

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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Cllr. Tricia Thomas

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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 14 June 2021 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 14 JUNE 2021

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies from members.

2. Reports

To receive reports: *(Police report is now online: CumbriaPolice@public.govdelivery.com)*

- a. District Council Report
- b. County Council Report
- c. Mayor's Report

3. Public Participation: Have Your Say

Have Your Say: Members of the Public are invited to speak.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 5 May 2021 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. Casual Vacancies

- a. To note Grange Town Council has a Casual Vacancy due to the resignation of Councillor Peter Endsor. SLDC was informed, and the Notice of Casual Vacancy posted, on 11 May. To receive any update from SLDC about whether there will be an election or co-option.
- b. To note that the Casual Vacancy due to the resignation of Lyndon Howson was advertised in 'Grange Now', on the Victoria Hall noticeboard, and on the Town Council website and social media. Interviews are scheduled for 7 July. Voting will take place at Full Council in July.

8. Planning

To consider Planning Applications as circulated and to note submissions to planning applications considered under delegated authority.

9. Planning Correspondence

To note correspondence from SLDC, received 20 May, regarding planning enforcement matter raised by Grange Town Council for the address 'Large Barn Opposite High Farm, Spring Bank Road' (resolved February 2021).

This was regarding unauthorised Change of Use to Business.

SLDC finds that a breach of planning has not occurred. A number of items are being kept within the building including bales of hay and bags of cement. SLDC is of the view that this does not constitute a change of use.

The enforcement case will be closed and no further action taken.

(correspondence circulated)

10. 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.

11. Finance and Governance – Internal Audit

The Internal Audit took place on 17 May 2021.

To note the Internal Audit Report dated 19 May 2021 and that the Town Council is fully compliant with the Account and Audit Regulations (*report circulated*).

12. Finance and Governance – External Audit

- a. To approve the Annual Governance Statement in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2021 (*circulated*).
- b. To approve the Accounting Statements in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2021 (*circulated*).
- c. To authorise the Chairman and Town Clerk (Responsible Financial Officer) to sign the statements.
- d. To authorise the submission of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2021 for external audit to commence following the prescribed period for public examination from 15 June 2021 to 26 July 2021.
- e. To consider the Reserves allocation at the opening of the new financial year (*circulated*).

13. Consultations

Lake District National Park Partnership Plan 2020 – 2025.

To note correspondence (*circulated*) from Steve Ratcliffe (Director of Sustainable Development, LDNPA) regarding the launch of the public consultation on the Lake District National Park Partnership's Plan 2020 – 2025.

The online consultation will run for four weeks Tuesday 25 May - midday Wednesday 23 June. The consultation can be found via: [The Partnership Plan : Lake District National Park](#)

14. Updates from Members

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

- a. Cllr. Greenway – SLDC ‘Welcome Back’ Fund Briefing on 13 May.
- b. Cllr. Greenway – Cumbria Wildlife Trust Local Nature Recovery Strategy.
- c. Cllr. Thomas - Cumbria Better Connected.
- d. Cllr. Thomas – Town Sign.
- e. Cllr. Thomas - Grange Civic Society.
- f. Cllr. Thomas – PEAT Greening Campaign.
- g. Cllr. Thomas - Furness 175.

15. Prom Rec Ground Fencing

The deadline to tender for replacement fence at the MUGA (Multi-use Games Area) on the Prom was 4 June 2021.

To note that five quotes were received (*8 documents circulated*).

To note that further to the meeting on Thursday 29 April, as reported at the previous Town Council meeting, on 27 May, the Police Crime Prevention Officer invited GTC to meet British Transport Police and Network Rail Security Manager for this route.

This has been provisionally scheduled for Thursday 8 July.

16. Recreation and Play

a. **New Skate Ramp**

To note that the new skate ramp has been installed at the Rec Ground. This was the final part of a phased plan to replace the three original skate ramps which were identified in SLDC Annual Play Inspection as showing rust and coming to the end of their lives. The replacement scheme was resolved February 2017 (C16/192).

b. **I-Play Removal**

To consider quote from Horton Leisure to remove the I-Play (resolved January 2021) (*circulated*).

c. **I-Play Replacement**

To receive an update from the Working Party (Cllrs. Bailey, Hathorn and Logan) set up to investigate ideas, get quotes and research funding and report back to Full Council with recommendations.

d. **Rec Ground Kiosk Bench**

To note that the bench at the kiosk (in the sheltered alcove) has finally disintegrated as it keeps getting moved in and out. A replacement is being supplied by Horton Leisure. This will be a fixed unit that will be built and attached to the kiosk wall. The replacement bench will cost £650 (ex VAT) (*circulated*).

e. **Fell Close Playground**

To note update from Cllr. Bailey on cost and timescale for slide replacement.

17. Yewbarrow Lodge

To consider update from South Lakes Housing on the closure of Yewbarrow Lodge (*circulated*).

18. Victoria Hall

To note update from Cllr. Handley on re-opening of Victoria Hall as Covid restrictions change.

19. Cumbria Tourism Membership

To consider proposal from Cllr. Bailey to join Cumbria Tourism as a Community Tourism Member at a cost of £260 + VAT (*circulated*).

20. Staffing Committee

To note draft minutes of Staffing Committee Meeting 8 April 2021 (*circulated*).

21. Next Meeting

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

Monday 12 July 2021 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm