

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 7 April 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 7 APRIL 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 10 March 2025 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. All applications received before the meeting will be considered (*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

There are two casual vacancies on the Town Council. These are advertised by notice, on social media and regularly in 'Grange Now.' 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. Office Equipment

To approve the quote for a laptop for the Hall Administrator (*circulated*).

c. KTD Annual IT Service Schedule Renewal

To approve annual service schedule payment of £465.00 plus VAT (*schedule circulated*).

10. Consultations

To consider the Council's participation in appropriate consultations:

a. Electoral Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is undertaking a review of electoral arrangements for Westmorland and Furness Council. A public consultation runs until 12 May. The proposals are at: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/westmorland-and-furness> (*circulated – correspondence*).

b. BT Payphones Removal

BT plan to remove the payphone at Kents Bank station. Community members can make representation, via Westmorland and Furness Council, before 9 June 2025. (*Correspondence, further correspondence, notice and list of phones circulated*)

c. Westmorland and Furness Council Pavement Licensing Policy 2025-2030

This consultation is about a draft Pavement Licensing Policy and is open until 28 April 2025. (*circulated – correspondence*)

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 (FLCRP) Meeting.
- b. Cllr. Thomas - Cumbria Better Connected Meeting.
- c. Cllr. Handley – Councillor Surgery on Saturday 5 April 2025.
- d. Cllrs. Handley and Tych - Briefing on the Government's Devolution Priority Programme on 2 April 2025.

12. Victoria Hall

a. **Chamber Decoration**

To consider quotes to decorate the Chamber (*circulated*).

b. **External Painting**

To consider quotes to paint the front external woodwork of the Hall (*circulated and as for Item 12 (a) above*).

c. **Drainage Works**

To consider quote to install drainage system for the rear of the Hall (*circulated*).

d. **Sound System**

To consider quote to rationalise and improve the Hall's sound system (*circulated*).

e. **Tenants**

To note that the Room 6/7 tenant, Soul Colour Yoga Studio, is leaving on 30 April 2025.

f. **Security**

To consider quotes for door entry and security system (*to be circulated*).

13. Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

Notice of Statutory Consultation Outcome – Speed Limits 2024 Variation Order

To note correspondence from WAF that 10 March 2025 was advertised as the operational date for the variation of speed limit at Grange Fell Road to extend the existing 30mph speed limit (*circulated*).

14. Cumbria Tourism

To consider renewal of Community Membership of Cumbria Tourism for £296.00 plus VAT, which is due for payment on or before 1 April 2025 (*circulated*).

15. Band Concerts Season

To note that the Chairman and Hall Manager met Charity and Co. to discuss parking and this year's season. To receive any update.

16. Recreation Ground

To note that at the previous meeting, it was resolved to put up three signs prohibiting dogs on the grass at the Recreation Ground and that the cost of this, including installation, will be £1,342 plus VAT. To approve expenditure from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) reserve.

17. Christmas Lights

- a. To note that the annual meeting with David Murphy from LITE Ltd is scheduled for Wednesday 16 April at 2pm. The Town Council is currently midway through a five-year contract with LITE.
- b. To note that to get permission from Westmorland and Furness Council to power the lights on Upper Main Street from the streetlight, the Town Council is now required to provide a structural test report.
- c. To note that a quote of £1,500 plus VAT from Reilux UK to test the light has been received and that further research is underway (*circulated*).

18. Training

To note that the Town Clerk has completed, and passed, the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) 'Principles of Internal Auditing Local Councils' course.

19. Staffing

To note that a meeting of the Staffing Committee is scheduled for 2pm on Wednesday 30 April 2025.

20. Next Meeting

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

Monday 12 May 2025 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm