

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 10 July 2023 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 10 JULY 2023

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 12 June 2023 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. Casual Vacancies

There are two casual vacancies on the Town Council due to insufficient candidates at election. Anyone interested is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information, or see www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk

b. Co-option Policy

To consider draft Co-option Policy for adoption by the Town Council (*circulated*).

c. Insurance

To note that the annual premium to Zurich of £6,065.66 as approved at the last Council meeting has been paid, with the addition of £28.00 Hirers Liability.
Total premium now is £6,093.66.

d. **IT Support Contract**

To approve annual contract for IT Support, from KTD Ltd, quoted at £2,380 (ex VAT) (*circulated*).

10. Consultations

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

11. Updates from Members

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

- a. Cllr. Thomas - Cumbria Better Connected
- b. Cllr. Thomas – Furness Line Community Rail Partnership
- c. Cllr. Thomas – Grange Civic Society

12. Victoria Hall

a. **Victoria Hall Support Group**

To note that the Victoria Hall Support Group (VHSG) have donated £8,000.00 to Grange Town Council to be spent on projects or expenses directly related to the Victoria Hall.

b. **Roof Repairs**

To note that roof repairs as estimated by John Burrows have been commissioned. Scaffolding is due on 3 August. This is for the roof over Room 9 which has flooded again following recent heavy rainfall.

Members are asked to approve the estimate (*circulated as Part 2 item*).

13. Recreation Ground

- a. To note Westmorland and Furness Council annual inspection and that the facility is marked as 'very low risk' (*circulated*).
- b. To approve the Rec Ground Risk Assessment (*circulated*).

14. Commemorative Trees Project

To note an update from Cllr. Thomas.

15. Tim Farron MP correspondence

To consider correspondence from Tim Farron MP about access around the town for pedestrians who have disabilities (*circulated*).

16. Allotments

To note an update from Cllr. Mason on her conversation with the Golf Club regarding complaints from allotment holders about golf balls coming over from the Golf Club.

17. Training

- a. To consider approving the Town Clerk taking part virtually in the Society of Local Council Clerks Annual National Conference 11-12 October 2023 costing £150 plus VAT.
- b. To note that the Caretaker has completed on-line Working at Height certification. This has been booked for four staff costing £104 plus VAT in total (each course is £26 + VAT).

18. Staffing

To note the draft minutes from the Staffing Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 5 July 2023 and to consider any recommendations.

19. Next Meeting

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

Monday 14 August 2023 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm