

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 Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall,
on Monday 14 November 2022 commencing at 7.00 pm.**

Present:

Cllr. T. Thomas – **Chair**

Cllr. J. Greenway, Cllr. C. Logan, Cllr. R. Handley.

Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

In attendance:

4 members of the public and District Councillor Fiona Hanlon, Shadow Unitary Councillor Jenny Boak and County Councillor Bill Wearing.

**Minute
Ref:**

Agenda No:

C22/103 Apologies for Absence

1

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Ann and Emma Walmsley who were absent due to holiday, Cllr. Mason who was absent due to illness and Cllr. Bailey due to family bereavement.

RESOLVED

That apologies from Cllrs. Ann and Emma Walmsley due to holiday, from Cllr. Mason due to illness and Cllr. Bailey due to family bereavement were approved.

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C22/104 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say

2

Resident 1 Made representation to members regarding the possibility of creating a pedestrian crossing at the speed hump on Yewbarrow Terrace.

Council Response The Chairman responded that this has been raised before and referred it again to the County Council as road traffic management is the responsibility of Cumbria County Highways.

C22/105 Reports

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District Council Report

District and Shadow Unitary Councillor Peter Endor sent his apologies.

District Councillor Fiona Hanlon reported:

1. Sewage – Cllr. Hanlon is investigating problems, requesting information from United Utilities and the Environment Agency, further to the Lakeland Leisure planning application, which she opposed, being granted.
2. Planning – Cllr. Hanlon was pleased that Humphrey Head was withdrawn and continues to oppose planning applications which do not appear to meet local needs, working to save Humphrey Head Outdoor Centre, specifically investigating the potential for listed status.
3. Lido – the start date is now supposed to be February 2023 but there could be further contract delays. The money has been ring-fenced, but it is up to the Westmorland and Furness Councillors to fight to make sure the work happens.
4. Ambulance Station – there is progress on relocating to Grange Fire Station, but they are still looking for an appropriate temporary base in case the move is delayed.
5. Riverside Changing Places Project – Cllr. Hanlon is working with Allithwaite and Cartmel Parish Council to raise funds for a Changing Places facility.
6. Kents Bank Station - Network Rail have declined the Friends of Kents Bank Station and Foreshore’s request to alter the fence but are discussing improving its appearance.
7. Morecambe Bay Health Trust – Cllr. Hanlon has been liaising to raise key current health and care problems faced by residents.
8. Warm Spaces – Cllr. Hanlon has circulated updated information regarding locations, dates, and times via social media. Grange has four sites listed by the County Council.

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9. Ornamental Ducks – Cllr. Hanlon had raised concerns about Avian Flu. Her investigation concluded that nature must take its course as there is no realistic alternative to them being on the pond.
10. Allithwaite Pump Track – Cllr. Hanlon has been fundraising to help this project.
11. Morecambe Bay Multi-User Trail Grange to Arnside – Cllr. Hanlon took part in the consultation held this week in Grange and has circulated the link for those who could not attend in person to contribute.
12. Resilience – it is a year since Storm Arwen. Cllr. Hanlon reminded everyone to be aware and prepared for winter and to check emergency contact details.
13. Waste Removal Victoria Hall – SLDC has stopped collecting waste from the Victoria Hall even though the Hall pays rates. Cllr. Hanlon was sorry that she could not have been more help in preventing this loss.
14. X6 Bus Stop at Furness General – Cllr. Hanlon is following this up with the hospital.
15. Blueworks – Cllr. Hanlon and Cllr. Thomas met Blueworks regarding adding more local minibus routes. Cllr. Hanlon is proposing a service to connect villages to existing Bluework routes and is in discussion with Mountain Goat and another supplier about whether they could provide new routes into the National Park in tourist season.
16. Guides Farm Planning Application – spoke against the proposal on behalf of Cedric and Olive’s family.

County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing reported:

1. Have Your Say – Cllr. Wearing will raise the request for a pedestrian crossing at Yewbarrow Terrace with Traffic Management. He understands that previously, the response was that the sightlines do not meet the requirements for a pedestrian crossing. He will request that the site is re-assessed.
2. Windermere Road Flooding – £1.8m has been allocated to the flood relief scheme and work at the car park and flood pumping scheme should start before Christmas.
3. ‘No Child Goes Hungry’ – the County Council is supporting this scheme which provides food for children’s meals in school.
4. Local Government Review – the Scrutiny Report has been sent, recommending that the new authority has three scrutiny committees. He will circulate the report.

