

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 20 April 2015 which commenced at 7.30pm after the Annual Town Meeting at 7.00pm.

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

C. Benbow – Acting Town Clerk

In attendance: 12 members of the public

Minute Ref:		Agenda No:
C14/204	Apologies for Absence	1
	RESOLVED There were no apologies received.	
C14/205	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	2
	RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 9 March 2015 were accepted as a true record.	
C14/206	Declaration of Interests and Dispensations	3
	NOTED	
	a. That regarding agenda item 8, Cllrs. Shapland and Thomas were members of the Edwardian Festival Committee.	
	b. That regarding agenda item 13 e, Cllr. Thomas was a member of the Bloom Group and Cllr. McCall was chair of the Civic Society.	
	c. That regarding agenda item 13 d, Cllr. Sobue expressed a personal interest in the Town Map.	
C14/207	Public Participation: Public Have Your Say	4
	<i>Members of the public agreed that their names could be in the minutes.</i>	
Grange Primary School	Children from Grange Primary School made a representation to members with regard to congestion and parking at the school as there was an increasing danger to children from traffic. They asked for help with signs outside the school, asked that traffic wardens could visit more frequently, that a lollipop lady could be provided and that there could be more parking restrictions.	

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- Peter Nightingale** Made a representation to members with regard to Prom Art:
1. Mr Nightingale asked if SLDC would put up signs on the Promenade to warn visitors about the dangers of walking out onto the Bay.
 2. Prom Art provides portaloos and the cost of this has increased. He asked GTC to consider paying for the portaloos.
- Judith Shapland** Made a representation to members with regard to the Promenade, objecting to the Morecambe Bay Partnership Cycle Way being signposted along the Promenade.
- Hilary Holgate** Made a representation to members with regard to planning application SL/2015/0258, objecting to the application very strongly on a number of substantive points. She asked the Town Council to take into consideration her points when the item was discussed.
- Jackie Bailey** Mrs Bailey thanked Councillors for the planter which has been established on Kents Bank Road in the memory of her late husband, Civic Mayor Cllr. Norman Bailey.
She also thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to be consort to Civic Mayor Cllr Thomas, which she had very much enjoyed.
- Bill Woods** Made a representation to members with regard to the proposed Morecambe Bay Partnership Cycle Way. He was concerned about the volume of cycles on the Promenade if that route is signposted and suggested that the use of the Prom should perhaps be phased in as a signposted route.

Police Report

PCSO Firth gave a crime report and said he was aware of the parking problems at Grange Primary School and has spoken to drivers at the school.

Regarding Yewbarrow Woods, PCSO Firth has investigated the site, has spoken to a number of young people and feels that matters will now improve. He told residents to call 101 if the police are needed.

Cllr. Thorne asked for clarification on the problems at the school and ascertained that they are:

1. Parents parking illegally on the pavement in front of the school.
2. Speeding past the school.

District Council Reports

District Councillor Mary Wilson did not give a report due to the purdah period.

County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing reported that:

- He thanked the children of the school and said he would be happy to come up to the school, with a traffic engineer and discuss solutions.
- CCC was looking at further traffic calming measures at the junction of Meathop Road and Lindale Road.
- He would give more details about the Public Health Strategy at the next meeting.

Cllr. McCall said that the missing reports from the traffic survey had still not been received.

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Civic Mayors Report

Mayor's Report April 2015

I look back on what has been a busy year with great fondness for all the friendly welcomes we have received, for the ribbons cut and the things unveiled, for the opportunity to improve the façade of the Lido and to meet and talk to so many people.

Top of the list for my vote of thanks has to be Jackie Bailey who has been a fantastic Consort throughout the year, not only escorting and driving me to events but also keeping the Mayoral chain under control! Without her life would have been a bit more difficult and a lot more daunting. I would also like to thank all of the team at the Victoria Hall and my fellow Councillors for their help and support during my time in office as well as the Chamber of Trade and local businesses who really did step up to the mark when it came to fundraising and donating raffle prizes. Thank you to you all. But perhaps the biggest 'thank you' should go to the community who have made Jackie and I so welcome at so many events – I have really enjoyed meeting you all and feel I have made many new friends during the year.

