

# 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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**DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall  
on Monday 11 November 2024 commencing at 7.00 pm.**

**Present:** Cllr. R. Handley – **Chair**  
Cllr. A. Walmsley, Cllr. T. Thomas, Cllr. J. Mason, Cllr. W. Tych,  
Cllr. J. Walmsley  
Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

**In attendance:** Westmorland and Furness Unitary Councillors A. Hull, J. Boak and T. Bloomer and nine members of the public.

Minute Ref:		Agenda No:
C24/105	Apologies for Absence	1

Apologies were received from Cllr. Logan who was absent due to work commitments and from Cllr. E. Walmsley who was absent due to illness.

**RESOLVED**

That apologies from Cllr. Logan due to work commitments, and from Cllr. E. Walmsley due to illness, were approved.

## TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE – OVER – SANDS

C24/106 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say

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**Resident 1** Made representation to members regarding grants for the Prom Gardeners and about the Cumbria Dark Skies project, asking if grant money was now going towards the new gardens in the Lido, and if Grange could become a part of the Cumbria Dark Skies project.

**Council Response** The Westmorland and Furness Unitary Councillors responded that they would follow these queries up.

**Resident 2** Made representation to members regarding the Remembrance Sunday event, disappointed that there is no longer a parade. Road sweeping was requested around Crown Hill and the 30mph speed limit at Grange Fell Road was welcomed.

**Council Response** The Chairman reminded the meeting that there has not been a parade since 2022 as the police do not have the capacity to support the required road closure.

C24/107 Reports

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### Westmorland and Furness Council Report

Councillor Andy Hull reported:

1. **Prom and Lido** – the contractors for the refurbishment works are being held to account and remedial work is underway.
2. **Windermere Road** – the flood alleviation work continues.
3. **Green Waste Service** – is being reviewed and will be sorted out and implemented by next summer. There has not yet been a decision on whether or not to charge for green waste removal.
4. **Composting Site** – the Unitary Council is considering sites in Grange, possibly the Old Nursery behind Berners car park.
5. **Buses** – all services are running now.
6. **Kents Bank** – Lancet Homes gave a response to the controlled explosion incident at the development at Allithwaite Road. No more explosions are planned.
7. **Band Stand** – the refurbishment is still on schedule.

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8. **Cart Lane** – flooding has been severe recently. United Utilities are putting in a short-term solution ahead of digging out culverts and drains in the spring.
9. **Recycling Service** – the van broke down today, residents are advised to leave their bins out for collection later in the week.
10. **Peatbogs** - £100k has been invested across Westmorland and Furness for sustaining peatbogs.

Unitary Councillor Jenny Boak reported:

Cllr. Boak spoke on behalf of residents, as requested by them, regarding planning application 2024/1826/FPA, High Spring Bank Farm, objecting to the application.

The Chairman gave permission for a member of the public who was attending the meeting to respond to Cllr. Boak.

### Resident 3

Made representation to members regarding planning application 2024/1826/FPA, High Spring Bank Farm, speaking as the applicant, in support of the application.

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Cllr. Roger Handley reported that he had worked with Unitary Cllr. Hull to escalate the explosion at the Allithwaite Road development to the HSE.

<b>C24/108</b>	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>	<b>4</b>
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<b>RESOLVED</b>	That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 14 October 2024 were accepted as a true record.
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<b>C24/109</b>	<b>Declarations of Interests and Dispensations</b>	<b>5</b>
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<b>NOTED</b>	There were no requests received for dispensations or declarations of interest.
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# TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

C24/110 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item

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**RESOLVED** That no items should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2.

C24/111 Planning Report

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**1. Members considered the following full or outline planning permission/reserved matters/discharge of conditions/listed building/change of use/advertising consent or appeal:**

a. 2024/1826/FPA

HIGH SPRING BANK FARM SPRING BANK ROAD GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6HA  
Change of use and conversion of Barn (part) into two self-build dwellinghouses with associated works including installation of package wastewater treatment system.  
Full Application  
*Extension to comment deadline requested*

**RESOLVED**

**OBJECTION**

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to the application on the following grounds:

**1. Development Boundary**

The Town Council is concerned that it appears that this proposal may fall outside the development boundary and raises this query with the Planning Authority.

**2. Highways**

There is insufficient information in the application regarding traffic access and visibility. The query raised by WFC Highways needs to be resolved.

b. 2024/0582/FPA

Former Age Concern UK Lindale Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6EE  
Variation of conditions 2 (Approved Plans), 3 (External Walls and Roofs), 4 (Glazed Canopies), 5 (Bin Store and Plant Area), 6 (Construction Traffic Management Plan), 7 (Vehicular Entrance and Exit Points), 8 (Off-site Footway Improvements), 9 (Car and Cycle Parking Provision), 10 (Proposed Paving Block), 11 (Surface Water Drainage Scheme), 13 (Soft Landscaping), 17 (External Lighting) and 19 (Acoustic Barrier Details) attached to planning permission SL/2019/0758 (Demolition of existing buildings and erection of convenience store, petrol filling station including underground fuel storage tanks, works to the existing culvert and associated access, car parking and landscaping)

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We have received further information in relation to the above application that you may wish to comment upon.

*Members noted correspondence from Planning Authority (circulated) and that an extension to comment deadline was requested.*

### **RESOLVED OBJECTION**

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to the application on the following grounds:

The dry-stone wall which the Town Council is concerned about borders the site, on the roundabout, facing the Ornamental Gardens.

The Neighbourhood Plan states that dry-stone walls should be retained and not removed from development sites.

c. 2024/1885/FPA

Fairways Highfield Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7JA

Alterations including raising of existing roof, installation of dormer windows and roof lights, installation of solar panels, replacement of windows throughout, installation of additional windows and construction of a single storey side extension.

Full Application

*Extension to comment deadline requested*

### **RESOLVED OBJECTION**

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to the application on the following grounds:

**Unneighbourly Development** – the Town Council is concerned that this development, by creating such a big dormer, will cause overlooking to the neighbours and therefore be unneighbourly.

d. 2024/1916/LBC

Castlehead Field Centre Castlehead Lindale GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6QT

Listed Building Consent for the removal of slate hung cladding to west elevation, replacement of 3 windows on west elevation, repairing render to chimney stacks and bell tower and amending rooflights on commenced Listed Building Consent

SL/2018/0945

Listed Building Consent

*Extension to comment deadline requested*

### **RESOLVED NO OBJECTION**

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- e. 2024/1906/LBC  
Castlehead Field Centre Castlehead Lindale GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6QT  
Listed Building Consent to replace first floor windows to staff accommodation with white uPVC framed windows with double glazed units.  
Listed Building Consent

**RESOLVED**  
**NO OBJECTION**

- f. 2024/1925/FPA  
Grange View Park Lane GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7HQ  
Installation of replacement sliding sash PVCu framed windows with double glazed sealed units to front elevation.  
Full Application

**RESOLVED**  
**NO OBJECTION**

### **2. Decisions - Members noted that the following decisions had been made since the last Full Council meeting:**

- a. 2024/1520/FPA FIRST FLOOR, FLAT 4 MIRAMAR KENTS BANK ROAD Full Application  
Approved with Conditions
- b. 2024/1721/LDEX 3 EAST VIEW KENTS BANK ROAD Lawful Development Certificate - Existing Use Approved

### **3. Notice of Appeal – Members to note that an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State (Planning Inspectorate) in relation to the following item:**

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78 APPEAL  
REF: 2024/0513/APP LOCATION: Castlehead Field Centre Castlehead Lindale  
GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 6QT PROPOSAL: Formation of caravan and motorhome  
site (Resubmission of SL/2023/0585)  
START DATE: 9 October 2024.

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Westmorland & Furness Council to refuse to grant planning permission. All representations must be received by 13 November 2024. The appeal documents are available for inspection at <https://planningregister.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk>

# TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

C24/112 Finance - Monthly Payments

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## a. Verification of Expenditure

### NOTED

That prior to the meeting two Councillors verified invoices received and payments made since the last full council meeting prior to the council meeting and could verify their authenticity.

## b. Verification of Accounts Reconciliation

### NOTED

That prior to the meeting two Councillors verified that the monthly bank reconciliation had taken place.

## c. Approval of Payments

### RESOLVED

That the payments of the accounts and wages for this finance period as recorded in the payments list were approved as below.

## d. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

### RESOLVED

That Cllrs. Mason and A. Walmsley would complete online authorisation of payments for the next payment period.

## e. Identification of Councillors to approve next finance period payments

### RESOLVED

- i) That Cllrs. Thomas and J. Walmsley would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.
- ii) That Cllr. Thomas would meet the Finance Administrator by appointment to complete verification.
- iii) That Cllr. J. Walmsley would meet the Town Clerk at 6.15pm prior to the next Full Council meeting to complete verification.

# TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

## GRANGE-OVER-SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

### Payments for Approval

November 2024

#### Accounts for Payment

£

#### Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit

-

#### Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque

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#### **Total Bank Account No. 1**

£ -

#### Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits

187	Lloyds Bank Plc - Card Oct 2024 - Monthly fee	3.00	
187a	Picture World - Hanging rails for Room 4 (VHSG donation)	206.26	
187b	Amazon - 2 x A0 poster snap frames	100.80	
187c	Long Qiao - Cable tie mounts	5.89	
187d	Amazon - Zip lock bags	8.69	
187e	Amazon - A4 laminating pouches	11.75	
187f	Amazon - Pilot pens	18.28	
187g	Amazon - A4 laminating pouches & A4 writing pads	25.60	
187h	Amazon - A4 notebooks	<u>37.99</u>	418.26
188	WFC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall		663.00
189	WFC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office		167.00
190	WFC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4		94.00
191	Npower - Elec V Hall 01/09-30/09/24		201.68
192	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/09-30/09/24		64.18
193	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/09-30/09/24		41.97
194	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/09-30/09/24 (recoverable)		17.39
195	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/09-01/10/24		169.43
196	Sage - Support 01/11-30/11/24		100.80
197	BT - Tel & Broadband 01/11-30/11/24		52.39
198	ICO - Data protection renewal 17/11/24-16/11/25		35.00

#### Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

199	Hall Manager expenses - Document repair tape & cellophane wrap		38.43
200	CALC - Councillor training - Being a Good Employer		20.00
201	Brayshaw Heating - Service gas boilers	252.00	
202	Brayshaw Heating - Install air ventilation to boiler room	<u>686.40</u>	938.40
203	Grange Now - 2 x adverts		343.60
204	Lamont Pridmore - Payroll services July - Sept 2024		393.60
205	Healthmatic - PC cleaning 01/11-30/11/24		1,645.49
206	Westmorland Fire - Fire alarm service	301.38	
207	Westmorland Fire - Intruder alarm service	<u>123.32</u>	424.70
208	KTD - Photocopying 30/09-30/10/24		43.17
209	Lancasters - WD40, keys, tags, batteries, drill bit set		65.70
210	Lengthsman - 01/10-31/10/24		881.02
211	Turnstone HR - HR support 01/11-30/11/24		60.00
212	LITE - 2024 Festive lighting instalment 40% (approved C22/21)		2,280.48

#### **Total Bank Account No. 2**

9,159.69

#### **Total Accounts**

9,159.69



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## Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Bank Account No. 2)

<b>Total Salaries</b>	<u>8,747.41</u>
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 7	1,880.54
LG Pension Scheme Month 7 - Employer payment	2,169.52
	<u>12,797.47</u>
<b>Total Bank Account No. 2</b>	<u>21,957.16</u>
<b>Total all payments for approval</b>	<u>21,957.16</u>

## Accounts paid in previous month

### Bank Account No. 1

#### Direct Debits

#### Cheques

### Bank Account No. 2

#### Direct Debits

184	Waterplus - V Hall 06/09-05/10/24	152.14
185	Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 07/09-06/10/24	62.31
186	Waterplus - Church Hill PC 07/09-06/10/24	55.29

## Direct Bank Payments

<b>Total Accounts paid in previous month</b>	<u>269.74</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<u>22,226.90</u>

## Bank Balances

Bank Account No. 1 As at 31/10/24	204,143.30
Bank Account No. 2 As at 31/10/24	226,121.27

Signed (Chairman) .....

Dated.....

a. **Six-Month Financial Report**

Members considered the six-month Financial Report to 30 September 2024.

**RESOLVED**

That the six-month Financial Report to 30 September 2024 was approved as below.

## TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

**b. Victoria Hall Support Group Expenditure Report**

Members noted that there had been no purchases in the quarter to 30 September 2024 using funds from the VHSG donation reserve account.

The balance in the account on 30 September 2024 was £7,858.38.

**c. Council Aims and Objectives**

Members noted that the annual budget working party took place on Wednesday 6 November, 7pm, to discuss the Council's aims and objectives and for training for new councillors. Cllrs. Handley, A. Walmsley, Tych and J. Walmsley and the Town Clerk took part.

Members considered the aims and objectives, last approved August 2024.

**RESOLVED**

That the aims and objectives were approved.

**d. Draft Budget and Precept 2025/26**

Members considered the draft Budget and Precept 2025/26, noting that WFC have now withdrawn the Council Tax Grant so income will be down £7,850.

**RESOLVED**

That the budget is re-drafted to show 10% and 12% increases, to allow for recruitment needs for the Hall and for increased employer's national insurance payments following the national budget.

**e. Staff Pay Award**

Members noted National Association of Local Councils (NALC) announcement of staff pay award, from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. This was negotiated by the National Joint Council for local government services and applied to staff payments as contracted.

**RESOLVED**

That the application to staff payments as contracted of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) staff pay award, from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, was approved.

**f. Bank Authorisation**

Members considered approving Cllr. Wlodek Tych as a signatory to authorise bank payments.

**RESOLVED**

That Cllr. Wlodek Tych was approved as a signatory to authorise bank payments.

**g. Casual Vacancies**

Members noted that there is a casual vacancy on the Town Council. Informal meetings will take place on Wednesday 29 January and voting at the February 2025 Town Council meeting. Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information, or see [www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk)

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Grange-over-Sands Town Council		Meeting: 11 Nov 2024			Prepared: Oct 2024	
Budget Monitoring 6 months to 30 Sept 2024		Budget	50% Budget	Actual	Variance	%
INCOME	Sage Code	for year £	to date £	to date £	£	Spend to date
Precept	4000	227,264	113,632	113,632	(0)	50%
Sundry Receipts	4010	-	-	-	0	
Interest Received	4015	-	-	-	0	
Grant Receipts - Running Costs WFC	4100	-	-	-	0	
Grant Receipts - General	4105	-	-	-	0	
Grant Receipts - WFC Council Tax	4106	7,850	3,925	3,925	(0)	50%
Grant Receipts - WFC Comm Infrastructure Levy	4107	-	-	6,348	6,348	Total CIL grant received £12,696.49
Donations Received	4115	1,200	600	1,300	700	108% 13 x £100 donations for Bandstand concerts
Donations for Assets	4116	-	-	-	0	
Donations - Victoria Hall	4117	-	-	10,226	10,226	Includes £10,000 VHSG lump sum donation
Tenanted Room Rent Receipts	4120	5,800	2,900	3,695	795	64% All Vic Hall rooms tenanted
Allotment Rent Receipts	4121	1,432	716	1,576	860	110% Charge is for whole year
Room Hire Receipts	4125	18,500	9,250	9,884	634	53%
Hospitality Recharged	4126	-	-	30	30	
Front of House Recharged	4127	2,000	1,000	995	(6)	50%
Bay Villa Trust Admin Fee	4162	450	225	-	(225)	0% See 4th quarter
Commission Received	4170	-	-	27	27	Ticketsource referral income
Lease Registration Fees	4175	-	-	-	0	Cedric Walk
Toilet Entry Fees	4500	8,650	4,325	6,453	2,128	75%
Fund Raising Income	4600	-	-	-	0	Christmas Fair
		<b>273,146</b>	<b>136,573</b>	<b>158,091</b>	<b>21,518</b>	<b>58%</b>

  

EXPENDITURE	Sage Code	Budget for year £	Budget to date £	Actual to date £	Variance £	% Spend to date
Fund Raising Expenditure	6170	200	100	-	(100)	0% Christmas Fair
Musicians' Fees	6200	1,200	600	1,300	700	108% For Bandstand Summer concerts
Bandstand Front of House costs	6201	-	-	530	530	Chair set up/take down
Mobile Toilets	6220	760	380	710	330	93% For Bandstand Summer concerts
Staff Salaries	7000	112,000	56,000	56,088	88	50%
Front of House Salaries	7000	8,000	4,000	2,993	(1,007)	37%
Pensions	7001	22,000	11,000	11,196	196	51%
Printing and Stationery	7010	600	300	288	(12)	48%
Postage	7012	50	25	35	10	70%



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EXPENDITURE cont...	Sage Code	Budget	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Spend
		for year	to date			
		£	£	to date £	£	to date
Water	7015	5,530	2,765	1,934	(831)	35%
Business Rates	7020	8,600	4,300	4,618	318	54%
Telephone/Broadband	7025	650	325	262	(63)	40%
Insurance	7030	6,094	3,047	3,132	85	51%
Subscriptions	7040	955	478	1,233	756	129% Annual subs - CALC, NALC, SLCC & Cumbria Tourism
Information Technology	7046	8,000	4,000	3,280	(720)	41% Incls. annual IT support 2024/25
Website	7047	450	225	175	(50)	39%
Travelling Expenses	7050	100	50	-	(50)	0%
Training Expenses	7052	1,300	650	580	(70)	45% Incls. Fire Warden, Nat. Conference, Water Compliance
Civic Expenses	7055	400	200	-	(200)	0%
Hospitality	7065	150	75	21	(55)	14% Refreshments (see also code 4126 Hospitality Recharged)
Bank Charges	7070	220	110	110	0	50%
Audit Fees	7075	1,100	550	850	300	77% Incls. Internal and External audit fee to 31/03/24
Accountancy Fees	7080	2,800	1,400	2,110	710	75% Accountancy £1,390 Y/e 31/03/24 & 6 months Payroll
Gas	7100	18,000	9,000	1,558	(7,442)	9% 5 months only
Electricity	7105	7,090	3,545	1,731	(1,814)	24% 5 months only
Christmas Lights	7106	4,800	2,400	1,425	(975)	30% Deposit for 2024
Donation Expenditure - Victoria Hall	7110	-	-	2,221	2,221	Chamber projector, Room 4 tables and blinds
Hall Maintenance, Repairs and Renewals	7119	13,000	6,500	4,220	(2,280)	32% Incls. Washer dryer £375 & LOLER inspection £1,365
Repairs and Maint. (Toilets, Rec Ground, Bandstand, Allotments & Public Domain)	7120	8,100	4,050	2,771	(1,279)	34% Incls. 5 x antennas for Prom & Orn Gdns PCs £1,699 & new card reader for Orn Gdns DDA £575
Professional Fees - Non Financial	7125	1,000	500	280	(220)	28% HR support
Toiletries and Cleaning Materials	7130	800	400	168	(232)	21%
Rent Payable	7160	753	377	747	370	99% Rent bandstand, Grange Fell & Yewbarrow allotments
Card Handling Charges (Toilets only)	7190	1,380	690	472	(218)	34% Nayax card readers & service fee
Cleaning	7200	15,000	7,500	8,106	606	54% Toilets
Communications	7255	500	250	102	(148)	20% Advertisement for Councillor
Lengthsman	7455	7,700	3,850	4,078	228	53%
Parish Election Costs	7600	-	-	-	0	
		<b>259,282</b>	<b>129,641</b>	<b>119,322</b>	<b>(10,319)</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Net profit (Loss)</b>		<b>13,864</b>	<b>6,932</b>	<b>38,768</b>		

## Balance Sheet Summary as at 30/09/24

Total Assets Less Total Liabilities 322,303

**C24/114**

**Consultations**

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### Cumbrian Association of Local Councils (CALC) Survey

Members noted that the CALC Membership Survey, as delegated at the previous meeting to the Chair and Clerk, was completed and submitted.

