

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Chairman/Mayor:

Cllr. Tricia Thomas

Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:

Cllr. Ann Walmsley

Town Clerk:

Mrs. C. Benbow



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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held remotely on Wednesday 5 May 2021 commencing at 7pm.

Present:

Cllr. Tricia Thomas – **Chair**

Cllr. Greenway, Cllr. Walmsley, Cllr. Hathorn, Cllr. Bailey,

Cllr. Logan, Cllr. Handley, Cllr. Endor (opened meeting then gave apologies)

Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

In attendance:

3 members of the public, County Councillor Bill Wearing

**Minute
Ref:**

Agenda No:

C21/01 Council Chairman for the Council Year 2021/22

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Cllr. Tricia Thomas was elected Council Chairman for the Council Year 2021/22 from the current Council membership.

Physical signing of Acceptance of Office to take place when possible.

C21/02 Vice-Chairman for the Council Year 2021/22

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Cllr. Ann Walmsley was elected Council Vice-Chairman for the Council Year 2021/22 from the current Council membership.

Physical signing of Acceptance of Office to take place when possible.

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At 7.05pm, Cllr. Peter Endsor made his apologies for the remainder of the meeting, as he had another meeting to attend about the election the next day, where he was standing for the District Council.

C21/03 Casual Vacancy

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Members noted that SLDC acknowledged the Notice of Casual Vacancy, due to the resignation of Lyndon Howson and would write to inform whether the vacancy was to be filled by election or co-option.

Members noted an update from the Town Clerk that:

SLDC have confirmed that an election has not been called. This means that the Town Council can co-opt.

RESOLVED

That the casual vacancy would be advertised in the next edition of 'Grange Now', on the noticeboard, and on the Town Council website and social media. Interviews to take place after 21 June when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. Voting to take place at Full Council in July 2021.

C21/04 Apologies for Absence

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Cllr. Endsor opened the meeting, and then gave apologies. District Councillor Robin Ashcroft sent his apologies.

C21/05 Reports

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Police Report

The police report is now online: CumbriaPolice@public.govdelivery.com

County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing reported:

1. **Covid Pandemic** – the County Council will be re-starting physical meetings.
2. **Cross Bay Walks Traffic at Kents Bank** – resident meeting notes were circulated to the Town Councillors. County Council are trying to contact the Guide. Traffic Regulation Orders have been agreed but will not be in force until next year.
3. **County Council Scrutiny Committee** – coming out of the Covid pandemic, a lot of the County Council office staff will continue working remotely.

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Cllr. Walmsley reported that the Guide-over-Sands Trust Facebook was showing that walkers are being encouraged to park in Grange and get the train to start the walk.

District Council Report

District Councillor Robin Ashcroft sent his apologies.

Mayor's Report

There were no civic events due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

C21/06 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say 6

Resident 1 Made representation to members regarding hybrid meetings, encouraging the Town Council to adopt them.

Council Response The Chairman said that the Council had the opportunity to respond to the Government Consultation on remote meetings later in the meeting.

C21/07 Minutes of the Previous Meeting 7

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 12 April 2021 were accepted as a true record and would be signed physically in due course.

C21/08 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations 8

NOTED No interests were declared.

C21/09 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item 9

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.

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

- a. **SL/2021/0361** Lingwood Park, Cartmel Road
Change of Use of Agricultural Field to Caravan site
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council makes the following comments:

1. Tree Survey

This had been requested for the application but had not been supplied.

2. Water supply

There were water shortages last year. Has it been confirmed by United Utilities that the water supply is adequate for this development?

- b. **SL/2021/0366** Derlyn, Charney Road
Single story extension to rear of property, changes to window opening on the front elevation and internal alterations
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

- c. **SL/2021/0356** Sycamore Down, Kentsford Road
Construction of new porch area; increased area of full height glazing to front gabled elevation; new full height glazed openings to southwest side; new bay window to the front elevation; extension in width of existing balcony; new window openings to southwest end elevation; removal of two window openings to rear and form one new window opening; new window openings to northeast end elevation; internal reconfigurations for improved wheelchair access.
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

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Councillors noted that the below application would be considered at the next Council meeting on 14 June. This application is on the boundary with Allithwaite and Cartmel Parish. An extension to comment has been made to SLDC.

SL/2021/0328

Land at Ridgeway Jack Hill Allithwaite GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7QB
Dwelling with garage and guest annex
FULL PLANNING

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

- a. SL/2021/0288 25 Oversands View Application Lawful Dev Certificate WITHDRAWN
- b. SL/2021/0100 3 Graythwaite Court FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- c. SL/2021/0200 31 Fell Close FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions

C21/11

Consultations

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Members considered response to the following consultations:

a. Government Call for Evidence on Remote Meetings

The Government has issued an online consultation about whether there should be permanent arrangements allowing parish council meetings to take place online. This closes on 17th June: www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-authority-remote-meetings-call-for-evidence

RESOLVED

That the following response was made:

- i) The Town Council would like to have permission to hold hybrid meetings, making use of available technology to make meetings more accessible and inclusive, as proved during the last years' use of remote meetings during Covid.
- ii) The Town Council has reservations about the technical support and equipment required and requested that Parish and Town Councils are advised and supported to enable them to hold successful hybrid meetings.

b. BT Payphone Removal Consultation 2021

SLDC are consulting on the proposed removal of the following payphones:

- Adjacent Fire Station, Mayfield Terrace, Kents Bank Road
- Adjacent Kents Bank Railway Station, Kentsford Road
- Railway Station approach, Station Square

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RESOLVED

That the following response was made:

- i) The Town Council objects to the proposed removal of the payphone at Railway Station approach, Station Square, on the grounds that it is obviously used and needed. The fact that 16 people per month used it during the pandemic is evidence of this. The bus and train services are heavily used, particularly by schoolchildren. Connections between bus and train services are frequently unreliable. This makes the continued provision of a phone box important.
- ii) The Town Council appreciates that BT wishes to discontinue the phone service in the other two boxes due to lack of use.

C21/12 Finance - Monthly Payments

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a. Verification of Expenditure

NOTED

Usual wording: 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.

That the above did not take place due to Covid-19 National Restrictions. The Town Clerk (Responsible Financial Officer) completed the verification.

b. Verification of Accounts Reconciliation

NOTED

Usual wording: That prior to the meeting two Councillors verified that the monthly bank reconciliation had taken place.

That the above did not take place due to Covid-19 National Restrictions. The Town Clerk (Responsible Financial Officer) completed the verification.

c. Approval of Payments

RESOLVED

That the payments of the accounts and wages for this finance period as recorded in the payments list were approved as below.

d. Identification of Councillors to approve next finance period payments

RESOLVED

Usual wording: That Cllrs and would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

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Not applicable due to ongoing Covid restrictions.

e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

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

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Payments for Approval

May 2021

Accounts for Payment

£

Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit

12 Barclaycard - Transaction Fees 01/03-31/03/21 - No charge

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Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque

Total Bank Account No. 1

£ -

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits

13	Lloyds Bank Plc - Card April 2021 - Monthly fee	3.00	
13a	NALC - Training Course - 23/06/21 - S Haines	38.93	
13b	NALC - Training Course - 23/06/21 - R Handley & P Thomas	<u>77.86</u>	119.79
14	SLDC - 2/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall		574.00
15	SLDC - 2/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office		155.00
16	SLDC - 2/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4		87.00
17	Npower - Elec V Hall 26/02-31/03/21		127.52
18	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/03-31/03/21		8.78
19	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/03-31/03/21		33.69
20	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/03-31/03/21 (Recoverable)		7.70
21	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/03-01/04/21		414.56
22	Sage - Support 01/05-31/05/21		78.00

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

9	Lancasters - Allotment keys/lock/handle & Hall paint/keys/hose		106.30
24	Lamont Pridmore - Payroll services Jan - March 2021		440.40
25	Westmorland Fire & Security - Fire alarm maintenance		60.00
26	YPO - Cleaning materials & keyrings		21.70
27	SLDC - Annual playground inspection fee		176.87
28	SLDC - Electricity recharge Ornamental Gdns PC 19/12-31/03/21		94.73
29	KTD - Photocopying 26/03-28/04/21	21.29	
30	KTD - Anti-Spam cover 30/05/21-29/05/22	<u>178.80</u>	200.09
31	Healthmatic - Public Conveniences cleaning 01/05-31/05/21		1,500.00
32	Lengthsman - To 30/04/21		187.00

Total Bank Account No. 2

£ 4,393.13

Total Accounts

£ 4,393.13

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Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Bank Account No. 2)

Total Salaries	£ 5,125.30
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 1	£ 1,364.68
LG Pension Scheme Month 1 - Employer payment	£ 1,792.81
	<u>£ 8,282.79</u>
Total Bank Account No. 2	<u>£ 12,675.92</u>
Total all payments for approval	<u>£ 12,675.92</u>

Accounts paid in previous month - approved

Bank Account No. 1

Bank Account No. 2

Accounts paid in previous month - not yet approved

Bank Account No. 1

Direct Debits

Cheques

Bank Account No. 2

Direct Debits

10/11 XLN - Final invoice & credit for Room 2	9.31
23 Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 08/05/21 Calls to 08/04/21	41.53

Direct Bank Payments

Total Accounts paid in previous month	<u>£ 50.84</u>
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Grand Total	<u>£ 12,726.76</u>
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Bank Balances

Bank Account No. 1 As at 30/04/21 - Statement not yet available	
Bank Account No. 2 As at 30/04/21	207,672.13

Transfers between bank accounts

Transfer to Petty Cash account to replenish float

a. **Finance Report**

Members considered the full year Finance Report to 31 March 2021.

RESOLVED

That the full year Finance Report to 31 March 2021 was approved as below.

b. **Asset Register**

Members noted that a full review of inventory of assets including buildings and equipment had taken place.

RESOLVED

That the Asset Register dated 31 March 2021 was approved.

c. **Insurance**

Members noted that the insurance was due for renewal 1 July 2021 and that the Council will enter the final year of a three-year agreement with WPS Insurance and that there is cover in respect of all insurable risks.

d. **General Power of Competence**

Members reaffirmed that the Council meets the criteria for eligibility.

RESOLVED

That the council meets the criteria for eligibility to use the General Power of Competence:

- i. That two thirds of Councillors are elected members.
- ii. That the Clerk is qualified.

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Grange-over-Sands Town Council		Meeting: 5 May 2021			Prepared: April 2021		
Budget Monitoring 12 months to 31 March 2021		100%			% Spend to date		
INCOME	Sage Code	Budget for year £	Budget to date £	Actual to date £	Variance £	% Spend to date	Comments
Precept (includes Parish Elections £1548.28)	4000	184,119	184,119	184,119	0	100%	
Sundry Receipts	4010	-	-	-	0		
Interest Received	4015	-	-	-	0		
Grant Receipts - Running Costs SLDC	4100	8,000	8,000	8,000	0	100%	Orn Gdns toilet grant
Grant Receipts - General	4105	-	-	46,580	46,580		Covid 19 Discretionary/Local Restriction/Closed Business Grants
Grant Receipts - SLDC Council Tax	4106	9,429	9,429	9,429	0	100%	
Grant Receipts - SLDC Comm Infrastructure Levy	4107	-	-	-	0		
Donations Received	4115	1,700	1,700	15	(1,685)	1%	
Donations for Assets	4116	-	-	-	0		
Donations - Victoria Hall	4117	2,000	2,000	11,660	9,660	583%	Includes Support Group donations £10,842
Rent Receipts	4120	7,000	7,000	6,501	(499)	93%	
Room Hire Receipts	4125	15,000	15,000	3,378	(11,622)	23%	V Hall closed due to Covid 19 pandemic
Sale of Goods	4150	6,000	6,000	1,580	(4,420)	26%	Sale of closing stock
Bay Villa Trust Admin Fee	4162	550	550	578	28	105%	
Commission Received	4170	2,000	2,000	-	(2,000)	0%	Information Centre closed
Lease Registration Fees	4175	-	-	-	0		Cedric Walk
Toilet Entry Fees	4500	10,000	10,000	8,664	(1,336)	87%	Open 9 mths only (July - March 21) Closed 3 mths due to Covid 19
Fund Raising Income	4600	-	-	-	0		
		245,798	245,798	280,504	34,706	114%	

EXPENDITURE	Sage Code	Budget for year £	Budget to date £	Actual to date £	Variance £	% Spend to date	Comments
Stock for Information Centre	5000	3,500	3,500	2,033	(1,467)	58%	Closing stock adjustment
Volunteer's Expenses	6155	30	30	-	(30)	0%	Information Centre closed
Fund Raising Expenses	6170	-	-	-	0		
Musicians' Fees	6200	1,700	1,700	-	(1,700)	0%	No concerts due to Covid 19
Mobile Toilets	6220	550	550	-	(550)	0%	No concerts due to Covid 19
Salaries	7000	98,000	98,000	102,114	4,114	104%	Includes redundancy payment
Pensions	7001	19,000	19,000	20,527	1,527	108%	As above
Printing and Stationery	7010	650	650	151	(499)	23%	Less office activity - staff working from home
Postage	7012	80	80	70	(10)	88%	
Water	7015	4,800	4,800	2,577	(2,223)	54%	Toilets closed for 3 months & V Hall used less
Business Rates	7020	8,800	8,800	8,770	(30)	100%	
Telephone/Broadband	7025	1,180	1,180	1,092	(88)	93%	
Insurance	7030	4,000	4,000	3,132	(868)	78%	Slight reduction in premium as no claims
Subscriptions	7040	860	860	814	(46)	95%	Full year CALC & SLCC Subs included
Information Technology	7045	6,000	6,000	4,606	(1,394)	77%	Down on last year as no lap top purchased or Win 10 upgrade
Travelling Expenses	7050	300	300	-	(300)	0%	
Training Expenses	7052	800	800	305	(495)	38%	SLCC/CALC/Chamber of Comm Training
Civic Expenses	7055	300	300	211	(89)	70%	
Bank Charges	7070	300	300	186	(114)	62%	Fewer transactions generally
Audit Fees	7075	1,300	1,300	1,000	(300)	77%	External audit fee £200 less than last years.
Accountancy Fees	7080	6,500	6,500	2,397	(4,103)	37%	
Gas	7100	4,500	4,500	2,737	(1,763)	61%	V Hall used less & staff working from home
Electricity	7105	4,300	4,300	2,151	(2,149)	50%	V Hall used less & staff working from home
Christmas Lights	7106	4,600	4,600	4,544	(56)	99%	
Donation Expenditure - Victoria Hall	7110	2,000	2,000	24,316	22,316	1216%	Kitchen refurb. & Hall painting
Repairs and Maintenance	7120	5,400	5,400	2,371	(3,029)	44%	Rec Ground/Bandstand/Public Domain/Toilets
Hall Regular Maintenance	7121	6,000	6,000	1,954	(4,046)	33%	
Hall Maintenance Plan & Emergency Repairs	7122	18,000	18,000	16,920	(1,080)	94%	Roof E9968 Ext dec E1610 Plastering Rm 4 & 9 E2560
Professional Fees - Non Financial	7125	1,550	1,550	375	(1,175)	24%	
Toiletries and Cleaning Materials	7130	800	800	443	(357)	55%	Includes purchase of 5 x hand gel dispensers
Rent Payable	7160	741	741	732	(10)	99%	Full year Allotments & Bandstand
Card Handling Charges	7190	480	480	1,052	572	219%	Incl. mthly Nayax readers and service fee for toilets
Cleaning	7200	15,000	15,000	14,444	(556)	96%	Public conveniences
Communications	7255	600	600	-	(600)	0%	
Lengthsman	7455	6,000	6,000	5,221	(779)	87%	
Parish Election Costs	7600	-	-	1,548	1,548		
Projects	7605	7,000	7,000	5,259	(1,741)	75%	Incl Staff Handbook & Nayax contactless install.
PWLB Loan Interest Paid	8000	500	500	346	(154)	69%	
		236,121	236,121	234,400	(1,721)	99%	
Net profit (Loss)		9,677	9,677	46,104			

Balance Sheet Summary as at 31/03/21

Total Assets Less Total Liabilities (including Public Works Loan Board Loan) **272,506**

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C21/14

Appointments to Committees (*Standing Item – Annual Town Council Meeting*)

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- a. Members noted the Staffing Committee Terms of Reference.
- b. Members noted that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were members of this committee.
- c. Members noted that it is good practice to appoint the out-going Chairman or Vice-Chairman for continuity of line-management for the staff and considered appointing Cllr. Walmsley to the Staffing Committee.
- d. Members considered appointments to the Staffing Committee for the 2021/22 Council Year.

RESOLVED

That Cllrs. Thomas, Walmsley, Handley and Logan were voted to the Staffing Committee for the 2021/22 Council Year.

C21/15

Members External Office Holders 2021-22 (*Standing Item - Annual Town Council Meeting*)

15

Members reviewed the approved appointments for the previous year and considered appointments for the new Council year 2021-22.

Members noted that Mrs Strawbridge was happy to continue as the Council's representative on the Cartmel Old Grammar Foundation Trust. Mrs Strawbridge was thanked.

RESOLVED

That the approved Member External Office Holders 2021-22 were as follows:

Members External Office Holders 2021–22

- a. CALC District Association – Town Clerk
- b. Grange in Bloom – Cllr. Hathorn
- c. Nutwood Patients Group – Cllr. Thomas
- d. Furness line Community Rail Partnership – Cllr. Thomas
- e. Bay Villa Trust – All Councillors
- f. Cartmel Old Grammar Foundation – Jane Strawbridge (nominated by GTC)
- g. The Civic Society – Cllr. Thomas
- h. Friends of Kents Bank Station and Foreshore – Cllr. Greenway
- i. Victoria Hall Support Group – Cllr. Handley
- j. Christmas Tree Committee - Cllr. Logan
- k. National Park Southern Boundary Partnership – Cllrs. Greenway and Bailey.

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- l. Morecambe Bay Partnership – Cllrs. Greenway, Handley, Bailey, Hathorn and Thomas.
- m. Grange Chamber of Trade and Hoteliers Association – Cllr. Walmsley.
- n. Men in Sheds – Cllr. Endsor.
- o. Grange and Peninsula Well-being Hub (GAP) – Cllr. Bailey.
- p. U3A – Cllr. Handley.
- q. Cumbria Better Connected – Cllr. Thomas.
- r. PEAT Greening Campaign – Cllrs. Thomas and Handley.

C21/16

Memberships (*Standing Item – Annual Town Council Meeting*)

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Members reviewed the Council's and employees' memberships noting that the membership of the following bodies required approval for renewal (paid from budget for Subscriptions):

- a. Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC).
- b. Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) and National Association of Local Councils (NALC) combined annual membership.
- c. NALC *Local Council Review* (publication).

RESOLVED

- i) That the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) annual membership for Town Clerk due in May, amount to be confirmed, payment approved in June, was approved.
- ii) That the Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) and National Association of Local Councils (NALC) combined annual membership renewal for Council due now, cost £550.65 was approved.
- iii) That the NALC Local Council Review (publication) annual subscription amount to be confirmed, payment approved in June, was approved.

C21/17

Statutory Document Review (*Standing Item – Annual Town Council Meeting*)

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- a. Members noted that it is a statutory duty to review the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Delegation Scheme at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council in May.
- b. Members considered the reviewed Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Delegation Scheme, noting that no amendments had been made, or were recommended, or were required by legislation.

RESOLVED

That the reviewed Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Delegation Scheme were approved.

a. **Review Schedule**

Members considered the review schedule for Council policies and procedures.

RESOLVED

That the review schedule for Council policies and procedures was approved.

b. **Annual Reviews**

Members considered the annual review of the following policies, noting that no material changes had been made, or were recommended:

1. Complaints Policy
2. Data Protection
3. Disciplinary Policy and Procedure
4. Disciplinary Rules
5. Equal Opportunities
6. Freedom of Information
7. Grievance Procedure
8. Health and Safety
9. Meetings Part 2 Exclusions
10. Model Publication Scheme
11. Press and Media
12. Privacy Notice
13. Recruitment and Selection
14. Social Media

RESOLVED

That the annually reviewed policies were all approved.

c. Members noted that the schedule previously included the following policies which were due for review this year: Behaviour Code, Environment Policy and Community and Social Policy.

