

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Chairman/Mayor:

Cllr. Peter Endsor

Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor:

Cllr. Martin Ingle

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Mrs. C. Benbow



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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Victoria Hall, on Monday 10 December 2018 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Cllr. P. Endsor – **Chair**

Cllr. Walmsley, Cllr. Hathorn, Cllr. Ingle, Cllr. Thomas,
Cllr. Logan, Cllr. Handley

Mrs. C. Benbow – Town Clerk

In attendance:

5 members of the public

Minute**Ref:****Agenda No:**

C18/117 Apologies for Absence

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Apologies were received and approved from Cllr. Greenway who was absent due to medical leave. Cllr. Shapland was absent due to illness.

The Chairman wished them both well and speedy recoveries.

C18/118 Reports

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Police Report

There was no Police report.

District Council Report

District Councillor Eric Morrell reported that:

1. **Windermere Road Car Park** – the SLDC Leader has committed to work with the County Council to alleviate flooding and to remedy anything in the car park construction that may be aggravating the problem.
2. **Lido** – on Wednesday 18 December the Save Grange Lido petition will be formally presented to the Council and some discussion will take place. SLDC will be considering allocating the funds needed for the basic refurbishment in February 2019 when capital projects for the whole district are agreed. SLDC is committed to the planned 'light touch' refurbishment. In response to Save Grange

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Lido, SLDC will deal with the infill of the pool at the end of their works which will give Save Grange Lido time to present their plans.

District Councillor Robin Ashcroft sent his apologies

County Council Report

County Councillor Bill Wearing sent his apologies and the following written report:

As Christmas approaches, I know we are thinking more about our families and loved ones who are not able to join us at this time for one reason or another. I have a daughter who lives in the USA and we will not see her this time so our thoughts are with her. Closer to home I am sure you may be aware of someone who may be alone this Christmas so please if you can give them a helping hand.

Everyone will be aware that Windermere Road in Town has flooded several times in the last few years and each time homes and businesses are deeply affected. The strain on people affected is significant and the clean-up operations are becoming increasingly difficult. With each heavy rainfall that occurs the risk of flood increases and with the current forecast for significant rainfall in the next few months, the area needs a rapid response.

Our Flood and Highways teams have been working to assess what interventions can be immediately put in place to alleviate future flooding in this particular area. Together with our partners, EA and SLDC, they believe a measure of alleviation may be found and implemented as soon as possible. This will require various measures including placing cameras down culverts to target the issue, creating traffic 'build-outs' and diverting the water.

A £20,000 fund will be set aside and held by County Council Local Committee for this work which will enable the urgent response.

The long-term flood alleviation projects which include upstream works, alterations to the SLDC car park and extra culvert into the Ornamental Gardens were presented to residents at a multi-agency meeting held on 1st November. This included representatives from the Environment Agency, County and District Councils plus the Forestry Commission. A follow up meeting in January next year will take place to keep residents up to date on progress.

The County Council has just launched its 2019/20 Council Budget consultation which is available via the web site at www.cumbria.gov.uk/budgetconsultation

The main item is the council tax increase of 3.99% which incorporates the 2% adult social care element.

Mayors Report

Mayor Cllr. Peter Endors reported that:

The Grange-wide Christmas Extravaganza was a great success despite the outdoor market at St. Pauls being rained off. Events during the day took place at the United Reformed Church, in St. Pauls and the Victoria Hall. After the Tree Lighting, evening entertainment with John Mario was held at the Victoria Hall. The Mayor also worked with other volunteers to fit 26 Christmas Trees on the shop-fronts and businesses in the Town and attended the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Pauls on 7 December.

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C18/119	Public Participation: Public Have Your Say	3
Resident	<p>Made a representation to members with regard to the Lido, as a Committee Member of the Save Grange Lido Group, speaking in favour of reinstating the swimming pool.</p> <p>Councillors were requested to take into consideration that the level of demand from swimmers for a 50m pool has increased in recent years. The Save Grange Lido Group believe that all the issues raised by SLDC can be addressed. Their current business plan is not yet complete as capital project works are to be addressed. This is underway. The Group is taking advice from experts and aims to present a full business plan for the site by the end of January 2019.</p>	
Resident	<p>Made a representation to members with regard to the Lido, speaking in favour of the SLDC 'light touch' restoration which does not include the reinstatement of the swimming pool.</p> <p>The Save Grange Lido Group were invited to hold a public meeting and engage with the community to hear whether the residents of Grange want an outdoor swimming pool at the Lido.</p> <p>The Save Grange Lido assumption that a bridge will be built over the railway to serve the Lido was queried.</p> <p>The Town Council were requested to approach the matter with their usual realism and accept the SLDC plans for the site.</p>	
C18/120	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	4
RESOLVED	<p>That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 12 November 2018 were accepted as a true record.</p>	
C18/121	Declarations of Interests and Dispensations	5
NOTED	<p>There were no requests received for dispensations or declarations of interest.</p>	
C18/122	Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item	6
RESOLVED	<p>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.</p>	

- 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/2018/0905** Tavora House, Grange Fell Road

Detached summerhouse

Full Planning

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

- b. SL/2018/0897** Land south of Allithwaite Road, Kents Bank

Erection of 92 dwellings and associated infrastructure (Phase 1)

Holbeck Homes

Full Planning

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

Grange Town Council OBJECTS to the application as the following issues raised by statutory consultees need to be addressed:

- 1. Flooding**

The lead Flood Authority has made recommendations. Grange Town Council feels strongly that this application should not be considered for approval by the District until these recommendations have been addressed and the questions raised have been resolved.

- 2. Archaeology**

An archaeological survey is required so that any historic remains are taken care of and the experience at the Jack Hill development is not repeated.

- 3. Arboriculture**

It has been suggested that the existing hedges and their soil are moved so ecological impact is reduced. A commitment is needed from the developer to do this.

Grange Town Council also queries the validity of the findings of the Traffic Assessment in that the figures used appear unrealistic. The numbers of vehicles appear to be very low in relation to the number of dwellings.

Grange Town Council requests that the following conditions are put in place:

1. Parking for construction traffic must be on the building site not along Allithwaite Road.
2. Cycle Paths appear on the plans to be too close to private houses – national guidelines need to be adhered to.
3. Speed restriction signs on Allithwaite Road should be illuminated.

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c. SL/2018/0898 Land south of Allithwaite Road, Kents Bank

Mixed-use development comprising extra care apartments & standalone dwellings (Use Class C3) (up to 90 units), and commercial space (Use Classes A1(Shops) A3 (Restaurants and cafes), A5 (Hot food takeaways) and D1 (Non residential institutions) (up to 495 sq m gross floorspace) - Phase 2

Holbeck Homes

Outline Planning

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

d. SL/2018/0915 Land south of Field Side, Rowan Side

Single dwelling

Full Planning

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

e. SL/2018/0942 Lamberts Pet Supplies, Main Street

Installation 2 externally illuminated fascia signs and 1 externally illuminated projecting sign
ADVERTISEMENT

RESOLVED

OBJECTION

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

The Council objects to these signs being illuminated because illuminated signage is not in keeping with the Conservation Area.

f. SL/2018/0885 16 Carter Road, Kents Bank

Raising roof height to provide first floor accommodation, installation of dormers to side and rear, single story rear extension with raised patio and glazed balustrade.

This item was considered at a previous Town Council meeting.

g. SL/2018/0927 Blawith Farm, Lindale Road

Dwelling occupancy

Lawful Dev Cert – Proposed

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

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- h. **CU/2018/0017** Barn in OS Field No 5729, Opposite Middle Fellgate Farm, Cartmel Road

Conversion from agricultural building to dwelling

Change of Use of Agricultural building to Class C3

RESOLVED

NO OBJECTION

- i. **SL/2018/0945** Castlehead Field Study Centre, Castlehead, Lindale

Roof refurbishment

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

NO OBJECTION

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

- a. **SL/2018/0781** Beech Hill, 53 Carter Road Grant with Conditions
- b. **SL/2018/0663** Archway Veterinary Practice FULL PLANNING Grant with Conditions
- c. **SL/2018/0664** Archway Veterinary Practice LISTED BUILDING Listed Building – Grant with Conditions

C18/124	Neighbourhood Plan	8
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This is a standing item to consider implementation of the Plan – no update this month.

C18/125	Finance - Monthly Payments	9
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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.

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.

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d. Identification of Councillors to approve next finance period payments

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

e. Identification of Councillors to complete online authorisation of payments

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

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Payments for Approval

December 2018

<u>1 Accounts for Payment</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Cheque (NatWest)</u>	
260 Clive Brown - IC stock	48.60
261 Dr Pattison - IC stock	30.00
263 Stenlake Publishing - IC stock	43.80
271 Grange Plant Centre - Christmas tree V Hall	38.00
Total Nat West account	<u>£ 160.40</u>
<u>Unity Trust - Direct Debits</u>	
Lloyds Bank Plc - card Nov 18 - monthly fee	3.00
249 Cybermarket - hand held mics	148.50
250 Nisbets - kitchen items	77.65
255 Amazon - Christmas Tree Stand	136.99
1- M9 SLDC - Non Dom Rate. V. Hall	552.00
2- M9 SLDC - Non Dom Rate Rooms Rooms 1 & 3/Council Office	149.00
3- M9 SLDC - Non Dom Rate Information Centre	59.00
4- M9 SLDC - Non Dom Rate Police Room 4	84.00
237 Waterplus - V Hall 30 May to 5 September 18	380.79
238 Npower - V Hall Elec 2/8 to 31/10	641.42
239 Npower - Prom Lido PC Elec 1/8 to 31/10	54.06
240 Npower - C Hill PC Elec 1/8 to 31/10	102.05
251 Corona Energy - V Hall gas October 2018	354.34
270 SAGE - software and support Dec 18	72.00
273 Waterplus - C Hill PC 20 Aug to 2 Dec 2018	114.63
275 Waterplus - Orn Gdns PC 20 Aug to 4 Dec 2018	254.01
<u>Direct Bank Payments Unity Trust</u>	
234 Morecambe Bay P/ship - IC stock	150.75
241 SLDC - Bandstand/Store rent inc wef 1.4.18	3.15
242 Lancasters - paint for front desk/fire escape steps V Hall	44.00
243 Sinkfall - skip for lengthsman	120.00
244/ KTD - anti-virus software and support 1/11 to 31/10/19	475.20
252 KTD - photocopying 25 Oct to 26 Nov 18	74.57
245/ YPO - wall board	22.80
246/ YPO - photocopying paper	92.70
247 YPO - C Chamber 4 tables (donation VHSG)	1,029.60
248 Linney PA Systems - new speakers & amps V Hall (donation VHSG)	6,622.32
253 Offstone - IC stock	16.52
254 D Birch & Son - painting entrance doors V Hall	1,068.00
256/ PR Books - IC stock	156.22
257 PR Books - IC stock	22.63
258 Offcomers - IC stock	42.25
259 Cardtoons - IC stock	226.94
262 Yellow Publications - IC stock	133.01
264 Luscombe Plant Hire Ltd - scaffolding new speakers	117.60
265 Healthmatic - Public Conveniences cleaning Dec 18	1,500.00

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266/ WB Electrical - IC supply & fit spotlights	158.65	
267/ WB Electrical - fit picture light & strip lighting foyer V Hall	259.70	
268/ WB Electrical - fit new speakers and cables V Hall (VHSG donation)	700.42	
269 WB Electrical - Room 4 & disabled WC light repairs	88.35	1,207.12
272 Lengthsman November 2018		396.00
274 Intouchcrm - website monthly hosting December 2018		35.99
276 LITE - Christmas Lights 2018		4,924.80
22TC VHSG - ticket reimbursement		148.50
Royal British Legion Poppy Wreaths (Town Council)	34.00	
Royal British Legion Poppy Wreaths (Recoverable)	646.00	680.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Wreaths (Recoverable)		15.00
Total Unity Trust account		£ 22,509.11
Total accounts		£ 22,669.51
2 <u>Salaries, PAYE & N.I. (Unity Trust)</u>		
Total Salaries		£ 6,117.52
HMRC PAYE & NI - Tax Month 8	£	1,565.26
LG Pension Scheme Month 8 - employer payment	£	1,889.98
	£	9,572.76
Total Unity Trust account		£ 32,081.87
Total all payments for approval		£ 32,242.27
<u>Unity Trust</u>		
<u>Direct Debits</u>		
235 Plusnet 9/11 to 8/12/18 - tel & broadband		66.60
236 XLN calls & line rental December 2018		42.05
<u>Nat West</u>		
<u>Cheques</u>		
Total Accounts paid in previous month		£ 108.65
Grand Total		£ 32,350.92
4 <u>Bank Balances</u>		
NatWest Current Accounts		171,034.45
Unity Trust Bank		115,439.70
5 <u>Transfers between bank accounts</u>		

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C18/126

Finance and Governance

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a. **Budget**

Members considered the draft Budget 2019/20, Budget Summary and draft Key Features document.

b. **SLDC Street Lighting Charge**

Members noted that the SLDC charge for Street Lighting 2019-20 will be £10,713.11. This will be off-set against the SLDC Council Tax grant. SLDC will advise parishes of the value of this is at the end of December.

c. **Councillors/Employees Relations Protocol**

Members considered approving the draft Councillors/Employees Relations Protocol as recommended by the Staffing Committee.

RESOLVED

That the Councillors/Employees Relations Protocol was approved.

d. **Standing Orders**

Members noted the NALC Legal Topic Note and that amendments had been made to the Standing Orders as directed.

RESOLVED

That the amended Standing Orders were approved.

C18/127

Grants

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Members considered a grant application from the 3Ps for Duck Hut works in the Ornamental Gardens.

RESOLVED

That £1,500 was granted to the 3Ps for Duck Hut works in the Ornamental Gardens.