**C24/115**

**Updates from Members**

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Members received the following updates from Councillors on works in progress and meetings and events attended, including:

- a. **Cllr. Tych - Kents Bank Station House Meeting** – attended a meeting on 28 October, visiting the Station House Library and Beech Hut Gallery with Unitary Councillors to discuss grants for proposed cultural hub.

# TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

C24/116

Remembrance

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Members noted that the Lengthsman cleaned the War Memorial, in preparation for the Act of Remembrance, as a voluntary service, and thanked him for this.

Members noted that the event on Sunday 10 November was successful, the Vicar had written to thank the Town Council for their contribution to the organisation of the event and £53.44 was collected for the Royal British Legion in donations for the Victoria Hall refreshments.

C24/117

Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

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a. **Footway Lighting**

Members noted correspondence from WFC regarding footway lighting charges.

b. **Bus Service 530**

Members noted correspondence from WFC regarding Stagecoach Service 530.

c. **Allithwaite Road Development – Controlled Explosion**

Members noted a statement from Lancet Homes forwarded by Cllr. Hull:

I write by way of an update on this incident. We are today issuing the statement below:

**Statement by Lancet Homes Ltd & Modlar Ltd.**

Following the incident at our development site at Allithwaite Road, Kent's Bank, on the afternoon of Friday 27th September, the matter was reported to the Health & Safety Executive (HSE), notifying the HSE of all parties involved, including ground works contractor Metcalfe Civil Engineering, and specialist explosives contractor BAM Ritchies.

The HSE appointed an inspector who met a number of times with all parties involved, raised queries of the parties involved, and carried out numerous site inspections. All four parties co-operated fully with the HSE inspections, meetings and requests for information. The outcome of the exercise was the issuing of advice to the parties involved, with a series of actions to prevent such an incident occurring again. The HSE have now concluded their inspections, and we have been advised that the case is now closed.

In addition to specific procedural points relating to blasting, lessons learnt include notifying residents and the emergency services in advance. We can confirm however that no further blasts are planned for this site.

All parties involved are committed to safe working practices, and the safety of people both on site and affected by site operations.

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We are grateful for the patience and co-operation of all those involved during the exercise. Clearly, valuable lessons have been learnt.

**C24/118**

**Yewbarrow Lodge**

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## **Update from South Lakes Housing**

Members noted an update received on 15 October 2024 from South Lakes Housing:

We are writing to keep you updated on the progress regarding the redevelopment of Yewbarrow Lodge.

To allow better access to the site for large vehicles and machinery, Westmorland and Furness Council are arranging for tree surgeons to attend to some of the trees that overhang the road leading to Yewbarrow Estate. This will involve removing branches that currently restrict the access of larger/taller vehicles required on site, to avoid damage to both the trees and vehicles. We will not be removing any of these trees during the process of the redevelopment.

You will have noticed that demolition works by L&W Wilson are currently underway at Yewbarrow Lodge. They have started with the removal of internal fittings, before they move on to the removal of external materials. All being well, we hope that the demolition works will be fully completed by Christmas this year.

If you have any concerns regarding the redevelopment works, please get in touch. We appreciate your continued patience throughout this process.

**C24/119**

**Allotments**

**15**

## **National Allotment Society**

Members considered renewal of the annual subscription costing £66.00.

### **RESOLVED**

That renewal of the annual subscription costing £66.00 was approved.

**C24/120**

**Training**

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## **CALC Councillor Training**

Members noted that Cllr. Thomas attended the CALC 'Being a Good Employer' online training on 16 October 2024 at 7pm.

## TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

**C24/121 Staffing**

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**a. Staffing Committee Meeting**

Members noted that the annual Staffing Committee Meeting to review staff appraisals and salaries is scheduled for Wednesday 20 November, 7pm.

**b. Recruitment**

Members noted that casual Hall Team staff recruitment has been successful and recruitment for a Hall Cleaner is now underway.

**C24/122 Next Meeting**

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Members noted that the next Full Council Meeting would be held:

Monday 9 December 2024, 7.50pm Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm.

**Signed:**

**Dated:**

**Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council**

