

Dalton with Newton Town Council  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in the Town Hall, Station Road,  
Dalton in Furness at 7pm

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

1. **Apologies** there were no apologies to note.
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 and Cllr Perie declared an interest in Dalton Community Association.
4. **Reports from District/County Councillors** Westmorland and Furness Councillor Tony Callister attended the meeting and gave a verbal report on the proposals for BAE use of premises in Portland Walk and the number of job vacancies which BAE will be recruiting, this was for information only as it is outside the Dalton Parished area. Cllr Callister also gave a report on the Thematic working groups that the Locality Board had now set up. Cllr Maddox asked Cllr Callister to take up her previous requests for bus stop markings on Station Road with Highways.
5. **Matters Arising**
  - (a) **Allotments**- The Town Clerk and Councillor Callister were still working on the issue with officers at Westmorland and Furness. As it is now approximately 18months since the first approach was made about Dalton administering their own allotments and no meaningful progress had been made discussion took place and Cllr Ronson proposed that if no action was forthcoming from WaF with the efforts from the Town Clerk and Cllr Callister legal advice should be sought from the Council solicitors. Seconded Cllr Thurlow. On a vote the proposal was **agreed**
  - (b) **Land at Goose Green**-There was no further information to report at the current time and finalisation of the lease was still be awaited on from Westmorland and Furness.
  - (c) **Play area at Rusland Drive**- The Town Clerk gave an update on the play area which the Town Council had maintained since 2019 reporting that new equipment had been purchased and the contractor had been instructed to resurface the area and this was imminent, however there was now a problem with Westmorland and Furness who, despite having no objections to the change of equipment in September 2022, were now requesting that the Town Council submit formal request to take ownership of the play area. The Town Clerk reported that this may have been a misunderstanding on the part of the Westmorland and Furness Officer as the Town Council were not seeking ownership of the land just a change of equipment. The Town Clerk is to follow this matter up with the relevant officer and report back.
  - (d) **Micro to Mighty Grant Fund** The Micro to Mighty funding stream had been opened by Westmorland and Furness with 2 deadlines. The Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk had looked at several projects that had been suggested and found that for various reasons none met the criteria or could not be adopted by the Town Council due to other funding constraints. Councillors were asked to submit any further suggestions for projects to the Town Clerk.
  - (e) **Dalton Castle Lighting** The Town Clerk reported that this project had been included within the Town Council budget for 2023-24 and work was continuing. Support from the National Trust and Friends of Dalton Castle had been obtained and contact was about to be made with Westmorland and Furness planning department. It was hoped that the project could be completed before November 2023.
  - (f) **Provision of Tablets and dedicated email addresses to Councillors** As part of the continuing .Gov website and GDPR regulations 6 tablets had been purchased and had now been set up with individual councillors

allocated .gov email addresses. With immediate effect all correspondence to councillors in their official capacity would be sent to their new dedicated email addresses.

**6. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to note at this meeting.

**7. Project Planning Working Group** The notes of the recent meeting of the projects planning group were provided to councillors, these notes included a list of projects and priorities identified by the group. The Town Council were tasked with taking the lead in a number of these projects and as there would be a financial implication councillors were asked to review the list and raise any items which they felt the TC should not be involved with. This item will be placed on the September agenda for comments.

**8. Christmas Illuminations** The possibility of extending the Christmas Illuminations through the Town was discussed and the Town Clerk was requested to obtain costs for discussion at the September meeting.

**9. Floral displays** The possibility of replacing the flower towers and floral displays for 2024 was discussed and the Town Clerk was requested to obtain costs for discussion at the September meeting.

**10. Highways Improvements** Cllr Maddox raised the issue of overly narrow junctions causing problems for large vehicles passing at 2 locations and pinch points in several locations through the Town, traffic flow could be improved considerably by removal of the pinch points and remedial work to junctions. Following discussion Cllr Maddox proposed that the Town Council make an approach to Westmorland and Furness and request a review the highways network throughout Dalton with a view to remedial works being carried out. Seconded by Cllr Ronson. On a vote the proposal was **agreed**.

**11. Anti-Social Behaviour** Councillor Thurlow reported on Anti-Social behaviour occurring in Dalton and in particular the library which was happening everyday through the school holidays. This was not something that the Town council could help with as it is a Police matter and Cllr Thurlow proposed that the Town Council write to the Police and Crime Commissioner about the level of Anti-Social behaviour in Dalton and in particular Dalton Community Association building and the library facilities which was not being addressed by the local police. Seconded Cllr Maddox. On a vote the proposal was **agreed**.

**12. Annual Report** The Annual report usually prepared by the Town Council and issued to around 4,000 homes within the Parish had been delayed. The Town Clerk suggested that the Council consider introducing monthly newsletters instead which would be made available on social media and the council website with a limited number of printed copies being made available. Following discussion it was **agreed** that a monthly newsletter be trialled for a period of 6 months and a review of the frequency then be undertaken.

**13. Finance**

(a) CALC – Training	30.00
(b) HMRC	4635.91
(c) SLCC	237.00
(d) SLCC	144.00
(e) Cumbria Deaf Association	111.00
(f) Dalton Community Church	100.00
(g) The Sealed Knot	750.00
(h) A Thompson	2334.00
(i) L Caine 4 x £25	100.00
(j) Earth Anchors	4818.00
(k) Furness Internet	128.64

The invoices were **approved** for payment.

**14. Planning**

B21/2023/0515            28 Sanderling Lane, Dalton  
Single storey side extension, pitched roof to porch, pentice roof to front and removal of garage, forming store, wc and covered seating area plus increased off road parking area.  
The Town Council have no objections

B28/2023/0442            Dowdales Secondary School, Nelson Street, Dalton in Furness, Cumbria  
Application for works to trees subject of TPO No 1997 No 5 for works referenced in remedial works spreadsheet dated 05/05/2023 – Priority 1 and 2 tree works only.  
The Town Council have no objections

B21/2023/0525            53 Coronation Drive, Dalton in Furness  
Construction of new single storey flat roof rear extension creating relocated kitchen/diner, new utility, WC and external kitchen with canopy over.  
The Town Council have no objections

Meeting Closed 8.40pm

Signed.....  
(Chairman)

Date.....

H F Thomson  
Town Clerk

15 August 2023