Later this month Jackie and I will be presenting a cheque for over £600 to each of the two charities we raised money for, Diabetes UK and St Mary's Hospice at Home.

We have a couple more official appearances before the year closes, one being the unveiling later this week of the amazing sculpture of flying ducks which the Bloom Group has raised money for, and had installed in the bed beside the station.

Please note that due to the date of the election, the May Council meeting will be held a week later than normal on May 18th at 7pm. Once new Councillors have been sworn in, a series of dates for councillor surgeries will be set. Until then, please do not hesitate in contacting us via the Victoria Hall.

Tricia Thomas April 2015

Presentation from Electricity North West

Kevin Bullock, Design Engineer and Steve Bradly, Customer Liaison Engineer from Electricity North West about the planned works to upgrade a section of the underground electricity network in Grange-over-Sands which is scheduled to commence in January 2016.

Members agreed that the winter was the best time to do this work and asked Electricity North West to keep residents and businesses updated on plans. Members requested that access to the car park should be maintained and commented that this would be an opportunity to try out one-way traffic flows.

C14/208	Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item	5
	<u>RESOLVED</u> That the quotes for item 14, Public Art at Berners, should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2 as individual quotes from artists were being considered.	

C14/209	Planning Report	6
	1. Members considered the following full or outline planning permission/reserved matters/discharge of conditions/listed building/change of use/advertising consent:	

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Application Number, Address and Specification

a. **SL/2015/0225** - Woodheads, Grange Fell Road

Change of use & subdivision of ground floor & out-building to form separate unit of accommodation

Full Planning

RESOLVED **NO OBJECTION**

Grange Town Council makes the following point:

Concern about access onto Grange Fell Road

b. **SL/2015/0238** – Guides Farm, Cart Lane

4 new dwellings, change of use of barn into dwelling & erection of new agricultural shed

Full Planning

RESOLVED **OBJECTION**

Guide's Farm Planning Applications SL/2015 / 0238 & 0239

No criticism of the post of Guide or the current post holder, nor of the desire to see that the current Guide remains in the home he has lived in for over 50 years. Equally appreciate that a way should be found to keep the Guide's post viable into the future. This scheme doesn't fit the bill in several ways.

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

It contravenes CS 8.5, 8.10, 9.15, 9.18, 9.19. Does not comply with Cumbria Landscape Character Guidance for the area, specifically sections on development, access and recreation.

Contravenes NPPF paras 123, 130, 132 and 133

Negative impact on character of the farm; CS 9.15: Proposals for new development within the curtilages and settings of listed buildings must provide clear evidence that the development would enhance the special character and historic significance of such areas.

The proposed changes effectively break up the coherence of the farm layout. They destroy future generations' understanding of how it functioned. All over the country people are trying to recreate the experience of working farms to help us understand our traditions and cultural roots – Bouth / Beamish/Acton Scott , all thriving on tourist interest – here we have a rare example of a complete working smallholding which can be intimately experienced and understood from a few feet away on the path, and the current plans would remove its character, conceal its historic significance, sanitize it and suburbanize it by turning most of it into an expensive suburban cul-de sac with 4 'quality' houses, which dominate the plot and could immediately become second homes, holiday lets or buy-to-rents, with no commitment or relationship to the history or character of the area.

There will be no special character left to experience if this development

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goes ahead. This plan proposes to 'tidy it up' and make it look 'attractive', as if this is Disneyland. A working farm is untidy; it has overgrown corners and piles of 'useful' bits and pieces. These are havens for wildlife and insects in a way that neat paving and car parks are not. There is no assessment of the ecological value of such an undisturbed site apart from the bat survey – this is insufficient.

Negative impact on coastal landscape character; CS 8.5 requires us to “protect the finite resource of the undeveloped coast from unnecessary development”.

Detrimental Impact on cultural heritage of the Cartmel Peninsula.

Cumbria Landscape Character type here is Open Farmland and Pavements; key features are open landscape and a sense of wildness. Can see this triangle of open space from the coastal path and from the opposite side of the estuary and place the Guide's Farm in its historic context of pre-railway isolation. The development will affect views into the conservation area from across the estuary – cultural landmark of triangular field and single white farm, will remove its natural and historic character. Many tourists on the Cumbria Coastal Way and local walkers value this area for its tranquillity and absence of development, and immediate sense of past generations. This would largely disappear under the current scheme. The development will make the farm look like it's joined on to a settlement, part of the urban edge, instead of the originally solitary and remote single farm.

Cumbria Landscape Character Guidance is that key features such as orchards should be retained. The orchard is as important to the setting as the bank barn, it is a functional part of farm life and economy, and needs regenerating for benefit of future Guides as a working space, and part of the economy of the farm. Building on the orchard and in the barn makes Guides Farm less viable as a source of sustainable income for the next Guide, and less economically attractive to the diminishing number of individuals who might choose smallholding as a substantial part of their way of life. It is detrimental to local economic sustainability.

Balancing benefits of alterations to listed farm and setting in conservation area. The NPPF 133 says that where there are heritage and conservation impacts, any harm must be weighed against the advantages, but great weight must be given to the desirability of avoiding harm.

There is no benefit to neighbours or the wider community to offset the detriment to the farm and its setting. No local occupancy proposed for new houses, no CIL to contribute to infrastructure, no new facilities for tourists, or for the cross-bay walkers, no compensation to the residents of Kents Bank for the parking hassle and imposition of large numbers of tired, disoriented and toilet-seeking walkers, no mitigation for the effect on wildlife of tidying away their habitats, no kudos for sensitive and well integrated new dwellings, no contribution to improving the coastal path – zilch. Planners must give great weight to balancing harm against benefits, and we challenge them to find one benefit.

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There is also no clear case put in this application for the benefit of securing of a long-term sustainable future for the building; its future depends on the Trust continuing to be able to maintain Guide's Farm and the post of Guide Over Sands. The design and access statement merely says that any funds remaining after the redevelopment of the barn will be put to maintaining the Post of Guide. There may be no funds remaining – the barn seems to need a great deal of specialist work, and it is unclear whether Guide's Farm itself would also be internally renovated from the profit on the new houses.

The plan doubles the potential maintenance and running costs to the Trust by having two guide's houses, but does not make clear why both a current and retired guide need to live on site. The plan also shows no way of producing a regular income which would make a future Guide's way of life more secure, as might have resulted, for instance, from the barn being converted to a B & B or a holiday let, or even from the Trust acquiring a rentable property nearby.

There is no guarantee/evidence that selling this land will keep the Guide Over Sands post going in the future. The trust needs to present a convincing long-term plan, not just the piecemeal disposal of assets, which sets a precedent for future financial crises.

CS 9.20 supports the adaptive use of redundant buildings where the proposals make a clear case for the securing of a long-term sustainable future for the building with minimal damage to the historic fabric or architectural character of the building:

In this case, there is no evidence presented that the bank barn is redundant, only that it has been neglected. If the barn were redundant there would be no need to provide a new barn. Wilful neglect of a listed building on the part of the owner is not sufficient grounds for converting it to accommodation. The conversion of the barn to a residence is a major undertaking which removes or conceals most of the internal historic fabric, and puts modern roof lights in a very visible position, which damages the architectural character. The intactness of the barn with original layout almost unaltered is categorized as 'exceptionally significant' in its conservation listing details. This should be enough prevent it from being gutted internally.

The provision of a large new barn in modern materials, highly visible from the coastal path, is unacceptable. It's not even side on to the path to minimize visibility. No justification for the size or the location. Style is unsympathetic to other buildings, contradicts the role of the fields as Important Open Space.

Detrimental impact on surrounding conservation area, including neighbours and setting of other listed buildings.