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5. Item 14 – Bailey Lane Level Crossing – at the Chairman’s request that he get involved, Cllr. Wearing responded that he would contact the Highways Footpath Team and report back to the Town Council.

Shadow Unitary Council Report

Shadow Unitary Councillor Jenny Boak reported:

1. Westmorland and Furness Council (WF) - the new Unitary Councillors are undertaking training in various areas including the Care Sector.
2. Service Transition – this is underway as the new authorities take over and Westmorland and Furness (WF) will be hosting a range of services.
3. Barrow Town Council - WF decided on a figure to help Barrow Town Council form, ready for vesting day.
4. Cumberland Unitary Authority – will be hosting refugee services.
5. Finance – the draft budget and medium-term financial plan are being agreed.
6. Fees and Charges – these vary between the existing authorities and WF are working to harmonise these to ensure fairness.
7. Communications - there is more information on all their work on the WF website.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Cllr. Tricia Thomas reported that she attended the Remembrance Service on Friday 11 November and the Sunday 13 Remembrance Service and Parade. She thanked the Town Council staff who organised and marshalled the Parade and served the refreshments at the Victoria Hall after the wreath-laying at the War Memorial.

C22/106

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 10 October 2022 were accepted as a true record.

(Cllr. Bill Wearing left the meeting)

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C22/107 **Declarations of Interests and Dispensations** **5**

NOTED There were no requests received for dispensations or declarations of interest.

C22/108 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item** **6**

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.

C22/109 **Planning Report** **7**

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/2022/0906 20 Carter Road Kents Bank
Application for a Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) for the erection of a single storey garden room extension
Lawful Development Certificate Proposed

This application was not considered as it had already been decided by SLDC.

- b. SL/2022/0918 Rostherne, Charney Road
Demolition of existing porch, construction of new front & side single storey pitched roof extension creating enlarged kitchen, relocation of existing front entrance door
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

- c. SL/2022/0896 Guides Farm Cart Lane
Refurbishment of house to include:- - reconfiguration of plan - re-roofing and installation of rooflights – re-plumbing - replacement of floors and wall finishes – re-wiring - excavation of external ground level - alterations, repair and replacement to windows and doors – re-rendering.

FULL PLANNING
RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

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- d. SL/2022/0897 Guides Farm Cart Lane
Refurbishment of house to include:- re-configuration of plan - re-roofing and installation of rooflights – re-plumbing - replacement of floors and wall finishes – re-wiring - excavation of external ground level - alterations, repair and replacement to windows and doors – re-rendering.
LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

**RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION**

- e. SL/2022/0940 1 High Gable Grange Fell Road
Conversion of existing car port into playroom; construction of rear single storey extension to create additional en-suite bedroom and extension of existing glazed balcony over; external works to create additional car parking space to offset loss of car port.
FULL PLANNING

**RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION**

Grange Town Councillors commented that the extra bedroom appears very small.

- f. SL/2022/0944 Compass Point, The Esplanade
Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), 4 (landscaping scheme), 6 (tree survey and impact assessment) attached to planning permission SL/2020/0683 (Erection of a dwelling with memorial garden) (Retrospective)
FULL PLANNING (Retrospective)

**RESOLVED
OBJECTION**

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

The landscaping plan in the original application was one of the reasons why the proposed development was permitted. The reality bears no relation to those plans, specifically:

1. Hardstanding – the amount of hardstanding at the property has doubled.
2. Planting – there is a lack of soft planting. The original planting plan had lots of soft planting pockets which softened the impact of the building's appearance.
3. Visual Impact – the proposal was originally accepted as not impeding the view. The reality has several obtrusive decorative elements which draw the eye to the bungalow, not the view.
4. Green Space – this has been reduced to a tiny section. The overall impression is of hardstanding. The 4-car parking space can be seen from the Esplanade; it is overbearingly dominant and out of character with the area.

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5. Out of Character – the blue shed, and flagpole are out of character and there is a large outdoor stone chimney which in the original plans was a summer house.
6. Commemorative Garden – it was a condition that a memorial garden be retained, with public access. There is no sign of this, and the path has disappeared. This is disrespectful to the relatives of those who died at Westerly.
7. Loss of Trees – all the mature fruit trees were removed and the re-planting in no way mitigates the loss. All biodiversity appears to have been removed from the site.

