

Dalton with Newton Town Council  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in the Town Hall, Station Road,  
Dalton in Furness at 7pm

**Present** Councillors C Fox, A Fox, N Perie, W Maddox, C Stainton and S Ronson

New Councillor Neil McDougall signed the Declaration of Office and the Chairman Councillor Craig Fox assumed the role of the Proper Officer of the Council on this occasion as the Town Clerk was not able to attend the meeting due to illness. .

1. **Apologies** Written apologies were received from Councillors R Crossley – Illness, A Bowe – Illness and Councillor Thurlow – Hospital Procedure. The apologies were **accepted**.
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** It was **agreed** that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true record and the chairman was authorised to sign.
3. **Declarations of Interest** Councillors Maddox and Ronson declared an interest in any matters relating to Barrow Borough Council, Councillor Perie declared an interest in any matters relating to Dalton Community Association.
4. **Police** PC Matt Noden, the new community police officer attended the meeting. Crime Figures for December were provided verbally and read through with a report on some items. Youth and anti-social behaviour incidents had reduced although they were issues which the Police are not able to address adequately at the moment. Not all the children causing problems were local so going to see the school isn't an option and at the Youth club many of those attending are not from Dalton. Councillor Maddox reported that there had been problems in the library where a group teenage girls had picked up bundles of leaflets and had strewn them around surrounding streets, the girls faces were recognisable on CCTV from the Community Centre and the Chairman of the centre was going to speak to the school about the matter. If they can be identified they can referred to the Young people's offending team. PC Noden reiterated that the public need to report incidents as they were happening and suggested reporting by live chat or email if members of the public are not able to get through on the non- emergency 101 phone number. If it is a long term problem then he can be emailed directly. It was also mentioned that the issues at the railway station seem to have improved at the moment as there had been no reports of anti-social behaviour there recently.
5. **Reports from District/County Councillors** Councillor Ronson reported that there is a briefing from the Borough Council for their members on 11<sup>th</sup> January where more up to date information may be available, this will be reported to the Town Council LGR Committee at its meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> January.
6. **Matters Arising**
  - (a) **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** The Town clerk reported that she had spoken to the Estates Manager in November 2021 regarding the lease of land at Goose Green

to the Town Council, however nothing further had been heard to date. The Town Clerk is to follow up with the Estates Department and report back. Councillor McDougall noted that should the annual carnival take place, this would normally take place on the same weekend. Once a carnival meeting had been held it would be confirmed so any events being planned can be fitted in around the Carnival.

**7. Correspondence**

(a) Affordable Housing Consultation – Every Councillor had been asked to consider the consultation document in advance of the meeting using a link to the Borough Council website emailed out to councillors. Two amendments had been suggested and councillors were asked to return any further comments to the Town Clerk before the 21<sup>st</sup> January so they can be put to the Borough by the closing date of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**8. Highways** Various small issues were discussed and the importance of highways issues being passed to Town Hall staff was reiterated so that they can be officially reported to CCC and a reference number obtained.

**9. Budget and Precept** The Finance Committee had met on the 5<sup>th</sup> January and considered the current year expenditure and projected figures for the next financial year, this included projects which had been submitted for the 2022/2023 year. Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and **agreed** that the following budget be approved and accepted and the precept was **agreed** as £130,000.

<b><u>Budget Allocation 2022/2023</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Staff Costs	52,000
Election	500
Market	1300
Petty Cash	600
Mayors Allowance	1,500
Office Costs	12,000
Environmental	6,000
Annual Insurance	1,200
Civic Sunday	1,000
Christmas	20,000
Building Costs	10,000
S137 & Grants	4,000
Annual Report	2,500
Small Projects	24,000
CALC Membership	1,000
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>137,600</b>
<b>Precept</b>	<b>130,000</b>

## 10. Finance

(a) H F Thomson re-imburse Xmas switch on (previously approved)	550.00
(b) DSL Heating	242.36
(c) HSP Xmas leaflet	317.00
(d) Viking Direct	146.01
(e) Goadsbarrow Landscapes (St. Marys)	1711.20
(f) Goadsbarrow Landscapes	2978.40
(g) M Latimer	100.00
(h) Sensible Choice	48.01
(i) HMRC	1664.35

The Invoices listed above were **approved** for payment

## 11. Reports

There were no reports for this meeting

## 12. Planning

B13/2021/0997                      The Cedars, Abbey Road, Dalton in Furness  
Demolition of existing dormer bungalow and construction of a 3 bedroomed house  
The Town Council have No Objections

B23/2021/0979                      2 Market Street, Dalton in Furness  
Listed building consent to replace 3 windows at the rear of the property from soft wood and  
in a state of dis-repair to be replaced with hard wood Accoya and will mirror the current  
design  
The Town Council have No Objections

B18/2021/0987                      Crooklands Brow, Ulverston Road, Dalton  
Proposed South Lakes Islamic Centre (Community Centre and Prayer Hall) and associated  
works and landscaping  
The Town Council note that the applicant is using evidence of public feedback as part  
of the supporting documentation for this application. In the interests of  
transparency, the Town Council would request that the applicant be asked to provide  
details of the where and when the consultation/presentation event was advertised  
and why the location of Dane Ghyll School in the ward of Hawcoat was chosen rather  
than the ward in which the proposed build would be located. By holding the  
presentation in a 'random' ward it has effectively excluded parties who would be the  
most affected by the proposed building from asking pertinent questions and giving  
feedback.

In the Design and Access statement submitted by the applicant's agent,  
'Understanding the context' it is stated that *'we see that the area, and more  
specifically Ulverston Road where the site is located, is generally 2.5 - storey buildings  
which are then regularly punctuated by 3.5 – storey buildings.* The Town Council must  
point out that the picture collage shows only 4 buildings in the entire length of  
Ulverston Road which are 3 storeys, (not 3.5 storeys which implies the use of the roof  
area) 3 of which are obviously later additions in the form of loft  
conversions/extensions. For the applicant to use the term 'regularly punctuated' is at  
the very least misleading. None of the other 5 - 3 storey buildings (one of which

features twice) depicted are 'stand-alone', being incorporated into local landscape by surrounding properties, it is also noted that all of the buildings were constructed well over 100 years ago for 'official purposes' e.g. Police Station, Court House, Banks and Solicitors, therefore requiring an 'imposing' structure. All of these buildings are in the historic centre of the Town which is protected by Conservation area status.

The proposed building is being proposed as 3.5 storeys incorporating a roof garden. The Town Council note the applicant's statement that a flat roof falls into the medieval typology of a prominent building and is therefore appropriate as a civic building, as pitched rooves were allocated to subservient buildings. However, the Town Council cannot agree that a flat roof is appropriate in the current day and particularly in the proposed location. Only one other prominent building in the town has a flat roof design which is Dalton Castle, a thirteenth-century Pele Tower, other civic buildings i.e., Town Hall and Library have a pitched roof design and fit within the local landscape.

The existing properties in the nearby location are all of a lower-level design or located at a slightly lower elevation. The erection of a 3 storey building in a stand-alone situation will serve to draw attention to the structure giving it a 'monolithic feel' (description from the applicants Design and Access statement – Massing). This would be completely out of context for the location and have a detrimental affect on the existing properties

The introduction of a roof garden area is inappropriate as it will afford users of the garden area a clear view into the gardens and homes nearby making the size of the building an un-neighbourly development removing the privacy that nearby residential properties currently enjoy.

The Town Council can find no associated documents which deal with the external materials to be used on the building, as the area and existing properties are predominantly clad with limestone to fit with the local landscape, we would expect the same criteria to be applied to this development without exception.

The Town council note the concerns of the local community with regards to parking provision which they consider inadequate for the size of the building and the projected number of users. The Town Council consider the parking provision to be lacking based on the applicants estimated number of journeys to the site during weekday 8, this being a projected number of 72 car journeys and would like to ask where these vehicles will park should the parking provision indeed prove inadequate. The Town Council would request a condition be attached to the granting of any permission which would require the applicant to fund the installation of double yellow lines from the paved gateway feature at Crooklands Brow through to the bottom of Crooklands Brow at its junction with Yarlwell to deal with any parking issues associated with the erection of the development. This would only be expected in the Dalton bound direction so as not to remove the parking provision currently enjoyed by existing properties.

Meeting Closed 8.12pm

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....

H F Thomson  
Town Clerk

17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

