

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the Meeting of the Town Council in accordance with Schedule 12 para.10(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972, to be held remotely, on Monday 8 March 2021 at 7 pm.

On 4 April 2020, the government brought The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 into force to allow local authorities to conduct meetings remotely without it being necessary for any of the participants or audience to be present together in the same room.

This new legislation allows councils to carry out their business lawfully whilst ensuring that the health and safety of officers, councillors and members of the public is protected in accordance with government advice.

This meeting of Grange-over-Sands Town Council will be held remotely, using the Zoom video conferencing system. This system is simple for all participants and members of the public to access.

Access links will be sent to all Councillors.

If you wish to take part in the next meeting as a member of the public, please contact the Town Clerk on townclerk@grangeoversands.net and register if you will be attending and if you would like to speak in the public participation section.

You will then be emailed meeting access details. You can also request to be added to the Agenda Distribution Group which receives the meeting papers each month.

Note: Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 this meeting was advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media or the public.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Benbow', written over a light blue horizontal line.

C. Benbow, Town Clerk

AGENDA FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 8 MARCH 2021

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies from members.

2. Reports

To receive reports from the following:

- a. Police Report
- b. District Council Report
- c. County Council Report
- d. Mayor's Report

3. Public Participation: Have Your Say

Have Your Say: Members of the public are invited to speak.

Please ensure that you have registered your wish to speak prior to the meeting.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held remotely on Monday 8 February 2021 as a true record.

Physical signing will take place in due course.

5. Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

Members to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed and to decide requests for dispensations.

6. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

To consider if any items should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2.

7. Planning

To consider Planning Applications as circulated and to note submissions to planning applications considered under delegated authority.

8. Planning Matters - Correspondence

a. Resident Correspondence - SL/2018/0897 and SL/2018/0898

To consider response to complaint received 1 February 2021 about the Town Council's response as consultee to planning applications SL/2018/0897 and SL/2018/0898 (*3 documents circulated*).

b. District Council Correspondence - SL/2020/0861

To note response from SLDC Planning Enforcement regarding Large Barn Opposite High Farm, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS, LA11 6HA as resolved at previous meeting 8 February 2021 (C20/144) (*circulated*).

9. Monthly Payments

Councillor Verification and Payment Approval

- a. To note that prior to the meeting two councillors verified invoices received and payments made since the last full council meeting and can verify their authenticity.
- b. To note that two councillors verified that the monthly bank reconciliation has taken place.
- c. To approve and authorise the payment of accounts and wages as recorded in the payments list (*circulated*).
- d. To identify and approve two councillors to verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.
- e. To identify and approve two councillors to complete the online authorisation of the payments for the next payment period.

10. Finance and Governance

Annual Authorisation of Payments

To approve the annual review of payments made by variable direct debit and standing order and to approve the use of BACS payments in compliance with Grange Town Council Financial Regulations (*circulated*).

11. Council Priorities and Action Plan

To consider draft Council Priorities and Action Plan, updated following discussion at previous Council meeting (*circulated*).

12. Consultations

Central Government Open Consultation - Proposals for unitary local government in Cumbria

Cumbria is currently served by a two-tier system of local government. Cumbria County Council is responsible for services such as adult and children's social care, maintaining roads and libraries, and the Councils – Allerdale Borough, Barrow Borough, Carlisle City, Copeland Borough, Eden District and South Lakeland District - are responsible for services such as rubbish collection, housing and planning and environmental health.

The seven councils in Cumbria have been developing ideas about restructuring local government for some time and requested an invitation from the Secretary of State to submit proposals for unitary local government – a single tier of local government delivering all of the local government services for the area.

The Secretary of State received four proposals from councils in Cumbria:

The two councils - Allerdale and Copeland – jointly submitted a proposal for two unitary councils: West Cumbria comprising the area covered by Allerdale Borough, Carlisle City and Copeland Borough Councils and East Cumbria comprising the area covered by Barrow Borough, Eden District and South Lakeland District Councils.

The two councils - Barrow and South Lakeland – jointly submitted a proposal for two unitary councils: 'The Bay' comprising the area covered by Barrow Borough, South Lakeland District and Lancaster City Councils and North Cumbria comprising the area covered by Allerdale Borough, Carlisle City, Copeland Borough and Eden District Councils.

The two councils - Carlisle and Eden – jointly submitted a proposal for two unitary councils: North Cumbria comprising the area covered by Allerdale Borough, Carlisle City and Eden District Councils and South Cumbria comprising the area covered by Barrow Borough, Copeland Borough and South Lakeland District Councils.

Cumbria County Council submitted a proposal for a single unitary council for the area of Cumbria County.

All residents and businesses are encouraged to have their say:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/proposals-for-unitary-local-government-in-cumbria-north-yorkshire-and-somerset>

Grange Town Council submitted a response about the proposed 'Bay Authority', resolved at the Extraordinary Meeting November 2020 (C20/102) (*circulated*).

An acknowledgment was received 15 February 2021 from Luke Hall MP, Minister for Regional Growth and Local Government (Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government) (*circulated*).

To consider any further response.

13. Updates from Members

To receive Councillor updates on any works in progress and meetings and events attended, including:

- a. Cllr. Greenway – Kents Bank Traffic
- b. Cllr. Thomas – Cumbria Better Connected

14. Covid-19 – Re-opening Victoria Hall

To note that the Victoria Hall will be allowed to re-open on 17 May, following current government guidance published 24 February 2021:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reopening-businesses-and-venues-in-england/reopening-businesses-and-venues>

The guidance says that public buildings, such as community halls and centres, and libraries, can reopen at Step 2 - no earlier than 12 April – but this is for permitted activities only.

These include support groups, supervised activities for children, parent-and-child groups (up to 15 people, not counting those aged under five), communal worship, or a wedding, reception or commemorative event like a wake.

Indoor events that bring people together - even if they do not mix with other households - must not run until Step 3 - no earlier than 17 May.

The Victoria Hall will be able to re-open then and used/attended in line with the wider social contact limits at this stage. For more information, read the link above.

15. I-Play on Promenade

To receive an update from the Working Party (Cllrs. Bailey, Howson, Hathorn and Logan) set up at the previous meeting to investigate ideas, get quotes and research funding and report back to Full Council with recommendations.

16. Resident Correspondence – Biodiversity at Yewbarrow Gardens

To consider correspondence asking Grange Town Council to support measures to increase biodiversity at Yewbarrow Gardens (*circulated*).

17. Next Meeting

To note that the next Full Council Meeting will be held remotely on **Monday 12 April 2021, 7pm**