

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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Cllr. Tricia Thomas

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall, on Monday 11 October 2021 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr. T. Thomas – **Chair**
Cllr. Greenway, Cllr. A. Walmsley, Cllr. Bailey,
Cllr. Logan, Cllr. Handley, Cllr. E. Walmsley, Cllr. Mason.
Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

In attendance: 7 members of the public, District Councillor Fiona Hanlon

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C21/85	Apologies for Absence	1
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There were no apologies received.

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District Council Report

District Councillor Fiona Hanlon gave apologies on behalf of District Councillors Robin Ashcroft and Peter Endor and reported:

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- a. Local Government Reorganisation is underway. The name 'Westmoreland and Furness' has been suggested for the new Authority. The new ward boundaries have not been clarified yet. There will be a reduction in councillor numbers.
- b. South Lakeland District Council Local Plan Consultation is underway.
- c. Liberal Democrat survey is underway. The Town Council was asked to suggest key issues and priorities for the District Council.
- d. Peninsula Environment Action Together (PEAT) reports that the Greening Campaign is going well; the Town Council was thanked for letting them use the Hall and the Mayor was thanked for providing prizes for the Scarecrow Competition.
- e. SLDC Local Heritage App – Cllr. Hanlon promoted this project and also suggested that Grange is listed as a Heritage Action Zone, that Tim Farron MP would support this and there is funding available. She suggested a working party investigate the idea.
- f. Play facilities on the Prom – there will be a meeting on Tuesday 19 October, 10am with SLDC staff - Grange Town Councillors are invited. Aim is to ensure a wide range of activities is provided.
- g. SL/2021/0827 Planning Application - at the invitation of residents, Cllr. Hanlon has visited the application site and will be objecting as District Councillor.
- h. Berners Car Park – Cllr. Hanlon continues lobbying to get the parking marked out.
- i. Windermere Road Flooding – Cllr. Hanlon hopes the mitigation measures planned as part of the Spar Planning Application take place soon and are effective.
- j. SLDC Parks and Gardens Contracts – Cllr. Hanlon is aware that an increasing number of green spaces are looked after by volunteers and proposed that a Working Group including members of SLDC, GTC and the Community met to explore options.
- k. Olive Way – Cllr. Hanlon is working with District Cllr. Peter Endor to install an Information Board, to include the 2022 Town Map, at Olive Way.
- l. SLDC Councillor Locality Grant – the Civic Society have requested a donation from Cllr. Hanlon's £1,000 grant towards the restoration of the blue plaques.
- m. District Councillor Peter Endor is working to provide more signs to protect the football pitch at Yewtree Playing Fields from dog fouling.
- n. Cllr. Hanlon has been asked to investigate replacing the 'SLOW' sign that was outside the Cumbria Grand Hotel.
- o. Councillor Surgery – there will be a joint surgery on Saturday 10 November, 10.30 at the Victoria Hall.

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- p. Lido – SLDC is committed to starting work in January 2022 subject to prices for materials and labour.

County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing sent his apologies.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cllr. Tricia Thomas reported that she had attended the Band Concert sponsored in memory of Victor Hindle, a Twilight Picnic organised by PEAT (Peninsula Environment Action Together), and Charter Lunches organised by the Lions and Soroptimists.

C21/87 Public Participation: Public Have Your Say

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- Resident 1** Made representation to members regarding:
- a. Cumbria Highways Reporting – wishing that the District and County Councils would work together to provide a better service.
 - b. Bailey Lane Level Crossing Inquiry – that the width of the proposed footpath is not sufficient to be accessible.
 - c. Local Plan Review – the consultation is inaccessible and electric vehicle infrastructure would be difficult to provide in Grange.
- Council Response** The Chairman suggested attending the Bailey Lane Public Inquiry and the Local Plan Review Consultation to give feedback.
- Resident 2** Made representation to members regarding Item 8, Planning, SL/2021/0827 Springfield, Methven Road, speaking as a neighbour to the site and requesting that the Town Council object to the application on grounds of loss of privacy and unsafe access to the highway.
- Resident 3** Made representation to members regarding:
- a. Item 17, Ornamental Gardens – encouraged that the District has invited comment from the Town Council and hoping that the Town Council will be positive and support the project.
 - b. Publicity for the Victoria Hall Support Group – requesting a noticeboard outside the Hall for Support Group use.
- Council** The Chairman said that she would talk to Cllr. Handley, Victoria Hall

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Response Support Group Chairman about the Support Group publicity.

C21/88 Minutes of the Previous Meeting 4

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 9 August 2021 were accepted as a true record.

C21/89 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations 5

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

C21/90 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.

C21/91 Casual Vacancy 7

Members noted that SLDC has now confirmed that Grange Town Council may co-opt a new Councillor following the resignation of Tracy Hathorn on 9 August 2021.

C21/92 Planning Report 8

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. **PN/2021/0075** Fire Station, Kents Bank Road
Application to determine if prior approval is required for the installation of 3 antennas onto the existing 15 metre mast and ancillary equipment
PN for Telecommunications
(extension to comment granted)

**RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION**

- b. To note that the following application was submitted by the Town Council:
SL/2021/0830 Recreational Area, Promenade
Erection of a replacement anti-vandal fence around MUGA (Multi-use Games Area)
FULL PLANNING

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- c. **SL/2021/0876** 1 Laurel House, Kirkhead Road & 2-8 Kents Bank House, Kentsford Road Painting of external render (part retrospective), 1 new timber door (retrospective) & replacement sandstone windowsill
LISTED BUILDING

**RESOLVED
NO OBJECTION**

- d. **SL/2021/0827** Springfield, Methven Road
Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of 3 dwellings, landscape enhancement scheme & surface water attenuation infrastructure
FULL PLANNING

**RESOLVED
OBJECTION**

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

1. **Overdevelopment**
Building 3 four-bed houses on this site constitutes over-development. Four bedrooms suggests family occupation, but there is no outside space for the homes. The plans are inappropriate to the size of the site.
2. **Inaccurate Application**
These are described as Starter Homes – this is unrealistic in the current market climate – they are not Starter Homes or ‘affordable’.
3. **Overlooking and Loss of Privacy**
The proposed plans would constitute unacceptable overlooking of neighbouring properties and subsequent loss of privacy.
4. **Highways Access**
It is clear from the plans and other responses that there are access problems onto the highway that cannot be overcome.
5. **Planting**
The Planting Plan is completely unsuitable and would cause problems in the future.
6. **Neighbourhood Plan Design Guide**
The materials proposed are out of keeping with the Design Guide, which is a legal document.
7. **Out of Character**
The proposed flat roofs are out of keeping with the character of the area.

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8. **Drainage**

The tarmac drive proposed is not permeable – this means surface water runoff would go onto the road.

9. **Accessible and Adaptable Dwellings**

This proposal doesn't comply with M4(2) requirements for Accessible and Adaptable Dwellings. The previous application for the site was compliant and it is not clear why this one can't be.

e. **SL/2021/0846** Greystones Kents Bank Road

Application for Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) for the conversion of 2 flats to a single dwelling
Lawful Dev Cert – Proposed

RESOLVED

That no comment was made as this is a technical planning matter.

f. **SL/2021/0896** 2-3 Ashness Kents Bank Road

Erection of new external stairs, railings, landing and storage building to replace existing access to two flats
FULL PLANNING

Not considered - details not available on SLDC website.

g. **SL/2021/0924** Sunbeams Kilmidyke Road

Construction of a new balcony to the side of the property with formation of a new side entrance door.
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council makes the comment that it is unclear from the plans whether the sight lines from the proposed balcony would intrude on neighbours.

h. **SL/2021/0900** Saddle Stones 2 Charney Fold Charney Well Lane

Car port & 1st floor terrace with glazed balustrade to front elevation, driveway extension works, boundary treatment alterations, re-rendering & new window & doors
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

Grange Town Council objects on the following grounds:

a. **Drainage**

The plans don't specify what the driveway will be made of and whether it will be permeable or not.

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b. **Out of Character**

The proposed balcony and French windows would totally alter the property appearance and character.

c. **Overlooking**

The proposal would create overlooking of the neighbours and consequently intrude on their privacy.

d. **Biodiversity**

There is no proposed mitigation for the loss of the hedge.

- i. **SL/2021/0926** Woodside Gardens Ashmount Road
Extension & alterations to residential dwelling
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

- j. **SL/2021/0934** 3 Fell Close
Construction of a first-floor side extension with carport below.
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

Grange Town Council objects on the following grounds:

a. **Out of Character and Overbearing**

The development would have an overbearing impact and the design and materials proposed would be out of character with the area.

b. **Non-compliance with Neighbourhood Plan**

The materials proposed are not compatible with the Neighbourhood Plan, which is a legal document.

- k. **SL/2021/0880** Westfield, Kents Bank Road
Two storey side extension
FULL PLANNING

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council makes the comment that it is unclear whether the proposed development would overlook neighbours.

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2. Delegated Authority - Members noted that the following items were responded to under delegated authority as the consultation deadline fell between meetings:

a. **CU/2021/0009**

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling

RESPONSE
OBJECTION

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to this proposal on the same grounds as previous: That this building, constructed of metal, is entirely unsuitable for conversion to a dwelling.

This is not a conversion, as the refusal by SLDC reiterated. Although paperwork has been supplied for this subsequent application to argue that it is a conversion, the Town Council does not find it convincing.

In order to put a house on the site, the original shed structure would need to be removed and building started from scratch.

b. **SL/2021/0802**

Rear of Derlyn, Charney Road
Dwelling and Garage
FULL PLANNING

RESPONSE
NO OBJECTION

Grange Town Council does not object to this proposal, but is concerned about the loss of biodiversity at the site, specifically:

- i) The plans show no mitigation for the loss of 11 trees which contribute to the green network and character of the area.
- ii) The plans show a net loss of biodiversity.

c. **SL/2021/0472**

52 Priory Lane, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS
Loft conversion with dormer window to rear, creation of terrace, alterations to rear balcony to include glazed balustrade and alterations to the front garden to provide an extension to the parking area.
FULL PLANNING

RESPONSE
OBJECTION

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Grange Town Council objected to this proposal previously, on the grounds of overlooking, and OBJECTS to the amended plans on the same basis.

This is because the planting suggested in the amended plans as mitigation appears inadequate. The suggested planting screen is not planted at ground level and will be vulnerable to lack of water. It is uncertain what could be planted there as a successful screen.

These amended plans do not offer an adequate long-term solution. The Town Council suggests obscured glass would be more effective, permanent, and lower maintenance.

d. **SL/2021/0871**

Blawith Lodge, Windermere Road

Temporary installation of an internal stair lift

LISTING BUILDING CONSENT

RESPONSE

NO OBJECTION

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

- a. SL/2019/0758 Age Concern UK, Lindale Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- b. SL/2021/0293 Former Barclays Bank Plc LISTED BUILDING Grant with Conditions
- c. SL/2021/0292 Former Barclays Bank Plc RETROSPECTIVE FULL Grant with Conditions
- d. SL/2021/0322 Highfield Cottage, 25 Highfield Road FULL PLANNING Refuse
- e. SL/2021/0689 2 & 3 Ashness Kents Bank Road GRANGE-OVER-SANDS LA11 7HD Application for a Lawful Development Certificate Lawful Dev Cert - Proposed Refuse
- f. SL/2021/0687 Methodist Church Kents Bank Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- g. CU/2021/0009 Barn on Land on the East of Spring Bank Rd COU of agric building to Class C3 CUQ PA req & refused
- h. SL/2021/0361 Lingwood Park Cartmel Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- i. SL/2018/0897 Land south of Allithwaite Road FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- j. SL/2021/0688 Methodist Church Kents Bank Road WITHDRAWN Withdrawn

C21/93 Finance - Monthly Payments

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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.

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b. Verification of Accounts Reconciliation

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

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 Bailey and Logan would verify the invoices and payments for the next payment period.

e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

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

f. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

NOTED That Cllr. Logan authorised instead of Cllr. Greenway for the August payments list.

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Payments for Approval

September 2021

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

136 Lloyds Bank Plc - Card August 2021 - Monthly fee	3.00	
136a Thomas Graham - Gel hand rub & toilet brushes	60.05	
136b SLDC - Planning application fee - Recreation Ground fencing	117.00	
136c The Stage Group - Spotlight lamps	<u>123.48</u>	303.53
137 SLDC - 6/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall		574.00
138 SLDC - 6/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office		155.00
139 SLDC - 6/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4		87.00
140 Sage - Support 01/09-30/09/21		78.00
141 Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/04-31/05/21 (Recoverable)		15.39
142 Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/04-30/04/21		32.92
143 Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/05-31/07/21		74.66
144 Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/04-30/04/21		7.88
145 Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/05-31/07/21		67.06
146 Npower - Elec V Hall 01/04-31/05/21		226.52
150 Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 08/10/21 Calls to 08/09/21		39.60
151 Waterplus - V Hall 09/06-22/08/21		289.12
152 Waterplus - Church Hill PC 10/06-23/08/21		112.20
153 Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 10/06-26/08/21		134.43

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

156 Lancasters - Keys & batteries		31.20
157 Grange Fell Allotment Society - Padlock	8.99	
158 Grange Fell Allotment Society - Badger gate	<u>33.49</u>	42.48
159 Shorrock Trichem - Paper towels, soap, toilet rolls		243.81
160 Livingstons Solicitors - Professional charges		600.00
161 KTD - Photocopying 28/07-27/08/21		44.33
162 Horton Landscapes - Fencing work Recreation Ground		210.00
163 Healthmatic - Public Conveniences cleaning 01/09-30/09/21		1,500.00
164 Lengthsman - To 31/08/21		451.00
165 SLDC - Annual rent Yewbarrow allotments		217.00
166 Duddon Fire - Annual service extinguishers & blankets		72.60
167 South Cumbria Brass - Concert 08/08/21		100.00
168 Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band - Concert 22/08/21		100.00
169 Flookburgh Band - Concerts 18/07/21 & 29/08/21		200.00
170 Dalton Town Band - Concert 15/08/21		100.00

Total Bank Account No. 2

£ 6,109.73

Total Accounts

£ 6,109.73

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

Total Salaries	£	5,049.42
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 5	£	1,514.51
LG Pension Scheme Month 5 - Employer payment	£	1,917.10
	£	<u>8,481.03</u>
 Total Bank Account No. 2	£	<u>14,590.76</u>
 Total all payments for approval	£	<u>14,590.76</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

119	Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 08/08/21 Calls to 08/07/21		40.86
147	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/05-01/06/21	340.67	
148	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/06-01/07/21	<u>87.01</u>	427.68
149	Plusnet - Tel & Broadband - Rental to 08/09/21 Calls to 05/08/21		39.72
154	Waterplus - Wastewater Room 4 01/10/19-31/03/20	12.49	
155	Waterplus - Wastewater Room 4 01/04/20-31/03/22	<u>289.61</u>	302.10

Direct Bank Payments

Total Accounts paid in previous month £ 810.36

Grand Total £ 15,401.12

Bank Balances

Bank Account No. 1 As at 31/08/21	178,120.57
Bank Account No. 2 As at 31/08/21	154,700.49

Transfers between bank accounts

Transfer to Petty Cash account to replenish float

Signed (Chairman)

Dated.....

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Payments for Approval

October 2021

Accounts for Payment

£

Bank Account No. 1 - Direct Debit

Bank Account No. 1 - Cheque

Total Bank Account No. 1		£ -
<u>Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Debits</u>		
171	Lloyds Bank Plc - Card September 2021 - Monthly fee	3.00
172	SLDC - 7/10 Non Dom Rates V Hall	574.00
173	SLDC - 7/10 Non Dom Rates Rooms 1 & 3 / Council office	155.00
174	SLDC - 7/10 Non Dom Rates Room 4	87.00
175	Sage - Support 01/10-31/10/21	78.00
176	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/06-30/06/21 (Recoverable)	7.56
177	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/07-31/07/21 (Recoverable)	7.82
178	Npower - Elec Xmas Tree lights 01/08-31/08/21 (Recoverable)	7.82
179	Npower - Elec Church Hill PC 01/08-31/08/21	25.27
180	Npower - Elec Prom PC 01/08-31/08/21	22.24
181	Npower - Elec V Hall 01/06-30/06/21	111.07
182	Npower - Elec V Hall 01/07-31/07/21	115.13
183	Npower - Elec V Hall 01/08-31/08/21	115.13
184	Waterplus - Wastewater Room 2 01/10-31/03/22	71.16
185	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/07-01/08/21	70.20
186	Corona Energy - Gas V Hall 01/08-01/09/21	65.43

Bank Account No. 2 - Direct Bank Payments

187	Cumbria LGPS - Pension Scheme Charge		1,996.80
188	Duddon Hire - Park Road Gardens Portaloo 11/07-09/08/21	198.00	
189	Duddon Hire - Park Road Gardens Portaloo 10/08-06/09/21	198.00	396.00
190	Lancasters - Keys, paint & brushes		50.75
191	PKF Littlejohn LLP - External audit fee Y/end 31/03/21		720.00
192	Sinkfall Recycling - Skip for lengthsman		175.00
193	Neil Watson Ltd - Re-cord sash window Room 7 V Hall		72.00
194	CALC - Effective Councillor Training course 20/09/21 - J Mason		20.00
195	Grange Now - Advert for Casual Front of House staff		118.80
196	YPO - Stationery	4.18	
197	YPO - Stationery	129.08	
197a	YPO - Stationery	16.52	
197b	YPO - Cleaning materials	11.40	161.18
198	WB Electrical - General repairs & sound desk connection		452.40
199	J Barker - Repairs to town sign (approved C21/81)		900.00
200	Lengthsman - To 30/09/21		484.00
201	KTD - Photocopying 27/08-29/09/21		47.42
202	Healthmatic - Public Conveniences cleaning 01/10-31/10/21		1,500.00
203	Brayshaw Heating - Boiler repair & Landlord Certificate		579.29
204	Action for Wellbeing - Ticket sales reimbursement - 18/09/21		2,058.60

Total Bank Account No. 2

£ 11,248.07

Total Accounts

£ 11,248.07

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

Total Salaries	£ 5,336.64
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 6	£ 1,404.78
LG Pension Scheme Month 6 - Employer payment	£ 1,826.91
	<u>£ 8,568.33</u>
 Total Bank Account No. 2	 <u>£ 19,816.40</u>
 Total all payments for approval	 <u>£ 19,816.40</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

Direct Bank Payments

Total Accounts paid in previous month	<u>£ -</u>
 Grand Total	 <u>£ 19,816.40</u>

Bank Balances

Bank Account No. 1 As at 30/09/21	180,411.16
Bank Account No. 2 As at 30/09/21	237,660.40

Transfers between bank accounts

Transfer to Petty Cash account to replenish float

Signed (Chairman)

Dated.....

a. **Audit year ended 31 March 2021 – Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)**

Members considered that the external audit of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2021 had been completed and the external auditor had no matters arising.

RESOLVED

That the external audit of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2021 was accepted and approved.

b. **Risk Assessments**

Members considered the report for Risk Assessments and the Risk Assessments for:

- i) Finance
- ii) Governance
- iii) Website and IT
- iv) Business Continuity

RESOLVED

That the report for Risk Assessments and the Risk Assessments for Finance, Governance, Website and IT and Business Continuity were approved.

c. **Internal Audit Plan**

Members considered the Internal Audit Plan for financial year 2021-22.

RESOLVED

That the Internal Audit Plan for financial year 2021-22 was approved.

d. **Internal Auditor**

Members considered report into appointing Internal Auditor for financial year 2021-22.

RESOLVED

That the appointment of Mrs Jean Airey as Internal Auditor for financial year 2021-22 was approved.

e. **Code of Conduct**

Members noted that CALC (Cumbrian Association of Local Councils) corresponded as follows:

Please find attached a copy of South Lakes new Code of Conduct for Councillors. This is based on a nationally agreed code of conduct, and we are asking all Parish and Town Councils to adopt this as their own at their next meeting thereby giving continuity throughout the area when dealing with complaints.

Members considered adopting this Code of Conduct in place of the existing approved one.

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RESOLVED

That the South Lakeland District Council Code of Conduct was adopted in place of the existing approved one, at the request CALC (Cumbrian Association of Local Councils), to give continuity throughout the area when dealing with complaints.

f. Pension Scheme Charge

Members noted that a charge of £1,996.80 has been levied by the Local Government Pension Scheme. This is a charge levied from the Scheme to account for a member of staff leaving employment before retirement age, related to the redundancy in November 2020. There is a cost involved in someone leaving work early, for whatever reason, called 'pension strain'. The employer bears the cost of this.

C21/95

Consultations

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South Lakeland Local Plan Review: Issues and Options Consultation

It was resolved at the last meeting to hold a Working Party to finalise and submit the response.

Members noted that this was held on Wednesday 11 August; Cllrs. Thomas, Greenway, Handley and Mason and the Town Clerk took part. The response was submitted on 19 August 2021.

Grange Town Council was invited, by the District Council, to a meeting on Wednesday 6 October, 5pm, via Teams, with SLDC Officers and Members.

Cllrs. Thomas, A. Walmsley, Handley, Logan, Greenway and the Town Clerk attended.

Cllrs. Mason, E. Walmsley and Bailey sent their apologies.

Members noted that SLDC are holding a drop-in consultation event on Friday 22 October at the Victoria Hall, 3-7pm.

C21/96

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

A full rail timetable is now in operation. Cumbria County Council does not subsidise any buses.

b. Cllr. Thomas – Furness Line Community Rail Partnership

Grange won Best Small Station in a national award and decorative panels have been put up along the line, commemorating 175 years since it was built.

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c. **Cllr. Logan – Christmas Tree Committee**

The Tree Lighting Ceremony will go ahead as usual this year, on the first Saturday in December. The Committee is seeking new members, and also volunteers to help on the night.

C21/97 SLDC Heritage App

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Members considered, as proposed by Cllr. Greenway, involvement in the initiative by SLDC to launch a new app to help safeguard local heritage. Residents are invited to help protect their local heritage by suggesting sites for inclusion on the app.

Details of the project are on the SLDC website:

<https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/news/new-app-to-help-safeguard-local-heritage/>

Cllr. Greenway updated the meeting that the project hasn't been launched yet, and that she would bring it back to the meeting when it was.

C21/98 Victoria Hall

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Maintenance Schedule

- a. Members considered the approved Maintenance Schedule 2018-22, which was updated 30 September 2021.
- b. Members noted that the 2022-26 Schedule was being drafted.

RESOLVED That the updated Maintenance Schedule 2018-22 was approved.

C21/99 Recreation Ground on the Prom

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a. **MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) Fence**

Members noted that planning permission application SL/2021/0830 to replace the MUGA fence was submitted on 17 August 2021; the decision due date is 20 October. The Contractor has reported that manufacture of the panels is underway.

b. **Vandalism**

Members noted that the surface of the MUGA was vandalised on 11 August 2021. The facility was closed, and District Councillor Peter Endor repaired the surface. The temporary fencing was torn down that weekend. The cost of the emergency closure, including hire of fencing panels was £175 (+VAT).

c. **I-Play Replacement**

Members noted that the I-Play had now been removed and received an update from the Working Party (Cllrs. Bailey and Logan) set up to investigate ideas, get quotes and research funding, and report back to Full Council with recommendations.

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Cllr. Bailey gave a report of the Working Party survey to the meeting, recommending that the I-Play is replaced with a street workout/calisthenics system, which can be used by people of all ages.

RESOLVED

That the decision would be postponed until after the meeting with SLDC, about play equipment on the Prom, on Tuesday 19 October.

C21/100 Bailey Lane Public Enquiry

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The agenda read that a Public Inquiry concerning the closure of Bailey Lane Level Crossing would be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on 2 November 2021 at 10.00am for 4 days.

The Clerk informed the meeting that in fact the Inquiry will be held in person at The Grange Methodist Church Hall, Kents Bank Road, Grange-over-Sands, LA11 7EY on 2nd November 2021 at 10.00am for 4 days.

C21/101 Ornamental Gardens SLDC request

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Members considered correspondence from SLDC received 29 September 2021 as follows:

We have had an enquiry from a resident who hopes to use the pond in Grange as per the attached plan for use of electric and sail powered scale model watercraft. Please could you advise if you are happy for this? Or if you would object to their proposal?

RESOLVED

That GTC supported SLDC in this initiative in principle, as encouraging local use of community assets, but had some concerns about viability, wildlife and safety, and requested a meeting with SLDC and the proposers to discuss the project.

C21/102 Training

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Members noted that Cllr. Mason attended the CALC 'The Effective Councillor' online training for new Councillors, on 20 September and 4 October, costing £40.

C21/103 Staff

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- a. Members noted that a Staffing Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday 21 October, 7pm.
- b. Members noted that recruitment for the Front of House team for the Victoria Hall was underway. An advert was in Grange Now, closing date for applications is 1 November

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2021.

- c. Members noted that the Victoria Hall Manager had given notice of intention to retire at the end of March 2022 and considered approving Staffing Committee commence recruitment for the role.

RESOLVED

That the Staffing Committee commence recruitment for the role.

C21/104

Next Meeting

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

Monday 8 November 2021, 7.00pm Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chair, Grange-over-Sands Town Council