Grange Town Council requests that:

1. Paved vehicle parking is restricted as to the original plan.
2. Shrub planting along the Esplanade pavement is supplemented.
3. The beds of tall grasses and original naturalistic planting are reinstated.
4. The Memorial Garden is created, and path reinstated.
5. The flagpole is removed.
6. The shed is painted an unobtrusive colour.

- g. SL/2022/0949 Ambulance Station, Kents Bank Road
Change of use of ambulance station to extend green grocers.
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

- h. SL/2022/0954 Mini Heat Ltd, 2 Devonshire Place, Kents Bank Road
Replacement fuel storage building (Retrospective)
FULL PLANNING (Retrospective)

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

- i. SL/2022/0959 Guides Farm, Cart Lane
Variation of conditions 3 (Materials) & 6 (External details) attached to listed building consent SL/2015/0239 (Erection of three dwelling houses, conversion of barn into dwelling house and erection of agricultural shed)
LISTED BUILDING

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

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- j. G SL/2022/0958 Guides Farm, Cart Lane
Variation of conditions 4 (Vehicular Access), 6 (Contamination), 7 (Biodiversity Net Gain), 8 (Hard and Soft Landscaping) and 11 (Materials) attached to planning permission SL/2015/0238 (Erection of three dwelling houses, conversion of barn into two dwelling houses and erection of agricultural shed)
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

- k. SL/2022/0964 Land south of Allithwaite Road Kents Bank
Application for a non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission SL/2018/0898 (Mixed-use development comprising extra care apartments and standalone dwellings (Use Class C3) (up to 90 units), and commercial space (Use Classes E (Shops, Restaurants, and cafes & Non-residential institutions) and Sui Generis (Hot food takeaways) (up to 495 sq. metres gross floorspace) - Phase 2)
NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

- l. SL/2022/0991 46 Kentsford Road
Replacement of existing concrete tiles with new natural blue grey slate. 2 no. new dormer windows and a new porch vestibule arrangement on the front elevation. Raised patio, reconfigured steps and retaining walls on the front elevation. New Velux window on the rear elevation. In filled window on the first floor, north gable elevation. New first floor bathroom window on the south elevation.
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council requests that the plans are granted on condition that:

1. Biodiversity and Wildlife - the Bat Roost Survey is completed between May and August.
 2. Drainage – that mitigation for surface runoff onto the road is included in the works to resurface the drive.
- m. SL/2022/1014 Land adjacent to High Beeches Beech Road
The proposed development of a 1.5 storey, two-bedroom dwelling house set onto a brownfield plot. (Resubmission of planning application SL/2019/0513)
FULL PLANNING

This application was not considered as it was not yet live on the SLDC website.

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

- a. SL/2022/0608 2 Blackthorn Gardens - Full Planning - Grant with Conditions
- b. SL/2022/0844 8 Abbotsford House 4 Kentsford Road Full Planning - Grant with Conditions
- c. SL/2022/0749 Cardrona Coach House, Allithwaite Road LDC Proposed – Refuse
- d. SL/2022/0871 Land to the rear of 53 Carter Road Discharge Conditions - Partial discharge of Conditions
- e. SL/2022/0824 Garden east of Westwinds Allithwaite Road Full Planning - Refuse

C22/110 Finance - Monthly Payments

8

a. Verification of Expenditure

NOTED

That prior to the meeting one Councillor verified invoices received and payments made since the last full council meeting prior to the council meeting and could verify their authenticity.

Members noted that only one Councillor had verified as Cllr. Bailey had been unable to attend.

b. Verification of Accounts Reconciliation

NOTED

That prior to the meeting one Councillor verified that the monthly bank reconciliation had taken place.

Members noted that only one Councillor had verified as Cllr. Bailey had been unable to attend.

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

That Cllrs. Logan and Mason would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

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e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

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

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Payments for Approval

November 2022

Accounts for Payment

£

Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit

Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque

Total Bank Account No. 1

£ -

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits

201	Lloyds Bank Plc - Card Oct 2022 - Monthly fee	3.00	
201a	OT Group - Stationery	28.16	
201b	Nisbets - Cleaning materials & Folding Step Stool	93.29	
201c	Shenzhen - 2 x LED Floor lamps for meetings	79.98	
201d	Longtian - Stationery	8.49	
201e	Longtian - Stationery	10.16	
201f	Akord - Audio cable splitter	6.18	
201g	Amazon - Stationery	11.67	
201h	Main Core - 20m audio cable	14.54	
201i	Amazon - Batteries	39.53	
201j	Jonsbo - 15m HDMI cable	34.81	
201k	Amazon - Battery charger	21.82	
201l	Nisbets - Cleaning materials	22.79	
201m	Main Core - Aux cable extender lead	16.17	
201n	Amazon - Stationery	14.58	
201o	KPCM Display - Fire exit signage	11.58	
201p	Universal Silk Screen Printers - Fire exit signage	2.59	
201q	Amazon - Fire exit signage	17.89	437.23
202	SLDC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall		574.00
203	SLDC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office		155.00
204	SLDC - 8/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4		87.00
205	Npower - Elec V Hall 01/09-30/09/22		419.41
206	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/09-30/09/22		43.96
207	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/09-30/09/22		38.79
208	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/09-30/09/22 (Recoverable)		9.43
209	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/09-01/10/22		333.60
210	Sage - Support 01/11-30/11/22		86.40
211	Waterplus - V Hall 28/09-28/10/22		107.17
212	ICO - Data protection renewal 17/11/22-16/11/23		35.00

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

216	Duddon Fire - Annual service of fire extinguishers	238.80	
217	Lancasters - Keys, White spirit	19.30	
218	Duddon Hire - Portaloo hire Park Gdns 29/08-05/09/22	54.00	
219	Westmorland Fire - Fire alarm service & 2 new batteries	105.60	
220	Westmorland Fire - Supply/fit 3 sounders (approved C22/62b)	1,224.00	1,329.60

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221	St Mary's Hospice - Donation - Bereaved member of staff		50.00
222	YPO - Cleaning materials	39.00	
223	YPO - Civic expenses & stationery	138.17	177.17
224	SLCC - National Conference 2022 (Virtual) - CB		150.00
225	Grange Fell allotment - Refund monies incorrectly paid		29.00
226	Lamont Pridmore - Payroll services July - Sept 2022		356.40
227	Healthmatic - PC cleaning 01/11-30/11/22		1,500.00
228	Lengthsman - To 31/10/22		517.00
229	Continental Landscapes - Bulbs for wall top planting		626.06
230	LITE - 2022 Festive lighting instalment (approved C22/21)		2,280.48
231	CALC - Planning Course 31/10/22 - JM		30.00
232	WB Electrical - Supply/fit emergency light exit box rear hall	129.60	
233	WB Electrical - Annual portable appliance testing	734.40	864.00
234	Grange Concert Club - Kammer (TS12) - Ticket reimbursement		338.74

Total Bank Account No. 2 £ 10,887.54

Total Accounts £ 10,887.54

Salaries (incl. backdated pay award), PAYE & N.I. (Bank Account No. 2)

Total Salaries £ 8,968.68

HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 7 1,906.17

LG Pension Scheme Month 7 - Employer payment 2,102.03

£ 12,976.88

Total Bank Account No. 2 £ 23,864.42

Total all payments for approval £ 23,864.42

Accounts paid in previous month

Bank Account No. 1

Direct Debits

Cheques

Bank Account No. 2

Direct Debits

213 Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 09/10/22 Calls to 08/11/22 39.60

214 Waterplus - Church Hill PC 07/09-07/10/22 45.72

215 Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 07/09-07/10/22 63.02

Direct Bank Payments

Total Accounts paid in previous month £ 148.34

Grand Total £ 24,012.76

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Bank Balances

Bank Account No. 1 As at 31/10/22	190,531.68
Bank Account No. 2 As at 31/10/22	174,265.66

<u>Transfer to Petty Cash account to replenish float</u>	60.00
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Signed (Chairman)

Dated.....

C22/111 Finance and Governance

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a. **Six-Month Financial Report**

Members considered the six-month Financial Report to 30 September 2022 as below.

RESOLVED

That the six-month Financial Report to 30 September 2022 as below was approved.

b. **Staff Pay Award**

Members noted the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) announcement of staff pay award, from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, of £1,925 awarded across all pay points for full time staff and pro rata for part-time staff. This was negotiated by the National Joint Council for local government services and applied to staff payments as contracted.

RESOLVED

That the application of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) staff pay award, from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, of £1,925 awarded across all pay points for full time staff and pro rata for part-time staff, applied to staff payments as contracted was approved.

c. **Grange Town Council Aims and Objectives**

Members considered the Aims and Objectives last reviewed March 2021 and a draft version for 2022-23.

RESOLVED

That the Aims and Objectives draft are amended to show 'Community Resilience' under Objective 1, that the Council would understand and work with local and regional resilience plans.

d. **Draft Budget and Precept 2023/24**

Members considered the draft Budget and Precept 2023/24.

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e. **Casual Vacancy**

Members noted that there is still a casual vacancy on the Town Council due to the resignation of Tracy Hathorn in August 2021. This continues to be advertised; anyone interested is invited to contact the Town Clerk or the Chairman for more information, or see www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk

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Grange-over-Sands Town Council		Meeting: 14 November 2022			Prepared: October 2022		
Budget Monitoring 6 months to 30 Sept 2022		Budget	50% Budget	Actual			
INCOME	Sage Code	for year £	to date £	to date £	Variance £	% Spend to	Comments
Precept	4000	191,518	95,759	95,759	(0)	50%	
Sundry Receipts	4010	-	-	230	230		Comp re Prom Loo damage/VAT adj/Audit assistance Levens P
Interest Received	4015	-	-	-	0		
Grant Receipts - Running Costs SLDC	4100	-	-	-	0		
Grant Receipts - General	4105	-	-	-	0		
Grant Receipts - SLDC Council Tax	4106	8,239	4,119	4,119	(0)	50%	
Grant Receipts - SLDC Comm Infrastructure Levy	4107	-	-	-	0		
Donations Received	4115	1,200	600	1,400	800	117%	14 x £100 donations for Bandstand concerts for season
Donations for Assets	4116	-	-	-	0		
Donations - Victoria Hall	4117	-	-	1,061	1,061		
Rent Receipts	4120	5,225	2,613	4,419	1,806	85%	All V Hall rooms tenanted. Includes annual allotment invoices
Room Hire Receipts	4125	6,500	3,250	9,213	5,963	142%	V Hall fully open for events
Bay Villa Trust Admin Fee	4162	580	290	-	(290)	0%	Invoiced annually in 4th quarter
Commission Received	4170	-	-	6	6		Commission on ticket sales
Lease Registration Fees	4175	-	-	-	0		Cedric Walk
Toilet Entry Fees	4500	14,300	7,150	6,326	(824)	44%	
Fund Raising Income	4600	-	-	-	0		
		227,562	113,781	122,533	8,752	54%	
EXPENDITURE	Sage Code	Budget for year £	Budget to date £	Actual to date £	Variance £	% Spend to date	
Fund Raising Expenditure	6170	-	-	-	-		
Musicians' Fees	6200	1,200	600	1,400	800	117%	Includes 14 band payments for this season
Mobile Toilets	6220	500	250	605	355	121%	Increase in cost
Salaries	7000	96,588	48,294	49,411	1,117	51%	
Pensions	7001	20,065	10,033	8,217	(1,815)	41%	£2k for Sept paid 3rd quarter
Printing and Stationery	7010	400	200	244	44	61%	
Postage	7012	40	20	-	(20)	0%	
Water	7015	4,650	2,325	2,087	(238)	45%	
Business Rates	7020	7,900	3,950	4,079	129	52%	
Telephone/Broadband	7025	750	375	199	(176)	27%	Reduction in tariff from Feb 2021
Insurance	7030	4,000	2,000	2,928	928	73%	Cost increased from 01/07/22
Subscriptions	7040	850	425	843	418	99%	Subs for CALC, NALC & SLCC
Information Technology	7046	4,000	2,000	7,605	5,605	190%	Support £2,380 03/22-03/23. New copier £3,969
Website	7047	400	200	15	(185)	4%	
EXPENDITURE cont...	Sage Code	Budget for year £	Budget to date £	Actual to date £	Variance £	% Spend to date	
Travelling Expenses	7050	200	100	-	(100)	0%	
Training Expenses	7052	600	300	-	(300)	0%	
							Staff retirement/Queen's Jubilee & Wreath/Flowers staff bereavement
Civic Expenses	7055	100	50	288	238	288%	
Bank Charges	7070	200	100	102	2	51%	
Audit Fees	7075	1,000	500	832	332	83%	6 mths internal Audit fee & annual external Audit fee
Accountancy Fees	7080	2,500	1,250	2,182	932	87%	Accountancy fee £1,525 Y/e 31/03/22 plus 6 months Payroll
Gas	7100	4,500	2,250	2,492	242	55%	Increase in gas tariff (x 5) poss more evident next 2 quarters
Electricity	7105	4,150	2,075	2,295	220	55%	Increase in elec tariff (x 2) poss more evident next 2 quarters
Christmas Lights	7106	4,600	2,300	1,425	(875)	31%	1st instalment
Donation Expenditure - Victoria Hall	7110	-	-	1,007	1,007		VAX/Projector to replace stolen one/bins/safe/wine coolers
Hall Maintenance, Repairs and Renewals	7119	18,000	9,000	7,258	(1,742)	40%	Includes LOLER inspection £1,222/Chimney repair £3,900
Repairs and Maint. (Toilets, Rec Ground, Bandstand, Allotments & Public Domain)	7120	5,600	2,800	33,959	31,159	606%	Includes Kompan Combi 5 Street Workout equipment £26,612
Hall Regular Maintenance	7121	-	-	-	0		
Hall Maintenance Plan & Emergency Repairs	7122	-	-	-	0		
Professional Fees - Non Financial	7125	1,500	750	60	(690)	4%	
Toiletries and Cleaning Materials	7130	600	300	206	(94)	34%	
Rent Payable	7160	740	370	732	362	99%	Includes annual rental for allotments & bandstand
Card Handling Charges (Toilets only)	7190	1,450	725	617	(108)	43%	Monthly Nayax readers and service fee for toilets
Cleaning	7200	15,000	7,500	7,500	0	50%	Toilets
Communications	7255	500	250	286	36	57%	
Lengthsman	7455	6,500	3,250	2,950	(300)	45%	
Parish Election Costs	7600	-	-	-	0		
Projects	7605	10,000	5,000	-	(5,000)	0%	
PWLB Loan Interest Paid	8000	220	110	48	(62)	22%	
		219,303	109,652	141,873	32,222	65%	
Net profit (Loss)		8,259	4,130	- 19,340			

Balance Sheet Summary as at 30/09/22

Total Assets Less Total Liabilities (including Public Works Loan Board Loan) **279,089**

Members considered participation by Councillors in appropriate consultations:

a. **South Lakeland District Council 2021 Call for Sites Feedback Consultation**

SLDC seek feedback on the 40 sites submitted in their second Call for Sites in 2021.

Members considered the response drafted by Cllr. Greenway.

For detail: <https://cumbria.citizenspace.com/south-lakeland-district-council/call-for-sites-2021-feedback/consultation/>

RESOLVED

That Grange Town Council would respond to the consultation as drafted (below) by Cllr. Greenway, with the amendment that there are two car charging-points in Grange:

Grange Town Council Response to SLDC Call for Sites 2021 Feedback Consultation

1. As a Key Service Centre, Grange bears the brunt of the inadequacies in current infrastructure and services. We would like SLDC to take an overview of all development on the peninsula (including campsites and holiday lodge parks) to assess the true scale of demand already being made on water supplies, sewage systems, and transportation.

We recognise that systems are already inadequate and overburdened, and not fit to support further demands from more allocations in and around Grange.

2. Site allocations would be better located away from Grange and the peninsula in areas that have more potential for sustainable travel and hence quicker gains in carbon reduction. Car ownership in Grange is already higher than average and future developments would be likely to remain car dependent because:

- Developers do not provide safe walking and cycling routes into Grange.
- The bus service is very limited; train services are erratic and unreliable.
- Roads are narrow and dangerous for pedestrians.
- There are only two public e-charging points.
- Higher than average number of residents have health problems/disability.

Added to this, users of holiday parks and day trippers alike arrive and travel around by car. This increases the baseline of emissions.

3. The Grange-over-Sands Neighbourhood Plan supports the development of existing allocated sites, which at the current speed of build are likely to see us through the next ten years and fulfil our quota. We assume there will be a steady development of small sites which will contribute to the quota, as there has been over the last few years.

