

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Chairman/Mayor:

Cllr. Roger Handley

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 13 January 2025 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 13 JANUARY 2025

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 9 December 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

To consider Planning Applications as circulated and to note submissions to planning applications considered under delegated authority (*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 complete the online authorisation of the payments for the next payment period.
- e. To identify and approve two councillors to verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

9. Finance and Governance

a. Casual Vacancies

To note that there is a casual vacancy on the Town Council. Informal meetings will take place on Wednesday 29 January and voting at the February 2025 Town Council meeting. Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information, or see www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk

b. Council Tax Base

To note that this is the number of dwellings liable for council tax, expressed as an equivalent number of band D dwellings for the parish. Westmorland and Furness Unitary Council (WFC) calculate the number. Any decrease or increase in properties will affect council tax bills. WFC have confirmed the council tax base for 2025/26 is 2,391.90 which is an increase of 222.31 properties.

c. Draft Budget 2025/26

To consider the draft budget and report 2025/26 (*circulated*).

d. **Precept 2025/26**

To resolve the precept for 2025/26.

e. **IT Equipment Renewal**

To approve purchase of new laptop for Clerk as existing one has stopped working (*circulated*).

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. Thomas – Furness Line Community Rail Partnership

12. Victoria Hall

To note any updates.

13. Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

a. **Bus Services - Outcome of Tender Process**

To note correspondence from WFC and details of enhanced bus services which will be in operation from Spring 2025 (*circulated*).

b. **Lighting Policy**

To note that WFC are currently in the process of developing a lighting policy to replace the policies from the former District and County Councils. The new Highways and Local Lighting Policy is due to go to cabinet on 18 March 2025.

A Parish Councils Engagement Session was scheduled for 10 January 2025.

To note any update from the session.

c. **Temporary closure of footpath at Yewbarrow Lodge**

To note that the footpath 526016 alongside Yewbarrow Lodge will remain closed until 21 December 2026 or until the completion of works, whichever is earlier (*Notice, Order and correspondence circulated*).

14. Allotments

To note an update from Cllr. Mason on the new fence at Grange Fell allotments.

15. Christmas Lights

To note any update on the Christmas lights provided under contract by LITE Ltd.

16. Staffing

a. Hall Cleaner

To note that the vacancy for Hall Cleaner has been filled.

b. Hall Administrator

To note that recruitment is underway, and the application deadline is 20 January 2025.
All details are on the Town Council website.

17. Next Meeting

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

Monday 10 February 2025 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm