

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall, on Monday 9 March 2015 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr. Harvey – Chair
Cllr. Greenway, Cllr. McCall, Cllr. Thorne, Cllr. Thomas
Cllr. Brennand, Cllr. Shapland

C. Benbow – Deputy Town Clerk

In attendance: 10 members of the public

Minute Ref:		Agenda No:
C14/184	Apologies for Absence <u>RESOLVED</u> Apologies were received and approved from Cllr. Sobue	1
C14/185	Minutes of the Previous Meeting <u>RESOLVED</u> That the amended Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 9 February 2015 were accepted as a true record.	2
C14/186	Declaration of Interests and Dispensations <u>NOTED</u> There were no requests received for dispensations or declarations of interest.	3
C14/187	Public Participation: Public Have Your Say <i>Members of the public agreed that their names may be included in the minutes.</i> A.Fletcher Made a representation to members with regard to the new application from Booths for variation of planning permission. He strongly objected to the new proposal to have a culvert into the Ornamental Garden pond rather than a holding tank as in the previous application. He said that the amended proposal would create more flood risk for the residents and businesses of Yewbarrow Terrace. He suggested that Booths should pay for extra drainage from the duck pond into the Bay to reduce the flood risk to Yewbarrow Terrace. R. Fletcher Made a representation to members with regard to the new application from Booths for variation of planning permission. He reiterated the points made by the previous speaker and urged the Town Council to object to the proposal and to urge the applicant to provide an adequate drainage solution. He drew members' attention to the letter	4

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from Steven Abbot Associates which discussed further works downstream and claimed that these would benefit Grange as a whole. Mr Fletcher refuted this claim and said that the proposed works would not benefit the town as a whole.

- D. Stubley** Made a representation to members with regard to the new application from Booths for variation of planning permission.
Ms Stubley is the owner of the Hazelmere Café and she objected strongly to the planning application.
She reiterated the objection to the culvert proposal and detailed the increased risk to the Yewbarrow properties which already flood.
She urged that a drainage solution was sought which would hold flood water rather than divert it and allow the duck pond to drain into the Bay.
- J. Shapland** Made a representation to members on behalf of Grange Prom Youth Project.
She reported that the group were making progress with their works to replace the crazy golf and fencing at the Rec Ground and asked the Town Council to support the group by reclaiming the VAT on the bills for the works.
- Council Response** The Council Leader responded that his understanding was that as the District Council owned the site, he recommended that they would reclaim the VAT. Grange Town Council would look into the ownership of the site to clarify which council could help with the reclaiming.
- W. Woods** Made a representation to members with regard to an item on the payments list.
He noted that £540 had been paid to Morecambe Bay Partnership for a training day for the Information Centre volunteers. He did not question the value of such training for the volunteers, but queried why the Town Council was charged when his understanding was that Morecambe Bay Partnership received grants to promote the Bay and therefore should provide training free of charge.
- G. Parr** Made a representation to members with regard to Windermere Road flooding and the technical aspects of the amended drainage plans in the Booths planning application.
He pointed out that the works involved in creating an outfall into the Bay were complicated in terms of the calculations required in respect of the tide. There was the risk that depending on the calculations done for the size of holes going under the railway, the creation of an outfall could potentially exacerbate the flooding.

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District Council Report

District Councillor Tom Harvey gave the following District Report:

Budget - SLDC have frozen the proportion of Council tax for the fifth consecutive year. In addition, the updated Council Plan was adopted last month, and is available to study on the website. Anyone who has read it will be able to see how clear it is in terms of defined targets and aims, as opposed to vague aspirational statements. The broad aims of the Council Plan are:

- Enable and deliver opportunities for economic growth.
- Provide homes to meet need.
- Improve residents' health and wellbeing.
- Protect the environment.

There will also be a trial on parking permits in Milnthorpe, as has been done in other areas, with 20p for 30 minutes. If successful, this may be rolled out to Grange

As of the start of this month as part of the open data drive, just about every detail you could wish to study is available, with mandatory requirements being met, and getting a long way towards recommended options being made available as well. It's all on the South Lakeland District Council website for anyone who is interested in scrutinising it.

SLDC is also looking for members of the public to join the independent remuneration panel review and make recommendations on the level of allowances paid to District and Parish Councillors. The closing date is 20th March.

Lido update - a small re-organisation of officers involved in this project has unfortunately put things on the back burner through lack of capacity. SLDC are looking to re-appoint shortly and the new financial year will bring progress. There is a suite of documents and studies from a variety of consultants setting out a variety of business cases for how a facility may be run, plus of course costings for building, maintaining, and running and so on. We are approaching the time to make an actual decision but it would be premature to pre-empt what that may be.

Essentially within the next 2-3 months we should be looking at a preliminary report to cabinet that sets out the state of play for the Lido.

County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing reported that:

- As a member of Grange Prom Youth Group he was keen to see the works at the Rec Ground completed and asked the Town Council to help in clarifying which council owned the land and therefore should claim back the VAT.
- He was alarmed at the Booths planning application and the potential negative impact the proposal would have on Yewbarrow Terrace and Windermere Road.
- He urged the Town Council to object to the application.
- Cumbria County Council were implementing a 2% rise in the precept.
- There would be staff redundancies at Cumbria County Council to save money.
- He felt that a Unitary Council would save money and he supported any move towards a Unitary Council.

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- The County Council Children’s Services were being OFSTED inspected.
- The Highways Department would be erecting the Charney Well Lane signs this month.
- The no entry signs for the one way system; one is damaged and the other is too close to buildings to be visible. Cllr. Wearing said the signs would be moved/replaced to be more visible.

Cllr. Thomas passed on comments from residents/Councillors Surgery about the zebra crossing, saying that cars go too fast downhill and don’t stop.

Cllr. Wearing said he would pass this on to the police.

Cllr. Thorne queried whether the zebra crossing beacon was visible enough.

Cllr. McCall suggested the use of LED beacons or putting a metal halo around the beacon to make it more visible. Cllr. McCall said that the residents in Charney Well Lane were pleased that the signs were going to go up and he queried how the restriction would be policed.

Cllr. Wearing said he would also pass this concern onto the police.

Cllr. Thorne thanked CCC for patching up the Mosses Road.

Cllr. Brennand requested that the zebra crossing be repainted to make it more visible.

Civic Mayors Report

Mayor’s Report March 2015

Earlier this month, I was very pleased to be asked to cut the ribbon and declare the wonderful new Health Centre for both Nutwood and Peninsula Surgeries well and truly open. Jackie and I were also lucky enough to enjoy a delicious buffet lunch afterwards and an opportunity to meet and talk with some of the staff. The building, while seeming immense compared with what we had previously been used to, really is fit for purpose and should continue to be so well into the future, despite the rapid increase in the population that new development within the town will bring. I would like to thank all the staff, in whatever their capacity, for all the efforts they put in to ensure that the changeover for patients went as smoothly as could be desired.

I owe you all an apology too! In my last month’s Report in Grange Now I stated that the next Councillor Drop In/Outreach at the Library would be on March 13th. I should have said Saturday March 14th from 10am until 12 noon. I am really sorry if this led to any confusion. It was just caused by simple error – I had the wrong date written in my diary. I can only say ‘Sorry’ and plead human error – I am after all only human!

As spring slowly does begin to show in the trees and hedgerows I look around the town and realise yet again how lucky we are to live in this part of the country, and in particular in Grange over Sands. Our parks and gardens, the numerous trees and the amazing view across the bay are just some of the things to be appreciated every day. It is thus a real shame, and I use the word shame purposely, that there are still people within our community who not only drop litter in our lovely town and expect the rubbish fairy to pick it up but there are some who do not clean up after their dogs. This is appalling and those involved should be totally ashamed. If you take on the responsibility of owning a dog you take the responsibility

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of clearing up after it too.

As part of my work as a Councillor I have recently been talking to a number of visually impaired people. We were discussing the hazards involved in getting around the town. I expected them to complain about the uneven footways, thoughtless parking on pavements or speeding traffic, but no! The biggest hazard as far as they were concerned was dog mess. So please, if you are one of the minority who walk off and leave it for someone else to tread in, have a thought for others, AND CLEAR IT UP. Thank you.

Cllr. Tricia Thomas, Civic Mayor

C14/188	Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item	5
<u>RESOLVED</u>	That item 16 and item 13 (f) should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2 as item 16 concerned a competitive commercial tender for services and item 13(f) concerned staff contracts.	

C14/189	Planning Report	6
	1. Members considered the following full or outline planning permission/reserved matters/discharge of conditions/listed building/advertising consent:	

Application Number	Address and Specification
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- | | |
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| a. SL/2015/0127 | Lone Ash, Grange Fell Road
Lift roof ridge & installation of 2 dormer windows to create living accommodation in loft, creation of sunroom & pitched roof over garage
Full Planning |
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RESOLVED

OBJECTION

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

- The proposed works are out of scale with the surroundings and unsightly.
- The drainage survey is not complete. There is no indication that any extra surface water run-off created will be managed on site.
- A 106 agreement is requested to improve the drainage in the surrounding area.

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| b. SL/2015/0159 | Vantage Toyota, Station Square
Variation of Conditions 2, 4, & 6, and remove condition 5 attached to Planning Permission SL/2011/1034 – extension of time condition on planning permission SL/2008/1173.
Full Planning |
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RESOLVED

OBJECTION

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

- The risk of flooding has not been fully assessed – the proposed scheme is inadequate as it would raise the level of the Ornamental

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Garden pond and exacerbate flooding in Yewbarrow Terrace, Riggs Close, Main Street Car Park and Windermere Road.

- The flood risk assessment is inadequate as data records appear to finish in 2005. There is no record of the significant incidents of flooding that businesses along Yewbarrow Terrace have suffered during the past 10 years. The basement of Cafe S, where the kitchen is located, flooded 4 times in 2013. This caused the business to close for significant lengths of time.
- The original application said that there wouldn't be a culvert into the pond because that would inject too much water too quickly. It is not clear why this has now been disregarded. Attenuation capacity is clearly needed within the scheme.
- The proposal appears to shift flood risk from one area to another, towards the Main Street Car Park. The businesses along Yewbarrow Terrace already flood and this proposal would worsen their situation considerably.
- There is also increased risk that the Ornamental Gardens will flood more.
- An outfall from the Ornamental Pond into the Bay must be created to increase capacity in advance of any extra water being channelled into the pond.
- Environment Agency funding support for this outflow is not confirmed.
- No technical reports or assessment from the Lead Flood Agency are available as part of the application.
- It is suggested that Booths fund some of the works needed to create a sustainable drainage system for the area.

- c. **SL/2015/0170** 2 Seawood Place
Erect PVC conservatory in white to form porch fitted onto existing brick/block wall to front entrance (to be looked at again as a relevant document was missing last month)
Full Planning

NOTED That the above application had been withdrawn.

- d. **SL/2015/1242** 7 Seawood Place
Alterations to roof to create accommodation in the roof space.
Full Planning

RESOLVED **NO OBJECTION**

- e. **SL/2015/0185** Yewbarrow House, Hampsfell Road
Proposed turning area with temporary parking
Full Planning

RESOLVED **OBJECTION**

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

GTC Full Council Minutes 2014/138

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The Town Council is appreciative of the benefits to the town of opening Yewbarrow House to visitors, but considers this specific proposal not to be the solution. It could be as difficult for as many visitors as it might benefit. The Council is happy to work with Mr. Denby through the mechanism of the current Neighbourhood Plan process to see if a more suitable solution can be found to the parking issue. We have previously come up with creative suggestions for resolving this issue, and are keen to work with him again.

We therefore object to the current plans on the following basis:

- Firstly, the various plans and documents are confusing, as there is no one plan that shows all the works proposed.
- The statement says that the "application adopts the same approach as previously" with slight differences. These differences are not sufficient to overcome the previous refusal. It is still an artificial area of non-naturally occurring chippings in natural woodland with little real public benefit.
- The heritage statement makes a great deal of the size being reduced from 10 cars to 5, and a different surface. However:
 - The application says 5 cars and chipped limestone. But the ecology report clearly states that the application is still for 10 cars and crushed limestone, which would imply that this is what is sought for in the long-term;
 - The tree protection drawing shows a long fence to be constructed around the site (which is not mentioned anywhere else). This fence goes right round the original 10 car site - and indeed shows where the 5 'removed' parking places are. If the long-term objective is really for 5 cars only, then there is no need for a fence going round the 10 car site;
- It is now apparently proposed to use limestone chippings instead of crushed limestone (although see ecology statement which refers to crushed stone). Limestone chippings of a size suitable for cars to park on and people to walk on in 'garden visiting' shoes is still considerably different from what is currently there. There will still therefore be a detrimental impact on the ecological and aesthetic amenity. Chipped limestone is not 'natural', and will merely serve to further domesticate the roadside here.
- Limestone chippings are unlikely to be the end product, as over time they become less suitable for this type of usage. It is almost inevitable that crushed limestone will be applied at a later date.
- References are made to the development being so scaled down as to now having a minimal impact. If it is so scaled down like this, it is also unlikely to provide any 'real' benefit.

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- Open days are only occasional, the landscape impact is permanent. It will be unsightly and out of keeping all the time.
- The NGS organisers have not been consulted or approved of the change to the natural habitat in this fashion.
- The Ecology Report makes no reference to, or assessment of the impact on the Limestone Pavement Order area.

- The Tree Protection map shows the Proposed Parking layout, and the 'affected area'. The application is for a 'Parking and Turning Area'. If the cars are parked as shown on this map, there is no real room for turning. Therefore, it is likely that they will want to surface an additional area for this purpose.
- There is actually plenty of room to the east of the main property to create a parking area for 5 cars without having any detrimental impact on the public amenity.

- In the Heritage Statement at 2.6 it talks about the educational benefits of five car parking spaces - this is very tenuous. We assume that most Horticultural Societies and visiting groups arrive by coach or minibus. This space is not designed or intended to enable either to turn round. Grange Primary School pupils are more likely to walk there and will have their teachers walking with them for safety. It is too far from the house to offer any benefits for disabled visitors, and the car park is not an educational experience in its own right. It does not, therefore, "enable the use of the gardens as an educational resource", as is claimed.
- 2.7 mentions current problems with parking and turning. This is likely to create more problems with parking and turning and relocate them to the narrow public highway where there is more traffic to contend with. If the first five cars to arrive on an Open Day take up the spaces, every further car to arrive will have to proceed up to the house itself where the parking problem is currently located, or will have to attempt to turn round in front of the proposed car park and return to the town centre to find parking. This will give rise to considerable manoeuvring on a difficult road and a very stressful experience for drivers - not a helpful first impression, which might detract from the later pleasures of the garden itself.
- It is not proposed that un-accommodated cars will be able to turn round in the parking area itself or that further cars will be able to proceed up the hill to park or turn round in the vicinity of the house. There is no mention of timed tickets or stewards to remedy the highway hazards created. The proposal has the potential to significantly detract from the enjoyment of the visitors as much as the current situation, and the public benefits of the proposal as set out in 4.4 are no more obvious than those it was previously refused on.

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- Hampsfell Road is already used as a 'commuter car park' - these cars are likely to use this new space. How will they be prevented? If this is a new fence or chain, this will be further changes to the natural landscape.

f. SL/2015/0192 Co-op, Kents Bank Road
New cage warehouse store in existing store location
Full Planning

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council completely supports this proposal as it will improve the area visually.

2 Delegated Authority

NOTED

No items had consultation deadlines which fell between the meetings.

C14/190 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. Identification of Councillors to approve next month payments

RESOLVED

That Cllr Thorne and Thomas would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

d. 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 follows:

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Payments for Approval

1 Accounts for Payment Cheques (Nat West)

March

2015

£

Direct Debits (Nat West)

326	N Power - V Hall elec 1 Nov 14 to 31 Jan 15	888.98
327	N Power - Prom Lido PC elec 1 Nov 14 to 31 Jan 15	39.48
328	N Power - Church Hill PC elec 1 Nov 14 to 31 Jan 15	164.71
333	SLDC - Non.Dom Rate. V. Hall amended bus rate relief	38.37
	Total Nat West account	<u>£ 1,131.54</u>

Unity Trust

329	CPC - V Hall microphone mounts	32.20
330	WB Electrical - replace water heater & repair socket	69.56
331	PLAN-et - Neighbourhood Plan Consultant	2,975.00

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332	WPS - premium cover Xmas Sleigh (recoverable)	13.04
334	R Rhodes Ltd - V Hall disabled WC repair	30.00
336	Grange Now - leaflet drop Neighbourhood Plan	887.04
337	Via Partnership - IC volunteers training day (18)	540.00
338	Lengthsman - February 2015	264.00
339	Intouchcrm - website monthly hosting March 2015	35.99
340	Healthmatic Public Conveniences cleaning February 2014	1,590.00
341	C Benbow – expenses	17.45
342	PR Books - IC stock	47.84
	Temple Heelis - March monthly payment HR support	120.00
	Total Unity Trust account	£ 6,622.12
	Total accounts	£ 7,753.66
2	<u>Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Unity Trust)</u>	
	Total Salaries	£ 4,500.95
	HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 11	£ 1,711.17
		£ 6,212.12
	Total Unity Trust account	£ 12,834.24
	Total all payments for approval	£ 13,965.78
3	<u>Accounts paid in previous month – approved</u>	
	<u>Nat West Cheques</u>	
	<u>Accounts paid in previous month - not yet approved</u>	
	<u>Unity Trust</u>	
	325 WPS - Grange Prom Insurance renewal 15-16 (C14/182b)	1,794.35
	<u>Nat West</u>	
	<u>Cheques</u>	
	<u>Direct Debits</u>	
	324 Plusnet 9/02 to 8/03 2015 - tel & broadband	49.52
	335 XLN calls & line rental March 2015	29.68
	Total Accounts paid in previous month	£ 1,873.55
	Grand Total	£ 15,839.33
4	<u>Alto Prepaid Card (Pre-Authorised £1,000.00)</u>	
5	<u>Bank Balances</u>	
	NatWest Current Accounts	77,964.46
	Unity Trust Bank	65,245.34
	Alto Prepaid Card	452.19

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C14/191	Grants	8
	Members considered applications for the Shop Front Scheme. <u>RESOLVED</u>	That the grant of £1,000 from SLDC would be divided and Shop Front grants awarded to each of the five applicants as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three quarters of the total grant to be divided equally between the three businesses which had not applied previously. These were <i>The Foxes Den, Sands of Grange</i> and <i>Lakeland Optical</i>. • The remaining quarter to be split equally between the two shops which had received grants from the previous Shop Front Scheme. These were <i>Davenport's</i> and <i>Past and Presents</i>.
C14/192	Consultations	9
	<u>NOTED</u>	There were no consultations to consider.
C14/193	Neighbourhood Plan	10
	<u>NOTED</u>	A progress report from the Steering Committee Spokesperson Cllr. Greenway. Cllr. Greenway reported that the consultation had received over 900 responses, 98% were positive and this gave a clear mandate to the Steering Group to proceed with the work. The group had undertaken a training session with Planet. She thanked SLDC for the excellent maps they supplied and thanked District Councillor Mary Wilson who had agreed to grant £500 towards the Plan, and thanked District Councillor Tom Harvey who had granted £1,000.
C14/194	Advisory Groups	11
	<u>NOTED</u>	<p>a. Enhancing the Pedestrian and Cycling Experience Advisory Group</p> <p>Cllr. Thorne reported that some useful feedback had been received from the public and Cllr. Thomas reported that she had been talking to disabled residents about their experience of the town.</p> <p>b. Parking Advisory Group</p> <p>Cllr. Brennand reported that some useful emails had been received about parking at the corner of Higginsons. Several people had suggested that bollards would stop people parking on the pavement. She thanked the public for sending in emails.</p> <p>c. Traffic Enforcement Advisory Group</p> <p>Cllr. McCall reported that Mr Woods had been recruited to the group and that they hoped soon to hear from the Chamber of Trade regarding a representative to take part in the group.</p>
C14/195	Reports from Meetings/Briefings	12
	Members received oral reports from meetings and briefings attended by members:	
	a. Edwardian Festival	
	<u>NOTED</u>	Cllr. Thomas reported that the Edwardian Festival would be on Saturday

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13 June and the bus was already booked.

b. Cumbria In Bloom Group

NOTED

Cllr. Thomas reported that:

- The group were installing a new planter in memory of Cllr. Norman Bailey.
- Cumbria in Bloom would be entered as usual.
- SLDC would fund planting for this year but not next year.

c. Guide over Sands Trust

NOTED

Cllr. Harvey reported on a meeting with Dickon Knight and Lord Cavendish from the Guide over Sands Trust. The Trust wished to raise community awareness of the Guide Over Sands Trust. They have a website that gives more information about the Trust which plays a significant role in assisting the various groups who walk across the Bay and in ensuring that they do so safely. The Trust wished to find out more about how the walks benefit the town and to be made aware of any issues or problems that may arise.

The Trust is planning a walk across the sands on 21 June. All Councillors were invited to take part. A planning application for Carter Farm will be submitted shortly, for the redevelopment of the barn and house and surrounding area, plus four new properties, two detached and a pair of semi-detached houses. The Trust hopes the application will be supported by the Town Council. The Trust anticipates selling these on the open market to create an endowment for the benefit of the Trust.

d. Morecambe Bay Partnership

Cllr. Harvey reported that he had been in contact with Morecambe Bay Partnership to arrange a consultation/drop in event about the proposed Cycle Way. SLDC are organising an online consultation about the cycle way through Grange. The consultation event will be held in the Victoria Hall, date yet to be confirmed.

Cllr. Harvey hoped that the event would be an opportunity give a greater understanding and allow for a bit of constructive dialogue between all parties.

He clarified that this consultation event was on behalf of Morecambe Bay Partnership. The Town Council's involvement was to enable and encourage the partnership to present more information to the town.

e. Facilities Committee

NOTED

Members noted the draft minutes from the Facilities Committee Meeting held Monday 16 February 2014.

C14/196 Finances

13

a. NOTED

Victoria Hall Grant

Members noted a progress report from Cllr. Harvey on the allocation of funds from SLDC for the Victoria Hall repairs and maintenance.

Cllr. Harvey reported that subsequent to the agenda being published, the funds for 13/14 had been received and he was in communication

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with David Sykes, SLDC Director of People and Places. Discussions indicated that the grant would be allocated for 2014/15. It appears that the next financial year, 2015/16 will operate along the same lines as previously but the system will be reviewed for subsequent years as the current arrangement is archaic and does not allow for a true understanding of costs or decent budgetary procedure. A review undertaken by both councils will now take place. Cllr Harvey emphasised that the review was not a euphemism for withdrawing the support, but it is to gather an up to date picture of the situation, how responsibilities are shared and how costs can be apportioned. It is also the chance to look forward at the issues which will face the Hall. A meeting was being arranged for April.

b. NOTED

Asset Register

Members noted the 14-15 Asset Register noting additions in yellow.

c. RESOLVED

Draft Budget

- i) That the budget for 15–16 as circulated was approved.
- ii) That projects already resolved would continue, with Cllr. Greenway to continue work on the Cedric Brass Feet Installation and Kents Bank Notice board projects.
- iii) That Cllr Brennand would organise getting a banner for councillor surgeries.

d. RESOLVED

Prom Youth Group Grant

That the Prom Youth Project grant award of £4,000 be paid at the commencement of the fiscal year as requested by the Group.

e. RESOLVED

Unity Bank User

That V. Tunnadine was removed as authorised user at Unity Bank PLC under the following terms:

1. The amendments to the Mandate for the operation of the bank account(s), payment instructions and banking services be approved and be provided to the Bank by persons authorised to do so in accordance with the Bank's procedures and the Mandate;
2. The Bank is entitled to rely upon the amended Mandate until it receives a later Mandate amending it;
3. The Bank will be notified in writing of any changes to the organisation as per the terms and conditions of the account.

f.

To consider options from the Personnel Committee regarding Responsible Financial Officer 2015 provision.

This item was discussed in Part 2.

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C14/197	Town Sign	14
	Members considered a report from the Victoria Hall Manager. <u>RESOLVED</u> That the Town Sign, which is situated on the B5277 approach road into Grange at the junction with Meathop Road, is refurbished at a total cost as quoted, of £388 (Exc. VAT.)	
C14/198	Police Room Licence	15
	<u>NOTED</u> That the draft licence for the Police Room use had been returned to the Police for amendment as the draft did not include the previously agreed condition that the charge would be reviewed annually.	
C14/199	Tender for Public Conveniences	16
	Members considered the report and recommendations for the completed tenders for the cleaning and maintenance contract of the public conveniences in Grange and award the contract to commence 6 April 2015. This item was discussed in Part 2.	
C14/200	Next Meeting	17
	<u>NOTED</u> To note that the next Full Council Meeting would be held: Monday 20 April 2015 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands. This would commence after the Annual Town Meeting at 7pm.	
C14/201	Part Two	
	<u>RESOLVED</u> That the meeting would move to Part 2.	
C14/202	Tender for Public Conveniences	16
	Members considered the report and recommendations for the completed tenders for the cleaning and maintenance contract of the public conveniences in Grange and award the contract to commence 6 April 2015. <u>RESOLVED</u> i) That the tender to commence 6 April 2015 was awarded to Healthmatic. ii) That Cllr. Brennand would draft letters to all applicants. iii) That the criterion that it was desirable that companies which GTC engaged with paid the Basic Living Wage as minimum would remain in future procurement specifications.	
C14/203	To consider options from the Personnel Committee regarding Responsible Financial Officer 2015 provision.	13(f)
	<u>RESOLVED</u> a. That Grange Town Council has sufficient current capacity to remain financially compliant on an ongoing basis. Lamont Pridmore, our current accountants, will be consulted where necessary if issues arise; b. That GTC explores with other accountants various packages to ensure best value for this work for future years; c. That the Deputy Town Clerk is asked to assume the roles of Interim Responsible Financial Officer, and Proper Officer, for a six month period (when it will be reviewed), and a suitable contract	

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is drawn up to cover this. The salary level to be on the middle of the previous Town Clerk's band (scale point 36), with flexible 4-5 days as the postholder deems is required (including home-working);

- d. That GTC refrains from taking on new projects during this period;
- e. That Councillors set up an Advisory Group to consider and discuss the future of our priorities, projects, staff and ongoing management. This group to report back to Full Council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.18pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair of Grange-over-Sands Town Council