

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Chairman/Mayor:

Cllr. Roger Handley

Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:

Cllr. Ann Walmsley

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Mrs. C. Benbow



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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 in the Victoria Hall, on Monday 15 April 2024 at 7.00pm.

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 15 APRIL 2024

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies from members.

2. Public Participation: Have Your Say

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

3. Reports

- a. Westmorland and Furness Council Report
- b. Mayor's Report

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 11 March 2024 as a true record.

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. 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.
- 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.

9. Finance and Governance

Email Compliance

To consider a quote of £158 (ex VAT) from KTD Ltd. to transfer staff to gov.uk emails. Having gov.uk emails is required to remain compliant as a council (*circulated*).

10. Consultations

Bus Service Improvement Plan Plus Funding

The Department for Transport has awarded Westmorland and Furness Council £1.7 million of Bus Service Improvement Plan Plus (BSIP+) funding to enhance services across the area in 2024/25. The consultation is to ensure the services supported by the funding meet the needs of communities. Deadline for responses is 30 April 2024 (*circulated*).

11. Updates from Members

To receive Councillor updates on works in progress and meetings and events attended.

12. Victoria Hall

Fire Risk Assessment 2024

To note the Fire Risk Assessment, from Vanguard Fire and Safety, further to their site visit on 8 February 2024 (*circulated*).

13. Westmorland and Furness Council Updates

a. Highway Adoption Oversands View

To note that Westmorland and Furness Council have formally adopted, and will maintain, the road at Oversands View (*correspondence, final certificate and drawing for the Section 38 agreement circulated*).

b. Prom and Lido Refurbishment

To note any update from Westmorland and Furness Unitary Council regarding the works to the Prom and Lido and specifically any effects on the provision of public conveniences and Recreation Ground, both operated by the Town Council.

c. Town and Parish Councils – Invitation to Community Power Workshop

To note correspondence from Westmorland and Furness Council inviting all Town and Parish Councils to an online workshop at 6.45pm on Thursday 11 April 2024 (*circulated*).

14. Public Conveniences

a. Prom Loos Closure

To note that the Prom loos were closed from 13 March 2024 due to water supply interruption caused by the Westmorland and Furness works to refurbish the Lido. To note any update.

b. Aerial Boosters

To consider a quote from Healthmatic to install aerial boosters at the Ornamental Gardens and Prom public loos, to improve the effectiveness of the card readers as follows:

Promenade – £723.80 plus VAT

Ornamental Gardens - £975.10 plus VAT

Total = £1,698.90 plus VAT

c. Healthmatic Contract Price

To note correspondence from Healthmatic, that the contract will increase by 9.7% due to the increase in the National Minimum Wage by 9.8%. This will be £1,455 on the annual bill taking it to £16,455.

15. Prom Recreation Ground

a. Prom Closure

To note that the Recreation Ground, operated by Horton Leisure Ltd. was not able to open for the season as scheduled, on Saturday 23 March. This was due to the Westmorland and Furness Council works to refurbish the Prom, and Prom closures from the Lido to the southern end underpass. To note any further update.

b. Annual Safety Inspection

To note the annual safety inspection report from Westmorland and Furness Council, dated 12 March 2024. Cost to be confirmed (*circulated*).

c. Street Workout Sign

To note that the stolen sign at the street workout equipment has been replaced by CM Signs, costing £165.60 (inc. VAT).

16. Cumbria Tourism

To consider a proposal from Cllr. J. Walmsley that the Town Council subscribe to Community Membership of Cumbria Tourism, costing £167 plus VAT.

This form of membership is aimed specifically at trade associations, town and parish councils, and similar representative groups and bodies. For more details see:

www.cumbriatourism.org/membership/

It includes the following:

- Refreshed content for the town/village/area on **visitlakedistrict.com**
- Link from **visitlakedistrict.com** to the town/village/area website (at the discretion of CT)
- Access to Cumbria Tourism membership meetings
- Access to a range of Cumbria Tourism member communications
- Access to online advice available via this website
- One support visit per annum, with marketing advice from relevant team specialist.

17. Ornamental Gardens Wall Top Planting

To note an update from Cllr. Thomas on the project to plant the wall tops with sustainable plants.

18. Biodiversity and Nature Recovery Town and Parish Council Forum

To note that the Westmorland and Furness Locality Association online forum, on Biodiversity and Nature Recovery, took place on Monday 25 March 2024 and to note any update from attendees.

19. Band Concerts

a. Staffing

Last year, Grange Town Council provided an hour of Front of House staff time for each of the Band Concerts, to put the chairs out. For this season, Charity and Co have asked if the staff member could also put the chairs away. The band concerts are every Sunday between 2 June and 25 August (inclusive). Our Front of House staff member is available to do this, so it was agreed.

b. Risk Assessment

To consider the risk assessment for the Band Concerts (*circulated*).

20. Allotments

To consider correspondence from the Grange Fell Allotment Association (*to be circulated*).

21. Yewbarrow Lodge

To note that the Head of Development at South Lakes Housing has updated the Town Council that the scheme is still in the planning system, and they hope to get a determination soon. South Lakes Housing are happy to provide any further detail to the Town Council or come along to a meeting if requested. They will also post in 'Grange Now' to keep the community up to date as soon as they have any further information.

22. Next Meeting

To note that the next Full Council Meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Town Council:

Monday 13 May 2024 at the Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, 7pm