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4. The Neighbourhood Plan notes that local housing needs are mainly for affordable housing. We are disappointed that affordable housing quotas are not being met on our largest allocated site. To compensate for recent under-provision of affordable homes, Grange Town Council will currently only support any extra allocations that are for 100% affordable, such as the redevelopment of Yewbarrow Lodge or other brownfield sites in the town centre.
 5. Grange is an important coastal heritage resort which depends on the visitor economy. The visitor economy depends on attractive tranquil landscape and a strong character of coast and countryside. Grange Parish also adjoins the National Park and shares many of its attractive qualities, with extensive views into and out of the Park. Visitors expect to see fields, trees, farms, open fell-tops and long views to the coast and mountains. We need to keep the walking and amenity greenspace areas above the town for the enjoyment of locals and visitors. We do not support any allocations such as Land off Grange Fell Rd 1 and 2 that change the development boundary above the town or undermine the Neighbourhood Plan policies on landscape character, drystone walls and key viewpoints.
- b. **Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) and Westmorland and Furness Council (WF)**
CALC and WF Council survey about engagement, aspirations and what might be possible as the new council develops. Deadline Friday 18 November.

RESOLVED

That Grange Town Council would respond to the consultation, that:

Yes, the Town Council would like to engage with the new Westmorland and Furness Council on local issues, decisions, and services, and would be willing to work with neighbouring parishes.

To enable Councillors to fully answer the rest of the survey, the Town Council requested more information, and context about the terms used in the questions, specifically requesting a definition of 'Community Place Planning.'

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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 – Blueworks Bus Company Meeting** – a useful and successful meeting - Cllr. Hanlon covered this in her report. Phil Halliwell from Blueworks was enthusiastic about extending routes and will report back in the New Year.
- b. **Cllr. Thomas - Cumbria Better Connected** – Network Rail new timetable will be published mid-December. There will be more six-car trains provided.

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- c. **Cllr. Greenway - Arnside to Grange Multi-user Trail Consultation** – a feasibility study has been completed. £29 million funding required. Residents were concerned about traffic, parking, and the environmental impact assessment.
- d. **Cllr. Logan - Christmas Tree Committee** – preparations are underway for the Tree-Lighting Ceremony on Saturday 3 December.

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Promenade and Lido District Council Refurbishment Update

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Members noted the below update from South Lakeland District Council, which was received by email on Friday 11 November, and noted that SLDC officers plan to attend the December Grange Town Council Meeting.

Cllr. Robin Ashcroft, Cabinet Member for Economy, and Gareth Candlin, Culture and Leisure Operational Lead (Place and Environment), sent the below update:

Dear Grange Town Councillors,

Update re: Grange-over-Sands Lido and Promenade Capital Works

We are writing to you to update you on progress for the planned capital works for the Lido and Promenade in Grange-over-Sands.

On the 1st of November, South Lakeland District Council approved additional funding of £1,793,800 to ensure restoration works can start before the end of March.

As you will be aware, SLDC has been working on plans to make the derelict, Grade II-listed Grange Lido site stable, safe and accessible, as well as repairing and rejuvenating the promenade, which includes replacing the old promenade playground. The work at the lido will preserve the heritage structures for the benefit of the community and see the site reopened to the public after more than 25 years.

The works include temporarily filling in the pool to create a new multi-use public space for the local community and visitors. We envisage that the project will also encourage greater tourism to the Grange area and wider Morecambe Bay area, as well as protect the site's immense social and cultural heritage in a way that will not preclude the future option of bringing the pool back into use.

SLDC continues to remain open to exploring long-term and sustainable offers for the operating of the site as a pool. Failing to re-purpose the site and undertake essential structural repair that are urgently necessary for the preservation of the listed building would leave future administrations liable for even greater costs.

The overall cost of the project is now at £6.8million, which includes £4.9million for the lido, and £1.6million for the promenade, partly made up of £1million from a £2.35million Coastal Communities Fund grant received jointly with Morecambe Bay Partnership to deliver a sustainable tourism programme around the Morecambe Bay.

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The project has not been immune from external cost pressures over the last couple of years including the impact of COVID-19, Brexit, the war in Ukraine, restrictions in energy supply and unprecedented cost inflation, leading to exponential materials and labour cost increases.

In recent months also, additional surveys and works have been conducted on-site including more intrusive testing which has in turn given the design team more accurate information about the deterioration of structures on site, leading to significant cost increases.

Work on the lido will include an upgrade of the central and focal pavilion building to create a flexible space for future alternative uses; creation of an accessible entrance from the promenade; and, the insertion of a removable landscape intervention within the former pool area.

The male and female changing accommodation will be mothballed internally for refurbishment at a later stage, although will benefit from stabilisation works including the roof and terraces, security, cleaning, and external decoration.

Significant structural and architectural works will repair the concrete terracing around the perimeter of the pool, including strategic concrete repairs to the diving board structure.

Following these construction activities, members of the public will have full access to the seating terraces that overlook the central pool space.

The site will be fully secured at night via a sympathetic approach to reinstating the original red brick walls and gate running parallel with the promenade.

A new sub-station will be located to the land adjacent to the Lido entrance, providing a suitable electrical supply and fibre/telecom connection for the scheme, which will help to support future development aspirations.

Work on the promenade will include the removal of unstable sections of the sea defence wall; the application of a durable coating to the upper surface of the promenade; and, a combination of pre-cast and in situ concrete repairs to the upper edge "bull nose" and sea-facing elevation of the sea wall.

Our next steps include tendering the final scheme over the next two months, discharging planning conditions to make a material start on site, and seeking formal endorsement from Westmorland and Furness Council Shadow Cabinet in December 2022. Once contractors are appointed in the New Year, a capital work programme will be shared with the town council and the community to ensure that members of the public are aware of what to expect from the works programme.

We hope that Grange Town Council see this as a significant and positive step forward for the town, and join us in looking forward to seeking contractors start on-site.

a. **Cost-of-Living Working Party**

A Working Party was appointed at the last meeting to investigate energy-saving measures for the Victoria Hall and a meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 9 November 2022.

Members noted an update from Cllr. Thomas:

The meeting took place as scheduled, Cllrs. Thomas, Ann Walmsley, Handley, and Greenway took part with the Hall and Services Manager and Town Clerk. Cllrs. Bailey, E. Walmsley and Logan sent apologies.

It was agreed that Cllrs. Greenway and Ann Walmsley would undertake an energy audit of the building and report back, and that the group would meet at least quarterly. Cllr. Greenway intends to attend Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAFS) workshops and will circulate details.

Next meeting – Wednesday 19 January 2023, 7pm.

b. **Fire Risk Assessment**

Members noted that a quote from Ardent Safety Ltd of £680.00 (ex VAT) has been accepted to fire risk assess the Victoria Hall. This is scheduled for 18 January 2023.

c. **Waste Collection**

Members noted that SLDC have withdrawn waste collection services from the Victoria Hall. A commercial contract with a provider is now needed. District Councillor Fiona Hanlon followed this up but was unable to change the decision.

d. **Front-of-House Team**

Members noted that the new Front-of-House staff have settled in well and are making a great contribution to the running of the Hall.

Members considered correspondence from resident regarding the closed Bailey Lane Level Crossing.

It was noted at the previous meeting that the County Council has granted Network Rail a 6-month extension to the temporary closure order, so the crossing should re-open 6 April 2023.

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RESOLVED

- a. That the Clerk would write to the Cumbria County Council Countryside Access Officer, Andy Sims, to request an update on the situation as the crossing should be re-opened further to the finding of the Inquiry noted at the previous Town Council meeting (C22/96).
- b. That County Councillor Bill Wearing, who was present at the discussion, was asked to follow this up on behalf of residents.

C22/117 Soroptimists Tap Twinning

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Members considered correspondence from the Soroptimists, noting that the request was to twin taps in the Victoria Hall and Church Hill lavatories, not a request for £120 towards the project.

RESOLVED

That the Council supported the Soroptimists in their project to twin taps in the Victoria Hall and Church Hill lavatories.

C22/118 Training

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- a. Members noted that Cllr. Julie Mason attended the Cumbrian Association of Local Councils (CALC) training on Planning on 31 October 2022 costing £30.
- b. Members noted that the Town Clerk attended the Society of Local Council Clerks National Conference 2-3 November 2022 costing £125 (ex VAT).

C22/119 Next Meeting

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Members noted that the next Full Council Meeting would be held:

Monday 12 December 2022, 7.00pm Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council