

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Chairman/Mayor:
Cllr. Peter Endsor

Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:
Cllr. Tracy Hathorn

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall, on Monday 10 July 2017 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr. P. Endsor – **Chair**
Cllr. Greenway, Cllr. Walmsley, Cllr. Hathorn, Cllr. Shapland
Cllr. Ingle, Cllr. Thomas, Cllr. Howson, Cllr. Harvey
Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

In attendance: 5 members of the public, 1 member of the press

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C17/58	Apologies for Absence	1
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NOTED There were no apologies received.

C17/59	Reports Police Report	2
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There were no police in attendance; the following written report was presented:
28 calls for service - 1 x theft; 1 x shoplifting; 2 x highway disruptions; 3 x anti social behaviour; 1 x road accident; 1 x fraud; 1 x burglary non dwelling.

District Council Report

District Councillor Eric Morrell reported that:

1. Street lighting query with SLDC – he had investigated this.
2. SLDC consultations on the agenda – gave some clarification on these.

District Council Report

District Councillor Mary Wilson reported that:

1. Cross Bay Walks – there's been problems regarding parking and litter at Kents Bank.

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2. Planning Committee – still involved with enforcement at the Monton development.

County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing sent apologies.

Mayors Report

Mayor Cllr. Peter Endsor reported that there had been no formal mayoral duties during the month. He had been involved in resolving an incident where school children had tied wire across the road at Pig Lane and had led the Councillor walkabout to discuss signage and Christmas lights.

C17/60 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say 3

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

Kate Gaskin Made a representation to members with regard to:
Subsidised Saturday 532 bus service – Mrs Gaskin spoke in support of the service and reported that the previous Saturday, the service was affected because of an event in Allithwaite.

Frank McCall Made a representation to members with regard to:

- Banners on the Ornamental Gardens Railings – Mr McCall spoke on behalf of Margaret Brennand, saying that it appears that the Banners Guidelines are not having any effect.
- Parking – On behalf of the Civic Society, Mr McCall informed the meeting that the Civic Society website shows examples of parking infringements, which may be useful.
- Grange in Bloom – Mr McCall spoke highly of the Grange in Bloom Hidden Gardens event, saying that it was impressive.

Judith Shapland Made a representation to members with regard to:
The Recreation Ground – Mrs Shapland was concerned that the site was not being well-maintained and the five year contract may mean that the site deteriorated over the time of the contract.

C17/61 Minutes of the Previous Meeting 4

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 12 June 2017 were accepted as a true record.

C17/62 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations 5

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

C17/63 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item 6

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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.

C17/64

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:**

SL/2017/0083

Royal British Legion, Kents Bank Road

Installation of illuminated & non-illuminated fascia, hanging & panel signs – Amended Plans

Full Planning

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council requests that the following condition is applied:

That signs are turned off when the store is closed.

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

a. SL/2017/0254

Tockholes, Lyndene Drive

Single Storey rear extension

Grant with conditions

b. SL/2017/0307

Agricultural store at Castlehead Marsh Farm, Lindale Road

Erection of canopy & installation of cedar timber screens over all windows

Grant with conditions

c. SL/2017/0312

Tavora House, Grange Fell Road

Erection of part single storey & part two storey rear extension & remodelling of front entrance door & erection of first floor en-suite bathroom extension above existing flat roof

Grant with conditions

d. SL/2016/1034

Sunrise, Kents Banks Road

Change of use of Tea Room to dwelling

Grant with conditions

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e. SL/2017/0392

Castlehead Field Studies Centre, Lindale

Erection of high rope walk activity

Grant with conditions

f. SL/2017/0484

Lakes Lodge, Castlehead

Variation of planning conditions Roof materials & Landscaping attached to planning application SL/2016/0750 (Change of use from agricultural land to residential garden & erection of a domestic garage & store)

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:

None

4. 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:

None

5. Withdrawals/Not Progressing – Members to note that the following application(s) has been withdrawn/are not progressing.

None

C17/65 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

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RESOLVED That Cllrs Howson and Hathorn would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

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

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Payments for Approval

July 2017

1 Accounts for Payment

£

Cheques (Nat West)

Band Concert - Sedbergh Town Band 9 July 17	100.00
Petty Cash	50.75

Direct Debits (Nat West)

1-	M4 SLDC - Non Dom Rate. V. Hall	536.00
2-	M4 SLDC - Non Dom Rate Rooms Rooms 1 & 3/Council Office	144.00
3-	M4 SLDC - Non Dom Rate Tourist Information Centre	57.00
	78 Npower - V Hall electric April 2017	178.82
	79 Npower - C Hill PC electric April 2017	33.42
	80 Npower - Christmas Tree Lights electric 1 Nov 16 to 31 Jan 17 (recoverable)	6.53
	81 Npower - Prom Lido PC electric April 2017	15.59
	90 Corona Energy - V Hall gas May 2017	221.74
	Public Works Loan Board - Prom Lido PC 1st half year	3,067.68
100	Barclaycard transaction fees June 2017	26.05
	Total Nat West account	<u>£ 4,437.58</u>

Unity Trust

70	Lamont Pridmore - accountancy fees 1 Feb to 31 May 17	2,700.00
76	Sinkfall Recycling - Lengthsman skip	120.00
77	SLDC - Orn Gdns PC recharge elec March to June 17	87.65
82	Postlethwaites - V Hall cleaning materials	7.97
	& V Hall cable ties & batteries	<u>46.95</u>
83/	S Haines - reimbursement V Hall dehumidifier hire for Room 4	104.64
96	S Haines - reimbursement V Hall VOCE fundraising expenses	<u>175.93</u>
84	Joel Davenport - V Hall window cleaning (internal & external)	51.00
85	Lengthsman - June 2017	572.00
86	Catering Partnership - Lincat water boiler (donation)	462.00
87	P Dalton Eng - Rec Ground ball court galvanised fence panel	576.00
88	Clocktower - supply & fitting of range cooker (donation)	550.00
89	Theatre in Harmony - GTC fundraising event (VOCE)	600.00
91	Wilson Robinson - V Hall floor repair main entrance	86.40
92	WB Electrical - bandstand set up PA speakers	70.00
	V Hall fit data cables, sockets, electronic ballast to Room 4	<u>770.70</u>
93	Incontinence Choice - IC radar keys	30.95
94	Intouchcrm - website monthly hosting July 2017	35.99
95	Continental Landscapes - begonias Orn Gardens (C16/157)	354.00
97	Healthmatic - Public Conveniences cleaning July 17	1,590.00
98	PR Books - IC stock	336.48
99	Ian Lockyer - new lock Prom Lido PC & V Hall cooker installation	273.05
	Band Concert - Morecambe Town Band 11 June 17	100.00
	Band Concert - Dalton Town Band 18 June 17	100.00
	Band Concert - Ulverston Victoria High School 25 June 17	100.00
	Band Concert - Holborn Hill Junior Band 2 July 17	100.00

Total Unity Trust account

£ 10,001.71

Total accounts

£ 14,439.29

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

Total Salaries	£ 5,778.53
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 3	£ 1,449.65
LG Pension Scheme Month 3 - employer payment	£ 4,179.94
(inc backdated contributions to bring rate back to 30%)	£ 11,408.12
 Total Unity Trust account	£ 21,409.83
 Total all payments for approval	£ 25,847.41

3 Accounts paid in previous month - approved

Unity Trust

67 WPS - insurance renewal 1 July to 30 June 2018 (C17/48) 3,377.35

Accounts paid in previous month - not yet approved

Unity Trust

8TC Grange Drama - ticket reimbursement 1,184.40
 68 YPO - V Hall tri-screen x 2 516.12

Nat West

Cheques

Edwardian Festival - Local Grant (C17/14) 100.00
 Band Concert - 28 May 17 Trickle Charge 200.00

Nat West

Direct Debits

69 Plusnet 9/06 to 8/7 2017 - tel & broadband 54.90
 71 XLN calls & line rental July 2017 36.41
 72 Water Plus - Prom Lido PC water 10/3 to 11/6/17 218.11
 73 Water Plus - Orn Gdns PC water 8/3 to 4/6/17 205.17
 74 Water Plus - C Hill PC water 6/3 to 4.6.17 252.33
 75 Water Plus - V Hall water 8/3 to 4/6/17 324.63

Total Accounts paid in previous month **£ 6,469.42**

Grand Total **£ 32,316.83**

4 Bank Balances

NatWest Current Accounts 87,797.79
 Unity Trust Bank 173,862.43

5 Transfers between bank accounts

Signed.....
 Chairman

Dated.....

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C17/66

Finance and Governance – Precept

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- a. Members noted that at the previous meeting it was resolved (C17/47) to ask District Cllr Morrell to raise the following queries with SLDC:
 - i) Find out how many streetlights Grange Town Council is responsible for and which ones they are.
 - ii) Request that the charge for street lighting is listed separately to the GTC Precept on the Council Tax bill so that residents can see clearly which Council is charging for what.

- b. Members noted that the SLDC response to the second question was:

As far as the council tax bill is concerned, the format is strictly laid out by legislation and the Council has no flexibility in how the information is presented – it is all prescribed down to the number of decimal points we use in the % change column (here is a link to the main regulations although they are amended frequently with the latest version including the wording for the adult social care precept:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2011/3038/pdfs/ukxi_20113038_en.pdf). There is more flexibility in the accompanying leaflet where the Town Council sets out its spending for the coming year and could including the street lighting split there.

- c. Members also noted that a list of the relevant street lights had been received from SLDC.

C17/67

Grants

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None to consider this month.

C17/68

Consultations

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Members considered the Council's participation in appropriate consultations:

a. Draft Morecambe Bay Economic Plan Consultation

Members noted that Grange Town Council had been identified in the Plan (page 33) as a stakeholder.

RESOLVED

That consideration was deferred to the August meeting of full Council.

b. South Lakeland Infrastructure Delivery Plan Update 2017

Members noted that page 114, Table 40, says that work on the Ornamental Gardens public shelter is '*No longer required as not considered necessary/needed*' and that this shelter is being regularly used as a lavatory. Members considered, as part of GTC response, that SLDC attention is drawn to this structure as needing urgent attention.

RESOLVED

That the following is submitted in response:

1. The request that the Town Council's previous responses to CIL consultations are

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taken into account for this consultation.

2. The document 'Infrastructure Requirements 2017' (which includes improvements to the Ornamental Gardens public shelter) as drafted by Cllr. Greenway.

c. South Lakeland Draft Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (DPD)

RESOLVED

That consideration was deferred to the August meeting of full Council; Cllr. Greenway to send round ideas before the meeting.

d. South Lakeland Car Parking Survey

Members noted this survey which is reviewing car parks and seeking the views of those who use SLDC car parks: www.southlakeland.gov.uk/parkingsurvey

RESOLVED

That GTC responds with the request that electric car charging points are installed in SLDC car parks.

C17/69

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. Chairman – Victoria Hall Locality Study:

On June 26, Councillors received an update from Locality into their study on the future of the Victoria Hall. The Victoria Hall is currently a community resource and it is clear that community involvement is needed for the Victoria Hall to continue this way.

b. Chairman – Volunteer recruitment for Information Centre and Band Concerts:

Three new volunteers have been recruited. More volunteers are needed and also volunteers to help put out/put away the chairs for the Band Concerts. Please contact Cllr. Endsor or the Council office.

c. Cllr. Ingle – Furness Line Community Rail Partnership:

Representatives from Northern told a meeting of the Partnership that they were on target to provide more Manchester trains by May 2018. Northern had been asked again about providing a seat reservation service.

d. Cllr. Hathorn – Grange in Bloom:

The Group are currently focussed on the garden opposite the station, hoping to provide a picnic bench which can be accessed by people using wheelchairs.

e. Cllr. Shapland – 3Ps AGM:

The AGM was held on 8 June and all the papers are available to view in the folder in the Library.

The Community Orchard leaflet is being re-printed.

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The 3Ps are mounting an exhibition in the Victoria Hall, 7 – 11 August 10am – 4pm. This will show a series of historical photos twinned with updated photos and archive material and information about the town, and particularly, Grange Carnival.

f. Cllr. Thomas – Victoria Hall Support Group meeting:

The Group are planning several events, including a Ceilidh in September, film screenings and a trial bingo session.

C17/70	Neighbourhood Plan	13
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Members noted a progress report from the Steering Committee Spokesperson Cllr. Greenway. The responses to the consultation are being analysed by the consultant.

C17/71	Saturday 532 Subsidised Bus Service	14
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- a. Members noted that Cumbria County Council had advised that it can no longer hold the contract for the Saturday 532 service on behalf of Grange and the three partner parishes.
- b. Members noted that GTC had requested advice from NALC (National Association of Local Councils) and SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) to see if the Town Council has the power, in law, to hold this contract.
- c. Members considered responses received from SLCC and NALC.

RESOLVED

- i) That Cumbria County Council are informed that GTC does not have the power to hold the contract or contribute further to the service;
- ii) That Cumbria County Council are advised that notice should be given to the bus company to terminate the service if the County Council is unable to hold the contract and fund the service;
- iii) That further legal advice is sought to find out if GTC can make any payment for the service that has been delivered to date.

C17/72	Banners	15
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Members reviewed the Guidance on Banners on the Ornamental Garden Railings (approved July 2015).

Members received an update from the Chairman – that SLDC have requested a copy of the Guidance and are considering a Toleration Policy.

RESOLVED

- a. That GTC would continue to adopt the Guidance on Banners with the amendment of removing the final sentence.
- b. That Cllr. Thomas would write an article in Grange Now explaining the Guidance on Banners and engaging the community in using the railings as a shared space to promote the town.

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C17/73

Victoria Hall Maintenance Programme

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Members noted that:

- a. Quotes for the external decoration of west side and dressing rooms were being sought.
- b. The lino in the foyer had been repaired.
- c. Room 9 was now dry and being re-floored.

C17/74

Next Meeting

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NOTED

That the next Full Council Meeting would be held at:

Monday 14 August 2017, 7.00pm Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.46 pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair of Grange-over-Sands Town Council