

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 11 March 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 11 MARCH 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 12 February 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.

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. **Co-option Policy**
To consider the Co-option Policy, re-drafted to include an informal meeting with Councillors to ask questions and discuss the role (*circulated*).
- b. **Annual Authorisation of Payments**
To approve the annual review of payments made by variable direct debit and standing order and to approve the use of BACS payments in compliance with Grange Town Council Financial Regulations (*circulated*).
- c. **IT Support Contract**
To approve the annual contract for IT Support, from KTD Ltd (*correspondence and quote 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 – Civic Society AGM
- b. Cllr. Handley – Concert Club

12. Victoria Hall

a. Theatres Trust Consultancy

To note an update from Cllr. Greenway.

b. Victoria Hall Working Party

To note that a Victoria Hall Working Party was scheduled for Wednesday 6 March at 7pm, to discuss the Theatres Trust Consultant's report and prepare for the final meeting with him. The Victoria Hall Support Group was invited to send representatives.

c. Front of House Staff Team

To note that two new Front of House staff have been recruited, on casual hours contracts.

d. Training

To note that the two new Front of House staff and a Victoria Hall Support Group volunteer have completed Fire Warden training.

13. Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

a. Bus Service

To note correspondence from WFC about a new bus service operating between Grange and Cartmel (*circulated*).

b. Prom and Lido Refurbishment

To note any update from WFC on the works to the Prom and Lido.

c. Clock at Clocktower

This has now been repaired.

14. Prom Recreation Ground

To note that the stolen safety notice at the street workout equipment has now been replaced by CM Signs and to note any other updates regarding the site.

15. Allotments

To consider quotes to repair the fence at Grange Fell Allotments (*circulated*).

16. Official portraits of HM The King

To note correspondence from CALC, that all Town, Parish, and Community Councils can apply for a free A3 sized portrait of HM The King and consider if the Town Council wishes to apply for a portrait on behalf of the Town.

The deadline for applications is 28 March 2024.

(*circulated: CALC correspondence and press release from His Majesty The King's Portrait Scheme*).

17. Biodiversity and Nature Recovery Town and Parish Council Forum

To note correspondence from CALC, that the Westmorland and Furness Locality Association are offering a forum, at which WF Cllr. Giles Archibald, and technical officers, will outline developing plans for all parts of society to come together and help nature recover in gardens, village greens, community orchards, workplaces or farms. This will also be an opportunity to share community's nature recovery experiences and achievements.

The forum will be held online via Teams on Monday 25 March 2024, 6.45pm for 7.00pm start.

18. Prom Gardeners Hut

The Prom Gardeners store their tools at the hut at the Recreation Ground, which is leased by the Town Council from Westmorland and Furness Council. To note that the door needed replacing and that £377.90 (inc. VAT) was contributed to the Prom Gardeners to undertake this work.

19. Public Conveniences

To consider quote from Healthmatic to install aerial boosters at the Ornamental Gardens and Prom public loos, to improve the effectiveness of the card readers (*circulated*).

20. Training

To note that Cllr. Jane Walmsley attended Cumbrian Association of Local Councils (CALC) online training in the use of social media by councils.

21. Next Meeting

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

Monday 15 April 2024 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, to be held after the Annual Town Meeting, which starts at 7pm.