

# TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

**Chairman/Mayor:**  
Cllr. Roger Handley

**Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:**  
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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 12 February 2024 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  C. Benbow, Town Clerk

## **AGENDA FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2024**

### **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. Westmorland and Furness Council Report
- b. 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 8 January 2024 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

- a. To consider Planning Applications as circulated and to note submissions to planning applications considered under delegated authority (*circulated*).
- b. To note correspondence from Westmorland and Furness Council regarding an update on Allithwaite and Cartmel Neighbourhood Plan which is proceeding to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum (*circulated*).

## 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. **Casual Vacancy**  
There is a casual vacancy on the Town Council.  
To note the Co-option Policy, consider any applications for co-option and vote to co-opt (*circulated*).
- b. **Quarterly Financial Report**  
To approve the 9-month Quarterly Financial Report to 31 December 2023 (*circulated*).
- c. **Budget Publicity in 'Grange Now'**  
To note that an article has been put in 'Grange Now' about the budget, cost to be confirmed.

## 10. Consultations

To consider the Council's participation in appropriate consultations: none received.

## 11. Updates from Members

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

- a. Cllr. Handley - River Winster Rehab Project Stakeholder meeting – 2 Feb (*circulated*).
- b. Cllr. Thomas – Peninsula Environment Action Together AGM

## 12. Victoria Hall

### a. Theatres Trust Consultancy

The Town Council noted in August 2023 that the Theatres Trust granted the Victoria Hall three days' work with a specialist consultant. To note a report from Theatres Trust Consultant Matt Fenton following the meeting with him in October 2023 (*circulated*).

### b. Room 4

To note that the repair and redecoration of Room 4 following the roof leak is underway.

### c. Emergency Lights

To note that the emergency lights have been upgraded, to improve access from the Hall in case of emergency, costing £650 (inc. VAT).

### d. Fire Risk Assessment Review

To note that the Fire Risk Assessment has been reviewed and consider the draft Fire Safety Policy (*circulated*).

To note any update from the meeting with the Fire Safety Assessor scheduled for Thursday 8 February.

### e. Lost Property Policy

To consider the draft Victoria Hall Lost Property Policy (*circulated*).

## 13. Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

### a. Church Hill Clock

The clock at Church Hill was out of sync and chiming all night. Westmorland and Furness Council are the responsible authority. They have specialist clock repairers scheduled to attend. In the meantime, the chimes have been stopped.

To note any further update.

**b. 20mph Speed Limit Policy**

To note that a meeting took place on Wednesday 31 January, 7pm, with the Westmorland and Furness Traffic Management Manager, Victoria Upton. The purpose of the meeting was to find out more about the speed limit policy, as resolved at the previous Town Council meeting. Cllrs. Handley, Thomas, A. Walmsley, Logan, Greenway and Speight and the Town Clerk attended.

To note any update from the meeting from attendees.

#### **14. Climate Change & Biodiversity Loss**

To note an update about the CALC (Cumbrian Association of Local Councils) and CAfS (Cumbria Action for Sustainability) on-line Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss forum.

This was held on Thursday 25 January 2024 at 7pm via Teams.

Cllrs. Greenway and Mason attended.

#### **15. Staffing Committee**

To note draft minutes from the Staffing Committee held Wednesday 7 February 2024 and consider any recommendations (*to be circulated*).

#### **16. Next Meeting**

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

**Monday 11 March 2024 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm**