

# TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

**Chairman/Mayor:**  
Cllr. Tricia Thomas

**Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:**  
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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall, on Monday 16 January 2017 commencing at 7.00 pm.

**Present:** Cllr. Thomas – **Chair**  
Cllr. Greenway, Cllr. Walmsley, Cllr. Shapland  
Cllr. Endors, Cllr. Harvey  
C. Benbow – Town Clerk

**In attendance:** 6 members of the public

Minute Ref:		Agenda No:
C16/162	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	<b>1</b>

**NOTED** Apologies were received from Cllrs. Hathorn and Ingle.

C16/163	<b>Reports</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>Police Report</b>	

There was no representation from the police.

### District Council Report

District Councillor Eric Morrell reported that:

1. **Plastic Recycling** - bags have now been delivered to all properties.
2. **Lido Consultation** at Victoria Hall, Thursday 19 January 11am – 7pm.  
Cllr. Morrell encouraged everyone to attend and make their contribution towards the future of the Lido.
3. **Meathop Road/Golf Club flooding** – Progress has been made; Network Rail, County Council and Environment Agency are working collaboratively to resolve the situation. Residents have worked hard to support agencies.

### County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing reported that:

1. **Flood Meetings** – Cllr. Wearing reiterated Cllr. Morrell's report, that progress was

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being made at Meathop Road and reported progress at Windermere Road too. There will be another multi-agency meeting in March.

2. **Autism Training Day** – Cllr. Wearing had attended a training day for County councillors.
3. **Extra Care Housing** – the County Council is reviewing their strategy for this and considering using parts of redundant council buildings for this in any development plans. Cllr. Wearing will circulate any more information to the Town Council.

### Mayors Report

Mayor Cllr. Tricia Thomas reported that:

#### Mayor's Report January 2017

The Mayoral chain has so far had no 2017 outings, though the period just before Christmas was fairly busy, firstly with an invitation to the very well attended Flower Arranger's Christmas Gala where we were taken through the construction of an amazing array of Christmas themed floral displays. This was followed a few days later by the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Paul's Church where the choir excelled itself.

Looking forward into the New Year I await the results of SLDC's Lido consultation which I really hope will bring a sensible and affordable answer to the Lido conundrum, a result which brings a long term future for the site as a public space with imaginative business potential. SLDC and the Consultants are holding an open day on Thursday of this week from 11am until 7pm for the public to attend. I hope you will take up this opportunity to engage with the Consultants.

The New Year will also bring a conclusion to the Consultation on the future of the Victoria Hall. With this in mind I am looking forward to the public meeting on Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the hall, where hopefully, people will come forward to form a committee of friends of the Victoria Hall to lead on fundraising events, advertising and more. I'm sure I don't need to say here how important a bright future for the Victoria Hall is to many groups and individuals in the town and in fact throughout the Cartmel peninsula and how much the area would lose without it.

Tricia Thomas January 2017

**C16/164**

#### **Public Participation: Public Have Your Say**

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Members of the public agreed that their names may be included in the minutes.

**Judith Shapland** Made a representation to members with regard to the Recreation Ground winter maintenance; expressing the opinion that the site was not being adequately maintained.

**Council Response** Cllr. Thomas thanked Mrs Shapland for her comments.

**Bill Woods** Made a representation to members with regard to cycling on the promenade. Mr Woods was concerned that the promenade should not be designated as part of the Morecambe Bay Partnership coastal cycle route.

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He agreed that the Town Council needed to work in partnership with the Morecambe Bay Partnership and encouraged the Council to do so, specifically in order to source funding for the installation of cycle racks.

### **Council Response**

Cllr. Thomas thanked Mr Woods for his comments.

### **Frank McCall**

Made a representation to members with regard to:

### **Council Response**

1. Plastic Recycling – what should residents do with non-biodegradable plastic bags? Would the Berners recycling facility be kept open?
2. Street Sweeping – he will produce a list of priority areas in due course.

### **George Parr**

Made a representation to members with regard to cycling on the promenade, pointing out the fact that cycling on the promenade is permitted and encouraging everyone to share the space.

### **Council Response**

The Chairman clarified that the Council is aiming to work in partnership with Morecambe Bay Partnership and that there is no intention to designate the promenade as part of the Morecambe Bay Partnership coastal cycle route.

## **District Council Report**

District Councillor Mary Wilson reported that:

**Recycling/Bring sites** – provision has been extended to see what the impact of kerbside collection is on their use.

### **C16/165 Minutes of the Previous Meeting 4**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 12 December 2016 were accepted as a true record.

### **C16/166 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations 5**

**NOTED** There were no requests received for dispensations or declarations of interest.

### **C16/167 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item 6**

**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.

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**C16/168 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 approve next finance period payments**

**RESOLVED** That Cllrs Walmsley and Thomas would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

**e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments**

**RESOLVED** That Cllrs Greenway and Harvey would complete online authorisation of payments for the next payment period.

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**Payments for Approval**

**January 2017**

**1 Accounts for Payment**  
**Cheques (Nat West)**

**£**

**Direct Debits (Nat West)**

1-	M10	SLDC - Non Dom Rate. V. Hall	557.00
2-	M10	SLDC - Non Dom Rate Rooms Rooms 1 & 3/Council Office	138.00
3-	M10	SLDC - Non Dom Rate Police Room 4	87.00
4-	M10	SLDC - Non Dom Rate Tourist Information Centre	62.00
	258	British Gas - V Hall gas November 2016	514.02
	264	Npower - Elec Christmas Tree lights 1/9 to 30/11/16 (recoverable)	10.73
	272	British Gas - V Hall gas December 2016	518.98
	273	Barclaycard transaction fees December 2016	26.28
		Public Works Loan Board - Prom Lido PC 2nd half year	3,067.68
		<b>Total Nat West account</b>	<b><u>£ 4,981.69</u></b>

**Unity Trust**

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259	Hills Books Ltd. - IC stock		10.32
260	Catering Partnership Ltd - V Hall Blizzard fridge		504.00
261	Lengthsman - December 2016		660.00
262/	KTD - stapler & installation for Samsung copier	465.60	
269	KTD - new Samsung photocopier	3,352.80	3,818.40
263	SLDC - V Hall annual Premises Licence fee		180.00
265	Lancasters - V Hall yard brush		8.00
268	Healthmatic Public Conveniences cleaning Jan 2017		1,590.00
270	Andrew Thould - V Hall outside window cleaning		30.00
271	Plan-et - Neighbourhood Plan consultants		660.00
274	S Haines - fundraising expenses		237.48
	<b>Total Unity Trust account</b>		<b>£ 7,698.20</b>
	<b>Total accounts</b>		<b>£ 12,679.89</b>

### 2 Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Unity Trust)

	<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>£ 5,873.37</b>
	HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 9		£ 1,480.43
			<b>£ 7,353.80</b>
	<b>Total Unity Trust account</b>		<b>£ 15,052.00</b>
	<b>Total all payments for approval</b>		<b>£ 20,033.69</b>

### 3 Accounts paid in previous month – approved

#### Unity Trust

#### Accounts paid in previous month - not yet approved

#### Unity Trust

Local Grant Great North Air Ambulance C16/148	250.00
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#### Nat West

#### Cheques

#### Nat West

#### Direct Debits

266	Plusnet 9/12 to 8/1 2017 - tel & broadband		52.80
267	XLN calls & line rental January 2017		34.25
	<b>Total Accounts paid in previous month</b>		<b>£ 337.05</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>£ 20,370.74</b>

### 4 Bank Balances

NatWest Current Accounts	166,325.87
Unity Trust Bank	79,753.66

### 5 Transfers between bank accounts

NatWest Current a/c to Unity Trust	83,000.00
NatWest Current IC a/c to NatWest Current TC	3,000.00

**a. Council Tax Base**

This is defined as the estimated full-year equivalent number of dwellings in the area, expressed as an equivalent number of band D dwellings for the Parish.

Previous draft 17/18 budgets considered by Council have been calculated using a working estimate of 40 new properties.

Members noted that the actual figure of 2,075.59 had been received from SLDC – an increase of 9.19 properties on the working estimate – and that the draft budget and summary had been amended to show this.

**b. Budget 2017-18**

Members considered the draft budget options 2017/18.

**RESOLVED**

That the budget Option B for 2017/18 was approved.

**c. Budget Summary**

Members considered the draft budget 2017/18 Summary and Key Features document.

**RESOLVED**

That the draft budget 2017/18 Summary and Key Features document was approved.

**d. Precept 2017-18**

Members considered the Precept for 17-18.

**RESOLVED**

That the Precept for 2017/18 was approved as below with a 5.8% increase on the Town Council section of the Council Tax demand (this represents an increase of 36p per month for a Band D property) and that Cllrs. Thomas and Endor and the Town Clerk sign the application in the presence of the meeting.

		£
A	Parish Purposes (General Spending) before grant (Box E)	£163,110.00
B	Parish Elections	£0.00
C	Parish Council Footway Lighting costs paid by District Council	£0.00
<b>D</b>	<b>Total of A + B + C</b>	<b>£163,110.00</b>
E	Grant paid by SLDC	-£8,861.94
<b>F</b>	<b>Total Amount for Parish Purposes (D + E)</b>	<b>£154,248.06</b>

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

**a. SL/2016/1111**

2 Kentsford Road

Dormer Window to front elevation

**Full Planning**

**RESOLVED**

**NO OBJECTION**

**b. SL/2016/1116**

Building to rear of Cragdale House, Kentsford Road

**Change of use** to office to form extension to Cragdale House

**RESOLVED**

**OBJECTION**

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

1. Central residential accommodation is needed in the town – new houses are being built and losing residential accommodation is not what the town needs.
2. The proposal doesn't accord with the Local Plan for retail/commercial use as it is outside the primary shopping area.

**c. SL/2016/1125**

**Building adjacent Poplar House, Hampsfell Road**

Change of use from Use Class B8 (Non domestic storage) to Use Class C3 (Domestic garage & storage) - connection with Poplar House

**Full Planning**

**RESOLVED**

**NO OBJECTION**

Grange Town Council makes the following request:

That Highways is consulted about the safety of vehicle access to the site as there are two sharp corners and a steep incline.

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### d. SL/2016/1137

Castlehead Field Centre, Castlehead

Siting of high rope walk activity challenge

**Full Planning**

**RESOLVED**

**NO OBJECTION**

Grange Town Council wishes to encourage and support the Centre.

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

### a. SL/2016/0961

Apartments 10 & 13, Block B, Graythwaite Court, Fernhill Road

Replace timber French doors with UPVC doors

**Grant with conditions**

### b. SL/2016/0774 & 0775

Rose Cottage, Station Square

Rear conservatory; repair & part replacement of front porch; replacement rear doors & conversion of first floor bedroom to bathroom

**Listed Building Consent & Grant with conditions**

### c. SL/2016/1055

Langwell, Allithwaite Road

Demolition of garage & erection of two storey extension (Revised scheme SL/2016/0475)

**Grant with conditions**

**3. Delegated Authority - Members noted that the following items were responded to under delegated authority as the consultation deadline fell between meetings:**

No items had deadlines that fell between meetings.

**C16/171**

**Grants**

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### **North West Air Ambulance**

Members considered an application from the North West Air Ambulance for £250.00.

**RESOLVED**

That £250.00 was granted to the North West Air Ambulance with thanks from the Town Council.



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<b>C16/172</b>	<b>Consultations</b>	<b>11</b>
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There were no consultations.

<b>C16/173</b>	<b>Meeting Updates from Members</b>	<b>12</b>
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Members noted the following reports from meetings and briefings attended since the last full council meeting.

- **Cllr. Thomas – Furness Community Rail Partnership**  
Met 15 December when problems with the Northern Rail franchise and improvements at Kents Bank station were discussed.
- **Cllr. Thomas – Nutwood Patient Group**  
Met to discuss the practice. Tuesday 14 March there will an Integrated Care Communities meeting at the Victoria Hall – all welcome.
- **Cllr. Thomas - SLDC Lido Study**  
The Lido Steering Group met 16 December. There will be a public consultation on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January from 11am-7pm** in the **Victoria Hall**.
- **Announcement from Cllr. Endsor**  
Cllr. Endsor thanked Sally Haines for all the work she put in over Christmas at the Victoria Hall to make so many events such successful and enjoyable occasions. Cllr. Endsor spoke on behalf of himself and others in the town. He requested that this be formally recorded in the minutes to let Sally know how much she is appreciated.

<b>C16/174</b>	<b>Chairman's Update</b>	<b>13</b>
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Members received an update from the Chairman about works in progress.

- **The Casual Vacancy** – the final day for notice of casual vacancy will be 24 January 2017 when SLDC will inform GTC if there is to be an election.
- **Lido Lavatories** – were broken into on Christmas Day, the money was not taken but damage done. Council thanks John Gilmore, Lengthsman, for his response in doing repairs and getting the facility open again on Boxing Day.
- **Legal** – Victoria Hall Land Registration and Recreation Ground contract are both with Gedy Solicitors.
- **Stage Group** – the Victoria Hall Stage Group – Bob Somerset, Jim Robson, Sally Haines – were awarded a Communities Grant from Bay Radio to purchase a digital sound system for the Hall. Many thanks to the group for all their hard work. Grange Drama were also thanked as they contributed towards the cost of the extra cables required.
- **SLDC Shop Front Grant Scheme** – no applications have been received yet.
- **Olive Way** – responding to a Have Your Say query about whether this is open to cycles – SLDC are researching this question.
- **Skate Ramps** – contractor has now been in touch, has examined the ramps and we await his report.

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### C16/175 Neighbourhood Plan 14

Members noted a progress report from the Steering Committee Spokesperson Cllr. Greenway, that final evidence is still being gathered and the draft will be submitted for screening by SLDC on 23 January 2017.

### C16/176 Victoria Hall 15

#### a. Victoria Hall Action Group

- i) Members noted an update from the Chairman and that there would be an open meeting on Thursday 16 February, 7pm in the Victoria Hall; everyone was welcome.
- ii) Members noted that the Victoria Hall Manager has purchased the fridge and hot cupboard as resolved at the previous meeting (C16/155) and that the Asset Register and Risk Assessment will be amended.

#### b. Maintenance Programme

- i) Glass Passage - Members noted that Listed Building Consent has been granted and NPS are now compiling the tender specification. The completed tender will go in Grange Now.
- ii) Stage floor – the repairs have been started.
- iii) Dressing room wall crack – the contractor has visited and suggested a solution which is being costed.

### C16/177 Parish Remuneration Report 2017/18 16

To consider the Parish Remuneration Report 2017/18 and letter to councils and consider adopting the expenses recommended.

**RESOLVED** That the expenses recommended by the Parish Remuneration Report 2017/18 were adopted.

### C16/178 Next Meeting 17

**NOTED** That the next Full Council Meeting would be held at:  
Monday 13 February 2017, 7.00pm Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55 pm

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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