

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 13 November 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 13 NOVEMBER 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 9 October 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. Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information, or see

www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk

To consider any applications for co-option onto the Council.

b. WFC Community Grant Fund Administration

To note that Grange Town Council will act as the applicant on behalf of the Grange Medical Centre to enable the Centre to apply for funds from the Westmorland and Furness Council Community Grants Fund (*circulated*).

c. Six-Month Financial Report

To consider the six-month Financial Report to 30 September 2023 (*circulated*).

d. **Council Aims and Objectives**

To note that the annual budget working party took place on Wednesday 1 November, 7pm. Cllrs. Handley, A. Walmsley, Greenway and Thomas took part.
To consider the draft Town Council Priorities and Action Plan, last approved December 2022 (*circulated*).

e. **Draft Budget and Precept 2024/25**

To consider the draft Budget and Precept 2024/25 (*circulated*).

f. **Code of Conduct**

To consider CALC (Cumbrian Association of Local Councils) recommendation to adopt the Westmorland and Furness Code of Conduct for Councillors. This replaces the South Lakeland District Council Code adopted in October 2021. The Code is based on a nationally agreed code of conduct. Parish and Town Councils are asked to adopt this as their own to give continuity throughout the area when dealing with complaints (*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 Meeting 16 October 2023
- b. Cllr. Thomas - BBC meeting about the bus service
- c. Cllr. Thomas – Railway Ticket Offices
- d. Cllr. Thomas – WFC Peter Thornton Accessibility Visit
- e. Cllr. Greenway – Kents Bank Station House

12. Victoria Hall

a. **Theatres Trust Consultancy**

The meeting with Theatres Trust Consultant, Matt Fenton, took place on Friday 20 October 2023. Cllrs. Handley, Greenway and Thomas and the Town Clerk took part.
To note any further update from participants.

b. **Victoria Hall Contractors Policy**

To approve draft Victoria Hall Contractors Policy. This is required for compliance with Fire Risk Assessment (*circulated*).

13. Allotments

To note update from Cllr. Mason regarding complaints from allotment holders about golf balls coming over from Grange Fell Golf Club.

14. Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

a. **Main Street Pedestrian Crossing Request**

An enquiry was submitted to WFC, via their web portal, on 9 October 2023, requesting that a pedestrian crossing is installed on Main Street, just before Yewbarrow Terrace where there is already a raised hump in the road, and curb markings for visually impaired people.

To note response received from WFC on 11 October 2023 as follows:

With reference to your enquiry regarding the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Main Street, Grange-over-Sands. To carry out an assessment of this location for a crossing facility will require an allocation of funding. A request for funding of such an assessment has been submitted. Should this be approved the assessment will be carried out this financial year 2023/24.

b. **Bandstand Maintenance**

WFC are responsible for the maintenance of the bandstand. They have been asked to paint the handrails going into the bandstand, the ceiling and store hut.

To note that Unitary Cllr. Peter Endors reports that this work is scheduled and the WFC Locality Team are chasing progress.

c. **Footpath between Charney Well Lane and Ashmount Road**

A web portal enquiry was submitted on 1 February 2023, reporting that the flagged path was in poor repair, that the flags were coming loose and need re-setting.

Residents have asked for an update as the path has been closed.

To note that Unitary Cllr. Endors reports that repair work to the path is scheduled.

d. **Yewbarrow Footpath 526020 (Item 16 on October GTC Agenda)**

WFC have been asked when this will re-open. To note an update received from Unitary Cllr. Endors that there is a capital bid in for the money to do the works needed and this will not likely be approved until next year.

e. **Ornamental Gardens Wall-top Planting**

WFC maintain the wall tops (contract with Continental Landscapes) and GTC provide the bulbs for them to plant.

GTC purchased Minnow daffodils last year for Spring 2023, in the hope that they would be squirrel proof, as most of the tulip bulbs the year before were lost.

Unfortunately, the majority of the daffodils came through blind or not at all. This is being followed-up with Westmorland and Furness Council who have said they will weed and tidy the wall tops.

f. **Ornamental Gardens**

A meeting with WFC officers took place on 25 October to discuss improving the duck habitat at the Ornamental Gardens. Cllrs. A Walmsley and Handley and the Town Clerk took part.

15. Remembrance

To approve risk assessment for the Act of Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday 12 November 2023 (*circulated*).

16. Zero Hour Campaign - Climate and Ecology Bill

To consider a resident's request, on behalf of Zero Hour, that the Town Council resolves to support their campaign for the Climate and Ecology Bill (formerly the CEE Bill).

Zero Hour state that this is a plan for a new UK law that addresses the full extent of the climate and nature crisis in line with the most up-to-date science, and that the Bill is the only proposed legislation before the UK Parliament that ensures a comprehensive and joined-up approach to the emergency.

The Town Council is asked to sign up to support the Climate and Ecology Bill.

For more information see www.zerohour.uk

17. Next Meeting

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

Monday 11 December 2023 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm