterly financial report is an annual standing item for the August meeting and had been omitted from the agenda in error.

Members considered the first quarter Financial Report as above 1 April to 30 June 2022.

RESOLVED

That the first quarter Financial Report 1 April to 30 June 2022 as above was approved.

b. Casual Vacancy

Members noted that 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

c. **Meeting Dates**

Members noted an amendment to the Town Council's meeting dates, that the April 2023 meeting will be now held 10 April.

d. Street Workout Equipment Invoice

Members noted that the total paid to Kompan Ltd for the Street Gym equipment was reduced. This followed queries raised by the Town Council's Finance Administrator, that the Heras site security fencing and Portaloo hire were included in the quote, but not supplied. The price quoted, and approved, for the Combi 5 Street Workout Equipment was £32,505.06 (including VAT).

The amount actually paid was £31,933.86. Kompan are crediting the difference of £571.20.

e. Cost of Living Price Increases

Members noted that:

i) Insurance

At the previous meeting, it was noted that the Council's insurance premium had increased by 184% to £8,593.99 for 2022-23.

ii) Gas and Electricity

Heating and lighting costs for the Victoria Hall and the 3 blocks of public conveniences have increased. The Council is a business customer, so is charged a commercial rate and the bills will not be capped, as they are for domestic households.

Members noted correspondence from the Council's energy supplier, Corona Energy, regarding increase in prices.

These calculations show how the increase in prices will affect the Victoria Hall:

Gas – this has increased by nearly five times. The rate per kWh has increased from 2.2p to 10.9p.

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The gas charge for the Hall for 2021-22 was £3,807 so based on the above, we could be looking at an annual charge for 2022-23 of approximately £19k.

Our contract is managed by Cumbria County Council and runs from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2025.

The current pricing period is 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. Whether the price falls in 2023-24 is anybody's guess.

Electricity - the rate per kWh has gone up from 14.4p to 30.8p, so more than doubled.

The electricity charges for 2021-22 were £2,542 so we may be looking at annual charges in the region of £5k for 2022-23.

C22/74 Consultations

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There were no consultations.

C22/75 Updates from Members

11

Members received the following updates from Councillors on works in progress and meetings and events attended, including:

- a. **Clir. Thomas Prom Art** a meeting took place with Prom Art Committee representatives following correspondence about running more events on the Prom. Clirs. Thomas, Handley, A. Walmsley and E. Walmsley took part. Discussion included stewarding, speed of cars on the Prom and communication regarding cancellations.
- b. Cllr. Thomas Vandalism there has been vandalism and drug use this weekend at the public loos in the Ornamental Gardens. This means that the loos have been closed for deep cleaning. The doors have been damaged on the outside and now look unsightly.

C22/76 Victoria Hall

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a. Hire Rates Review

Members noted that the hire rates have been reviewed, and new rates proposed, in light of increased running costs, and to provide a standardised pricing system that is clear and fair

Members considered the proposed new rates for implementation from 1 January 2023.

RESOLVED

That the proposed new hire rates, for implementation from 1 January 2023, were approved.

b. Chimney Works

Members noted that the works to remove the rear chimney (resolved January 2022 C22/160) were complete.

c. Front of House/Caretaking

Members noted that advertising and recruitment for Front of House/Caretaking team members was underway. This was advertised in 'Grange Now,' on the noticeboard, website and social media.

C22/77 SLDC Updates – Promenade and Lido Refurbishment and Prom Playground

13

Members noted an update received from SLDC, as requested at the previous Town Council meeting. The following was received by email 13 July 2022:

I can confirm that we are still progressing with the design and the concrete survey report will be completed within the next couple of weeks. This will give us a good steer on completing the final construction drawings and moving a step further to getting the project underway. I will be reporting to ClIr Jonathan Brook and ClIr Robin Ashcroft within the next couple of weeks.

Members noted the further update received by email 4 August 2022:

Update on Grange Lido and Promenade Works

Dear Grange Town Councillors,

As you will appreciate, a significant amount of time has passed since you were last updated on the proposed works to Grange Promenade and Lido.

You will be fully aware of the complexities of this project, which continue to present both challenges and opportunities for the council, however we remain committed to the refurbishment of the promenade and lido, and to date have committed circa £5m towards this, which will include substantial concrete repairs to ensure the longevity of structures.

More recently we have taken steps to limit access to the promenade playground, which has been disappointing but essential due to safety concerns. To clarify, we are not able to bring works forward for the new playground, and the new playground will continue to form part of the wider promenade refurbishment works and be delivered in due course.

Officers are continuing to work on this project to ensure the preservation of the historic pool and ancillary buildings within the lido and refurbishment of the promenade, and councillors are committed to delivering a scheme that will benefit the community and unlock the future potential of Grange-over-Sands.

Our design team are currently working on finalising the amended construction drawings, which will then require further cost appraisal, providing a fully costed scheme within the next 6-8 weeks. At the point at which we have final costs, we will seek to secure final approval from SLDC cabinet, followed by the approval of the new Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority cabinet. Therefore, we anticipate that contractors could start on site soon after all approvals are in place.

We would welcome the opportunity for officers and district councillors to attend a meeting with town councillors, at your convenience, once we have finalised plans to update

you fully on the proposed amends to the scheme, the programme of works including highlevel indicative timeframes, as well as give an opportunity for town councillors to raise any comments or concerns from the community.

We will endeavour to keep the town council and community of Grange-over-Sands updated at key milestones as we proceed with this project and thank you for your continued patience and unwavering support.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Rowley
Director, Commercial and Delivery Services
South Lakeland District Council

C22/78 Recreation Ground

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a. Tender

Members considered draft tender, and tender process timeline, for the exchange of services contract to operate and maintain the Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED

That the draft tender, and tender process timeline, for the exchange of services contract to operate and maintain the Recreation Ground was approved.

b. Working Party

Members considered appointing a Working Party to open tenders on Wednesday 28 September, 7pm, and report to Full Council with recommendation for decision on Monday 10 October 2022.

RESOLVED

- i) That a Working Party was appointed to open the tenders on Wednesday 28 September, 7pm, and make recommendation for decision to be made at Full Council on 10 October 2022.
- ii) That Cllrs. A. Walmsley, J. Mason, R. Handley and S. Bailey were appointed to the Working Party.

C22/79 Allotment Correspondence

15

At the previous meeting, it was resolved to request that the County Council review the speed limit for the fell road, consider moving the National Speed Limit sign so the allotment entrance is in the 30mph zone, install a concealed exit warning sign and clear the verges near the entrance to the site.

Members noted the response from Cumbria County Council and that the work to review the speed limit and cost of moving signs, would fall under the remit of the new Unitary Authority.

Members noted an update from Cllr. Mason, about golf balls coming over the road from the Golf Club, that the Golf Club Committee have the item on their agenda for their next meeting, on 15 August.

Members noted that the allotment holder has been in further correspondence, asking whether the gate into the allotment car park could be moved to the other end, as this could be safer for users.

RESOLVED

That, as it appears that the problem is that traffic speed and volume have both increased, the Town Council would continue to request that the County or Unitary Council would review the speed limit and signage on Grange Fell Road.

C22/80	Next Meeting	16
	Members noted that the next Full Council Meeting would be held:	

Monday 10 October 2022, 7.00pm Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council