

Dalton with Newton Town Council  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 in the Town Hall, Station Road,  
Dalton in Furness at 7pm

**Present** Councillors S Ronson, A Thurlow, W Maddox and N McDougall

1. **Apologies** Written apologies were received from Councillors N Perie & A Fox
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** The minutes of the previous meeting were **agreed** as a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign.
3. **Declarations of Interest** Councillor Thurlow declared an interest in any matters relating to Dalton Community Association.
4. **Reports from District/County Councillors** There were no reports for this meeting
5. **Matters Arising**
  - (a) Allotments- There was no further progress on the allotments to report. From the 1<sup>st</sup> April the new Unitary authority had come into being and that all further work on the transfer of the Allotments would be carried out by Westmorland & Furness. The Assistant Town Clerk had carried out research with other Town & Parish Councils looking at lease agreements and council policies in preparation of the transfer.
  - (b) Land at Goose Green-The lease had now been signed by the Town Council and was awaiting for a 2 week notice period being carried out by Barrow Borough Council to satisfy s.123(3) LGA 1972 to expire before the final transfer can go ahead.
  - (c) Play area at Rusland Drive- The Assistant Town Clerk gave a verbal report on progress with costings to date but a final figure was not yet available. This matter was therefore deferred to the May 2023 meeting.
  - (d) Countryside Access Group- The Assistant Clerk reported that the newly formed group held its first meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at the Town Hall. Helen Brown, a Countryside Access Officer from Cumbria County Council attended the meeting along with a number of volunteers. The Countryside Access Officer would continue to support the group in its surveying of the local public footpaths and carry out any enforcement action. It would be beneficial for the Town Council to purchase a number of litter pickers to assist the group which could also be use for litter picking events the Council may organise in the future. Costs had been obtained and it was **agreed** that 15 litter pickers and 15 bag rings be purchased to a maximum of £600.
  - (e) Signage – The Town Clerk reported that following a complaint from a member of the public about wildlife at Parkers Pond being run over & killed 2 ‘Caution Ducks’ signs had been purchased at a cost of £27.98 and erected on site to warn approaching vehicles in an attempt to reduce casualties.
  - (f) Storage Facilities – The Town Clerk reported that the amount of equipment now owned by the Town Council had grown and space to store it in the Town Hall was problematic using space which could be better utilised for other purposes. The Town Clerk had obtained a quote for the cost of the storage facilities which included the maintenance and refurbishment of the equipment Following discussion it was **agreed** that storage facilities be accepted at a cost of £15pw.

- (g) Seat Plaques – The cost for the provision of ‘Happy to Chat’ plaques for benches on Market Street had now been obtained, for one 6” x 2” brass plaque with engraved wording could be supplied at £10.95 each. Following discussion it was **agreed** that 3 x plaques be purchased.

#### 6. Correspondence

- (a) 10k Road Race – Letter from Furness Striders enquiring if the Town Council would continue sponsorship of the 10k Road Race. Sponsorship would be for the amount of £550. It was **agreed** that sponsorship continue.
- (b) Dalton Community Church – Councillors had previously agreed to support the Community Church in its plan to re-introduce the annual craft competition which was once a very popular event. It was **agreed** that £100 be approved as sponsorship of the event.
- (c) CALC Jan/Feb Newsletter – Noted
7. Coronation May 2023 This item has been put onto the agenda for information purposes only. The Town Clerk reported that bunting would be erected on 24<sup>th</sup> April by contractors and stay in place until after 10<sup>th</sup> June. 60 new union jack flags had also been purchased along with flagpoles which would also be erected by contractors above businesses on Market Street.
8. Election 2023 This item was on the agenda as a reminder to councillors who wished to stand for election this year to have their nomination papers submitted to the returning officer at Westmorland & Furness Council by 4pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### 9. Finance

Approval of invoices for payment

(a) Starboard Systems (Accounts Package)	1153.20
(b) NW Flags (Coronation)	270.06
(c) C Stainton (Re-imburse flagpoles)	89.94
(d) Pauls Carpets	600.00
(e) JRB Enterprise	496.68
(f) T B Pearson	796.92
(g) C Stainton (Re-imburse Signs)	27.98
(h) HMRC	3758.60

#### **All invoices were approved for payment**

- (i) Grant Application – DACH. Councillors considered the grant application and **agreed** a grant of £750 on condition that further information on the programme of events was received and other community groups in the locality were consulted and utilised where possible.

#### 10. Reports

Cllr S Ronson gave a verbal report on the former Brocklebanks Site.

Planning

B21/2023/0232

Paddock View, Woodbine Lane, Newton in Furness  
Double pitched dormer extensions to first floor front elevation  
The Town council have no objections

Meeting Closed 8.21pm

Signed.....  
(Chairman)

Date.....

H F Thomson  
Town Clerk

4<sup>th</sup> April 2023