These were all approved in 2012 and have been superseded by legislation and/or included in other Council approved documents including the GTC Action Plan, the Staff Handbook and other approved policies specifically the Equal Opportunities Policy.

d. Members noted that the schedule previously included the following policies which were superseded this year by updated policies in the Staff Handbook (approved October 2020): Job Share, Dignity at Work, Family, Hours of work and Special Leave.

e. Members noted that the following policies had been reviewed, as scheduled, and no material changes made or recommended:

- (i) Unacceptable Behaviour Policy
- (ii) Councillor and Employee Relations Protocol

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- f. Members noted that policies are reviewed or created in the course of business and that the Council adopted the following during the past year:

Reserves Policy (April 2021)

C21/19

Meeting Dates (*Standing Item – Annual Town Council Meeting*)

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Members considered the dates, times and place of ordinary meetings of the full council including the Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Council meeting and noted that dates, times and place of council committee meetings will be decided, as necessary.

RESOLVED

That the dates, times and place of ordinary meetings of the full council including the Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Council meeting were as follows:

Full Council Meeting Dates

7pm, held at the Victoria Hall, Grange-over-Sands

2021 – 2022

Annual Town Council - Wednesday 5 May 2021 (remote)

Monday 14 June 2021

Monday 12 July 2021

Monday 9 August 2021

No meeting in September

Monday 11 October 2021

Monday 8 November 2021

Monday 13 December 2021

Monday 10 January 2022

Monday 7 February 2022

Monday 7 March 2022

Monday 11 April 2022 (Annual Town Meeting)

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C21/20

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. **Cllr. Thomas – Cumbria Better Connected**

This is about transport links in the whole of Cumbria. The last meeting was about the County Council bus service. Grange is not included in proposed improvements. MP Tim Farron chairs the meeting and is aware of Grange's poor bus service.

b. **Cllr. Thomas – PEAT Greening Campaign**

PEAT is having a public zoom meeting on 5 May where residents can vote to choose the actions they want to do as a community to show climate awareness.

C21/21

Play Equipment

21

a. **I-Play Replacement**

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

Cllr. Bailey reported that the survey to see what the community want at the site would be on Facebook in the next few days.

Cllr. Hathorn reported that this would be for all ages to respond to as it would be good to find something that older people can use too. It is clear that gym and fitness training equipment that adults can use as well is in demand.

b. **Fell Close Playground**

Members noted further update from SLDC Locality Officer as follows:

The slide was taken out as it had become rotten. As the slide was an embankment slide it was not possible to get a straight replacement, I think this may have been bespoke as we could not replace like for like.

We are formulating the assets review and once this has been approved, we should know where to spend the budgets this year. The plan is to put an additional piece at Fell Close. If the community would like to raise additional funds for extra items for this, I am more than willing to advise.

Cllr. Bailey reported that he had followed this up and talked to the SLDC Locality Officer, with a view to proposing that Grange Town Council paid for the replacement slide. He will find out the cost of replacing the equipment. The proposal can then go on the Town Council agenda.

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C21/22

Rec Ground Fence

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Members noted that the deadline to tender quotes for replacement fence at the MUGA (Multi-use Games Area) on the Prom has been extended to 4 June 2021.

A meeting took place on Thursday 29 April, arranged by Cllr. Bailey, with Police (Crime Prevention Officer and the PCSO). Cllrs. Hathorn and Handley and the Town Clerk attended.

They updated the meeting:

It was discussed that the fence needs to stop balls going over so people do not break through the fence to get onto the line. Various options were discussed including a higher fence or a net over the area.

The Crime Prevention Officer is contacting Network Rail to see if they will do more to augment their boundary.

The PCSO will work with the schools and British Transport Police to raise awareness of the danger of going on the railway line.

The Town Clerk will find out from British Transport Police about an alleged incident of a train stopping near the site.

RESOLVED

That an in-person working party would be organised for a Monday evening after 17 May to discuss ideas and options (Covid restriction change date).

C21/23

Training

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Members noted that the Victoria Hall Manager, and Cllrs. Handley and Thomas, are booked on NALC online event 'Reopening and Reimagining Your Community Buildings' on 23 June 2021 costing £32.44 (plus VAT) per person.

C21/24

Next Meeting

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Members noted that the next Full Council Meeting would be held at the Victoria Hall on:

Monday 12 June 2021, 7pm

Members noted that there will not be the opportunity to take part remotely as the Government has ruled that town and parish councils are not permitted to make decisions remotely after 7 May 2021.

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council