C18/128

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. Endsor – Christmas Lights**

These are in place for the second year running – new street light decorations at the roundabout at the station end of town.

b. **Cllr. Endsor – Skate Ramp renewal phase 2**

Phase 2 should be underway this winter – the contractor has been reminded.

c. **Cllr. Endsor – County Council Traffic Calming Meeting 4 December**

Cllrs. Walmsley, Handley and I met with Cllr. Wearing and the Highways Officer. The County Council are putting in place the following measures:

- A new set of speed monitoring checks will take place late March/early April – the Kents Bank sensor will be moved away from the car park.
- Road markings are being refreshed throughout the town.
- Lines outside Higginson's and Bargain Booze will be instated.
- 'Beware Pedestrians Crossing' sign will be instated on the Esplanade approaching Crown Hill.

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- A Traffic Regulation Order will come to GTC for consultation in summer 2019. This will include re-designating the parking bay outside the Victoria Hall for parking for disabled people.

d. **Cllr. Endsor – Website**

A preview of the new website will be available later this month.

e. **Cllr. Thomas – Cycle Racks at Library**

Cllr. Thomas has been in touch with the County Council, handed over all the information requested in November and is awaiting permission to install two new cycle racks at the Library.

f. **Cllr. Thomas – Victoria Hall Support Group**

The Group has a new treasurer, has agreed to pay £100 per quarter to GTC for photocopying and laminating and has a busy schedule of events planned.

C18/129

Lido

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Members noted the response from South Lakeland District Council to the Save Grange Lido Group and considered their response to confirm GTC support for SLDC plans as resolved in March 2018.

RESOLVED

That Members voted unanimously that GTC support for SLDC plans for the Lido as resolved in March 2018 was confirmed.

The following was sent to District Cllr. Jonathan Brook, Portfolio Holder for the Lido:

Grange Town Council Renewed Statement of Support for SLDC Lido Plans

In March 2018, Grange Town Council (GTC) resolved to support the SLDC plans for the Lido site.

As requested, Grange Town Council formally re-evaluated their position, having received presentations from SLDC and the Save Grange Lido Group, and having seen the SLDC response to the Save Grange Lido plans. At their meeting on Monday 10 December 2018, Members voted unanimously to confirm GTC support for the SLDC 'light touch' refurbishment plans.

The Town Council's goal is that the site is re-opened to the public as soon as possible, that the heritage buildings are preserved sympathetically and that the site is economically viable and becomes an asset to the Promenade and Town, a community facility rather than a derelict eyesore.

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GTC welcomes and supports SLDC's 'light touch' refurbishment plans as these appear to be the most effective and economically viable way of achieving this goal.

Subsequent to their March 2018 resolution to support SLDC, GTC Councillors subsequently received a presentation from the SLDC architect on the proposed plans for the site. All Councillors attended the presentation and unanimously welcomed the plans.

GTC notes that SLDC has responded to Save Grange Lido that their current business plan appears to be unviable. GTC also understands that SLDC has offered a timeline and phased approach to their works to give Save Grange Lido chance to present further plans.

GTC shares SLDC's concerns about the viability of the current Save Grange Lido business plan.

SLDC held a public consultation at the Victoria Hall in Grange in 2017 and the majority of responses to the consultation were that the community wished to have the site preserved, not allowed to deteriorate further and that it should be open to public access once again.

GTC completely support SLDC's plans to do this, stabilising the site with a temporary infill of the pool, understanding that it could be converted back into a swimming pool in the future if the opportunity presented.

GTC sees that the current SLDC plans are a real opportunity to get this heritage asset preserved and back in community use.

The site has become derelict and is deteriorating; action is needed. GTC encourages SLDC to continue with their plans for the site as detailed in their timeline 2019-20 and supports the District entirely in pursuing this inclusive scheme that has clear benefit to the community.

C18/130

Victoria Hall Action Group

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Members noted an update on the Victoria Hall Maintenance Schedule:

- a. Foyer, Information Centre and Room 4 doors all been painted.
- b. New sound system installed and operating in the Hall.
- c. New tables are in the Chamber.
- d. Spotlights installed in the Information Centre.
- e. Picture lights over the tapestry in the foyer installed

Roger Handley was thanked for making the fabulous Box Office in the foyer.

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C18/131

Staffing Matters

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- a. Members noted draft minutes of the Staffing Committee Meeting held 27 November 2018.
- b. Members noted that a Finance Administrator has been appointed to commence 16 January 2019.
- c. Members noted that the Town Clerk has completed Staff appraisals and that the Staffing Committee has completed the Town Clerk's appraisal.
- d. Members noted that there have been no changes to salary point awards this year and considered approving the salaries with effect from 1 April 2019/20 as recommended by the Staffing Committee.

RESOLVED

- a. That the appointment of a new Finance Administrator, Mrs Lorraine Owen, to commence 16 January 2019 was approved.
- b. That the salaries with effect from 1 April 2019/20 were approved.

C18/132

Next Meeting

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NOTED

That the next Full Council Meeting would be held at:

Monday 14 January 2019, 7.00pm Victoria Hall, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair of Grange-over-Sands Town Council