The privacy, setting and light of 50 Cart Lane will be particularly affected by the size, overbearing effect and unsympathetic design of the new houses, as amply demonstrated in neighbour's responses. There is no attempt in the design to minimize the impact of the new dwellings on the surrounding

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houses, nor respect the scale of nearby houses.

Design: the new houses do not comply with the Cumbria Landscape guidelines;

- ensure new developments respect the scale (no, too big)
- retain traditional forms and materials of villages (no, too fussy, too much window, too many suburban ‘features’)
- do not in-fill important open spaces such as orchards and gardens integral to their character (they do in-fill the orchard).

‘Coastal access footpaths ... should be improved and developed to be compatible with the undeveloped and natural character of this landscape sub-type.’

The new houses will make the farm look like it’s joined on to a settlement, part of the urban edge, instead of the originally solitary and remote single farm. They will affect views into the conservation area from across the estuary – cultural landmark of triangular field and single white farm, removes its natural character.

Lack of consultation.

When this scheme was suggested in the initial stages of the Land Allocations process there was considerable local concern, questioning the need for two dwellings for guides on site, and detailing the traffic and safety concerns on Cart Lane. Community views have not been sought this time round; given the high sensitivity and cultural value of the site to locals and visitors, the public should have been consulted proportionately. The Land Allocation Document noted in 2010 “The Town Council is to discuss with the Trust, given public concerns about the use of the land, before making a decision on how it can best support the Trust in making provision for a guide in the long term”. A quick chat with the Chair and Acting Clerk does not qualify as a substantial discussion of this particular scheme and does not represent the resolved view of the Council. This objection does represent the resolved view.

The design and access statement gives the impression that talks were under way with Development Control but that the Trust decided to put the plan in ‘as is’ . We suggest that talks recommence and that the Trust and planners consider the possibility of a smaller site – R 203 at the apex of the green space where three or four houses might blend better with the existing built edge and be screened by existing trees and new planting.

- c. **SL/2015/0239** – Guides Farm, Cart Lane

As SL/2015/0238

Listed Building Consent

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

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

As SL/2015/0238

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d. SL/2015/0258 – Land between Fairhaven and Seascape, Kentsford Road

Dwelling and detached garage

Full Planning

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to the application on all the following grounds, which are the original grounds unanswered by the revised application, plus others raised by the revisions:

- **The proposed development is not in keeping with the area, would be dominant from the road and is out of character with the area.**

This has not changed with the revised plans. There are still serious concerns about dominance, overlooking and destroying privacy from neighbours, particularly 42 Priory Rd, who will have their ground floor rooms and rear garden overlooked and dominated by the rear gable end, and by 68 Kentsford Rd, whose front garden, balcony, front and side garden and access routes to front and rear entrance will be significantly overlooked. There are no illustrations of the visual impact, and the plans suggest removing the existing screening between the house and 42 Priory Rd, which seems un-neighbourly.

There is now also a question about the function of the reworked 'plant room' ; there is no explanation of the type of plant, nor its noise implications for neighbours.

- **The drainage plan is not adequate. There is evidence that the capacity and state of repair of the sewer in that area is dubious. Detailed plans for coping with surface water runoff are still missing.**

There is also a large area of hard surfacing on the plot, plus the existence of a spring at one corner, which may produce considerable run off. The sedum roof cannot be claimed as more than minor attenuation. There are no calculations to quantify the likely runoff and demonstrate that the drainage design can cope with the volume. Runoff on Kentsford Rd. eventually ends up outside Kents Bank Station, which is a recognised flooding hotspot. The local limestone is notorious for making soakaways difficult to design, and all runoff must be dealt with on the site. We would prefer this to be detailed in the application – public anxiety about flooding in the area is high and it is best practice to design an adequate drainage system before the house specifications are finalised. In this case we are not happy about it being left to conditioning.

- **The proposed development is too big for the plot.**

There is no space left for continued use as a green corridor by wildlife currently using it as an open field, as detailed by neighbours. There is no acknowledgement of this, nor any mitigation measures proposed. The size of the house footprint and amount of hard landscaping leaves little space for mitigating planting, shrub cover or quiet through-routes. Given that this

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development will be replacing an attractive and wildlife-friendly green space, we would like to see a positive approach to wildlife provision in the application.

- **The garage is over the building line, and over-scale for the site.**

The additional drawings illustrating the appearance of the plot from the front are misleading in that the perspective does not show how the garage would dominate the view from Kentsford Rd. Due to the proposed size of the garage and its location above the road, the side of the garage will obscure much of the house, and cars parked at the same level will obstruct the view as well. This is visually unpleasant and totally out of character with the area and completely contradicts the assertion in the addendum to the design and access statement that the development is by no means excessive in elevation. We would prefer to see the garage reduced further in size, built in materials characteristic of the area, and screened effectively from roadside view.

- **Proposed works on the limestone pavement potentially risks damage to neighbouring properties.**

This objection has not been effectively addressed. The additional submissions do not contain any detail of the results of the trial pits, nor any methodology statement for the digging of them, and are challenged by the eye-witness account of the pit-digging. There is therefore no evidence that it is possible to 'sink' the garage further into the ground. We would also like to see a professional assessment of the impact of 'digging out' on neighbouring trees, walls and properties, and suitable precautions or remedial measures proposed.

- **Grange Town Council requests that the SLDC Conservation Officer is consulted as the site adjoins a Conservation Area.**

We have seen no response to this request. A number of design features are out of character for the immediate area and impact on the character of the adjacent conservation area. They will also affect views in and out of the conservation area, including from the nationally significant coastal path. The amount of glazing, use of wood cladding, position of the garage and degree of hard surfacing are all questionable, and we are not confident that the design is so exceptional as to justify them.

e. **CU/2015/0006** – Middle Fellgate Farm, Cartmel Road

Change of Use prior approval (Agric to Dwelling)

Conversion of agricultural barn to dwelling house.

Change of Use

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council supports this application because it is a small scale development on a brown field site.

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- f. **SL/2015/0348** – Land on the East Side of Cat Tree Road
Development of a single detached house on a vacant plot

Full Planning

RESOLVED **OBJECTION**

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

- The proposed development is too close to neighbouring houses.
- It is too imposing on the site.
- The comments regarding public transport which form part of the application are misleading and inaccurate.

- g. **SL/2015/0340** – Westerly, The Esplanade

To change the use of residential accommodation (formerly staff flat) to use as training facility to support the homes staff.

Full Planning

RESOLVED **NO OBJECTION**

- h. **SL/2015/0335** – Kentdale, Ashmount Road

Alterations and extension to existing property to create kitchen/utility and ensuite

Full Planning

RESOLVED **NO OBJECTION**

Grange Town Council makes the following request:

That the developers ensure that the development is sufficiently distant from the neighbours.

2. Delegated Authority

NOTED The following items were responded to under delegated authority as the consultation deadline fell between meetings.

- a. **SL/2015/0175** – Derwen Cottage, Charney Road

Single Storey Side Extension

The following response was sent: **NO OBJECTION**

Grange Town Council makes the following requests:

1. That the drive surface is permeable, not tarmac.
2. That any water run-off from the house, enlarged garage and extended hard standing is absorbed within the property's boundary and does not create any nuisance for the surrounding area.

- b. **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)

The following response was sent: **NO OBJECTION**

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C14/210 Finance - Monthly Payments 7

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 Greenway and one other, pending election, 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

April 2015

1 Accounts for Payment

£

Cheques (Nat West)

1TC	Inheritance - IC ticket sales reimbursement	50.40
359	Bowmans - V Hall floor repair	198.00

Direct Debits (Nat West)

345	British Gas - V Hall 30 Jan to 27 Feb 2015		774.66
347	Npower - Xmas Tree lights electric 1 Dec 14 to 24 Feb 15	(recoverable)	12.32
353	U Utilities Orn Gards toilets water 6 Dec 14 to 5 Mar 15		157.32
354	U Utilities Prom Lido toilets water 15 Dec 14 to 15 Mar 15		64.45
358	British Gas - V Hall 28 Feb to 25 Mar 2015		669.03
362	Barclaycard transaction fees March 2015		19.40
1-	M1 SLDC - Non.Dom Rate. V. Hall		552.00
2-	M1 SLDC - Non Dom Rate Rooms Rooms 1 & 3/Council Office		135.00
3-	M1 SLDC - Non.Dom Rate Police Room 4		90.00
4	U Utilities - IC wastewater 1 Apr 15-31 Mar 16 -1st half		61.67
5	U Utilities -Room 4 wastewater 1 Apr 2015 to 31 Mar 2016 -1st half		61.67

Total Nat West account

£ 2,845.92

Unity Trust

343	Brayshaw Heating Maintenance Ltd. - V Hall boilers service		205.80
348	Ian Robinson - IC stock		43.50
350	Performing Rights Society - to 5 Jan 15 (recoverable)		120.23
355/ 363/	364PR Books - IC stock		81.39
			28.76

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	8.99	119.14
356	Yellow Publications - IC stock	53.20
357	Bayscapes - IC stock	16.20
360	J Chaplow - new crazy golf (recoverable)	4,500.00
361	P Dalton - new crazy golf (recoverable)	8,670.00
365	PLAN-et - Neighbourhood Plan Consultant	407.43
6	CALC - 4 copies Good Councillors Guide	5.68
7	SLDC - Rent Bandstand & Store April 2015 to March 2016	37.50
8	Yan Press - IC stock	32.97
9	Healthmatic Public Conveniences cleaning March 2015	1,590.00
10	Intouchcrm - website monthly hosting April 2015	35.99
	Temple Heelis - April monthly payment HR support	120.00
Total Unity Trust account		£ 15,957.64
Total accounts		£ 18,803.56
2	<u>Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Unity Trust)</u>	
	Total Salaries	£ 5,548.19
	HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 12	£ 931.50
		£ 6,479.69
Total Unity Trust account		£ 22,437.33
Total all payments for approval		£ 25,283.25
3	<u>Accounts paid in previous month - approved</u>	
	<u>Nat West Cheques</u>	
	Shopfront Grant - The Foxes Den	250.00
	Shopfront Grant - Lakeland Optical	250.00
	Shopfront Grant -Sands of Grange	250.00
	Shopfront Grant -Davenports Fashions	125.00
	Shopfront Grant -Past & Presents	125.00
		1,000.00
	<u>Accounts paid in previous month - not yet approved</u>	
	<u>Unity Trust</u>	
	12TC Ian Bailey (Simon & Garfunkel) - IC ticket sales reimbursement	307.20
	<u>Nat West</u>	
	<u>Direct Debits</u>	
	344 Plusnet 9/03 to 8/04 2015 - tel & broadband	48.25
	346 Barclaycard transaction fees- February 2015	17.65
	349 U Utilities C Hill toilets 5 Dec 14 to 5 Mar 15	154.16
	351 XLN calls & line rental April 2015	30.59
	352 U Utilities V Hall water 6 Dec 14 to 5 Mar 15	308.87
	Total Accounts paid in previous month	£ 1,866.72
	Grand Total	£ 27,149.97

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4 Alto Prepaid Card (Pre-Authorised £1,000.00)

5 Bank Balances

NatWest Current Accounts	81,152.20
Unity Trust Bank	52,140.63
Alto Prepaid Card	452.19

6 Transfers between bank accounts

Nat West current account to Unity Trust Bank £55,000.00

C14/211	Grants	8
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Members considered grant application requests:

NOTED Members noted that the Edwardian Festival Committee had requested a donation to help towards the cost of putting on the event and considered this request.

RESOLVED

- a. That Grange Town Council would donate £100 to go towards the fancy dress and prizes every year.
- b. That Cllr. Thomas, as Council Representative on the Edwardian Festival Committee, would liaise with the Edwardian Festival to arrange this and ask the Committee to write to the Council with a formal request for support towards the fancy dress and prizes.

C14/212	Consultations	9
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Members considered participation by councillors in appropriate consultations:

a. Members considered participation by councillors in the online survey for the Morecambe Bay Cycle Way which is being held in partnership with SLDC at www.southlakeland.gov.uk

NOTED Members noted that the date for the consultation closing was the next day.

RESOLVED

- i) That members would participate in the online survey as individuals if they wanted to.
- ii) That Grange Town Council would aim to work in partnership with the District Council and Morecambe Bay Partnership in any monitoring and feedback of the first 12 months of the cycle way.
- iii) That Grange Town Council would request from SLDC a copy of the risk assessment for using the Prom as a cycle way.

b. **NOTED** Members noted that Morecambe Bay Partnership held an informal information drop-in event for the public at the Victoria Hall on Wednesday 15 April, 5-7pm. Information on both the proposed cycleway and other activities the Partnership is engaged in was available.

C14/213	Neighbourhood Plan	10
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NOTED A progress report from the Steering Committee Spokesperson Cllr. Greenway as follows:

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Neighbourhood Plan

Work is currently progressing on developing the Vision and Objectives section and three topics which need draft policies based on evidence: green spaces, footways and cycling, and town centre improvements. Two members are attending a free seminar on including historic buildings in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Three members and the Acting Town Clerk have a meeting set up on 22nd April with the SLDC Strategic Devt. Team (the team responsible for writing and reviewing the SLDC Core Strategy) to keep them informed of progress and to find areas of common concern and co-operation.

The Acting Town Clerk has been notified that we have achieved another government grant of £8,000 towards the Plan, which will go toward consultant's costs for writing the final draft, and expenses for public consultation events.

We have an update in Grange Now in May, which asks for one or two volunteers who know Kents Bank well to join the group, to ensure we do justice to the area's needs.

Next meeting will be tomorrow 21st April. We will be spending some time collectively on initial thoughts on policy for redeveloping the Lido – all comments from public accepted by email to the Acting Town Clerk.

C14/214

Advisory Groups

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NOTED

Members noted that some work by the following advisory groups was being duplicated by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group or would form part of the work planned by the group:

- a. Enhancing the Pedestrian and Cycling Experience Advisory Group
- b. Traffic Enforcement Advisory Group
- c. Parking Advisory Group

RESOLVED

That after the May election, members would liaise with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and clarify the roles of the Advisory Groups.

C14/215

Reports from Meetings/Briefings

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- a. Members received reports from meetings and briefings attended by members since the last full council meeting:

Furness Line Community Rail Partnership

NOTED

Cllr. Thomas had attended the FLCRP committee meeting and gave the following report:

I recently attended the FLCRP meeting in Carnforth. The ITT (Invitation to Tender), now published, reflects many of the recommendations published in the FLCRP report. This is good news as it means we should hopefully get a better railway experience once the new franchises come into being in spring 2016.

There are three shortlisted bidders for the Northern Area franchise – these are Abellio Northern Limited, Arriva Rail North Limited and Govia Northern Limited.

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Edwardian Festival Committee Event

NOTED

Cllr. Thomas had attended this committee event and gave the following report:

The social evening for the stall holders for this year's festival was held on Friday at the Commodore Inn. Although not as well attended as we had hoped, those who did come were very pro-active and lively discussions took place. We particularly discussed options for Edwardian costumes and the disposal of rubbish.

Local Area Partnership Meeting

NOTED

Cllr. McCall had attended the LAP meeting and gave a spoken report.

b. Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes

NOTED

Members noted draft minutes from the Personnel Committee Meeting held Thursday 5 March 2015.

C14/216

Finances

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- a. Members considered giving the Acting Town Clerk authority to sign the contract on behalf of the Town Council for the cleaning and maintenance of the public conveniences as resolved be awarded to Healthmatic at the previous full council meeting. (Ref: C14/202)

RESOLVED

That the Acting Town Clerk be given authority to sign the contract on behalf of the Town Council for the cleaning and maintenance of the public conveniences as resolved be awarded to Healthmatic at the previous full council meeting. (Ref: C14/202)

- b. Members noted that the draft licence for the Police Room use had now been amended as requested as noted at the previous meeting of the full council (Ref: C14/198) and considered that the Acting Town Clerk be given authority to sign the licence on behalf of the Town Council.

RESOLVED

That the Acting Town Clerk be given authority to sign the licence for the Police Room use on behalf of the Town Council.

- c. Members considered the distribution of the Local Area Partnership (LAP) grant.

RESOLVED

That the Local Area Partnership grant of £346.00 made to Grange Town Council is split equally with the Prom Youth Project as the group also applied to the LAP for funding.

That £173.00 is paid to the Prom Youth Project from the total grant of £346.00 from the Projects budget.

- d. Members considered a contribution from the Town Council towards the printing of the Town Map.

RESOLVED

That Grange Town Council continues to work in partnership with the Chamber of Trade and contributes £300 from the communications budget towards the print run for the 2015 Town Map, on the proviso that suitable

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acknowledgment was given to Hideyuki Sobue who originated the Town Map.

- e. Members considered paying the £60 fee for the Town's entry into the Cumbria in Bloom competition.

RESOLVED That the fee of £60 is paid directly, from the Town Council's Public Domain Maintenance budget, to Cumbria in Bloom for the Town's entry in the 2015 Pride in Your Community Competition.

- f. Members considered the purchase of a laptop for the office.

RESOLVED That a laptop is purchased for the Council Office as quoted at £598 plus VAT.

C14/217 Public Art Installation at Berners.

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- a. **NOTED** Members noted a progress report from Cllr. Greenway as follows:
- Tribute to Cedric Robinson:** The final design has been sent by the sculptor – footprints and laurel leaf in bronze plaque with inscription.
- Commissioned works of art are exempt from the 'obtaining 3 quotes' rule because of their un-replicable artistic nature, but I have managed to obtain a quote for a similar bronze plaque from another sculptor for comparison. It is very similar in price. Details of both will be in part 2, along with the cost of insurance.
- If members approve the costing in part 2, I propose we start the production of the plaque.
- Cllr. Thomas and I had a site meeting with 2 Castles. They agreed to incorporate the plaque into the landscaping at the entrance to the Berners development. It will be located on the verge of the path below the Cedric Walk road sign, on a flat piece of limestone from the site. 2 Castles have agreed to prepare the limestone and do the fixing in.
- The date has yet to be decided. The development is due to start receiving its first residents in June, but the official 2 Castles opening ceremony will probably be kept till Sept, when the site is looking properly occupied. We could decide to coincide with the opening, or select some other significant occasion.
- Cllr. Thomas and I did discuss with 2 Castles the open strip of land at the railway side of the development, which the council had wanted to dedicate to Olive Robinson, who is equally important in running the Guide's service. 2 Castles say it will be landscaped to create attractive curves, though the path through it has to be straight for maintenance vehicle access, so there would be the option of dedicating the area to Olive, possibly through a name plaque on the gateway at either end.
- If councillors approve of proceeding with this, I will cost up two or three options and bring them to a future council meeting.

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- b. **RESOLVED** That the commissioning of sculptor Ian Stoney to create the public art installation at Berners depicting Cedric's footprints in a bronze plaque as per the quote of £2,250 was approved.

C14/218 Victoria Hall Maintenance 15

Members noted that dry rot is suspected in the Victoria Hall.

RESOLVED That the Victoria Hall Manager is authorised to get a specialist in to have a look at the building to ascertain whether we have dry rot and if so, how extensive the problem is, and what needs to be done about it.

C14/219 Next Meeting 16

NOTED That the next Full Council Meeting would be the Annual Meeting of the Town Council and would be held on:

Monday 18 May 2015 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.58pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair of Grange-over-Sands Town Council