

Dalton with Newton Town Council  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in the Town Hall, Station Road,  
Dalton in Furness at 7pm

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

1. **Apologies.** Cllrs D Pearson
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.** Cllr Perie declared an interest in matters relating to Dalton Community Association and agenda item 11(o) Scouts grant application.

**The meeting was suspended at 7.02pm for public participation.**

Inspector Damian Mottram and Sgt Gareth Sargent attended the meeting representing the Community Policing Team to give an update on the current situation within the local area. Crime figures for the Dalton and Askam area were distributed to all those present for information. Several members of the public attended along with members of Askam Parish Council and three members of Westmorland and Furness Council. Insp Mottram and Sgt Sargent addressed several questions raised by member of the public regarding response times, lack of presence in the local area, overall staffing levels and many other issues. Insp Mottram and Sgt Sargent were thanked for attending the meeting.

4. **Reports from Westmorland and Furness Councillors.** Councillors T Callister and D Taylor (Dalton South) and Cllr D Edwards (Dalton North) attended the meeting. Cllr Callister gave a brief verbal reports on the planting for pollinators project which took place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, this had been well attended by volunteers and had been very successful planting 2,000 plug plants at Goose Green. Cllr Callister also gave information on the Barrow Hub which is being created at Barrow Library with facilities also being provided at Ormsgill, Walney and Dalton.  
Cllr Perie asked Cllr Calister to follow up a complaint he had had in relation to the maintenance of a hedge at Newton School. Cllr Taylor reported on the ongoing issue of Storey Square which he was still working on and Cllr Edwards was asked to deal with a complaint about a sunken manhole cover of Nelson Street Car Park by Cllr W Maddox.
5. **Matters Arising**
  - (a) Allotments- Following a further representation to WandF Council the matter was now being looked at by the WandF legal department and the Assistant Director of Community Infrastructure, it was now hoped that this matter would be resolved in the near future.
  - (b) Land at Goose Green- There had been no movement on the transfer of land by Westmorland and Furness to report, the issue of the possibility of Asset transfer was discussed as WandF had recently approved a programme of Asset Transfer. Following discussion it was agreed that the current legal work on the completion of the lease be suspended and the issue of asset transfer be investigated.
  - (c) Playground at Rusland Drive- There had been no movement on Rusland Drive play area by Westmorland and Furness Council to report.

- (d) Dalton Postcards- The postcards had now been printed and would be available to purchase in the public office at a cost of 50p each. Cllr Callister and Cllr Taylor were very kindly funding the £100 purchase cost.
- (e) Dog Fouling Campaign – A date of the 18<sup>th</sup> November was arranged for the start of the dog fouling campaign. Councillors will meet at Castle Street at 11.30pm.
- (f) Micro to Mighty Steering Group – The Town Clerk reported that the 3 parishes had been invited to be part of the newly created Micro to Mighty Steering group. The Assistant Clerk had attended representing the Council and gave a verbal report on the meeting.

## 6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report at this meeting.

- 7. Council Policies Each Councillor had been provided with draft policies for discussion and adoption. It was **resolved** that the draft policies for Press and Media, Freedom of Information, Data Protection, Risk Management, Health and Safety, Equal Opportunities and Data Breach be adopted unamended.
- 8. Parking Castle Street This item was deferred to the December so a site visit can be carried out by councillors.
- 9. Christmas Illuminations 2023 It was proposed by Cllr Thurlow and Seconded by Cllr Perie that the Council do not continue the provision of 6 ft trees to residents of Crooklands Brow, Market Street and Romey Park this year. On a vote of 4 for and 1 abstention the proposal was **agreed**. It was proposed by Cllr Perie and seconded by Cllr Maddox that new Christmas Illuminations be purchased at a cost of £10,462 (excl VAT) On a vote of all in favour the proposal was **agreed**. Cllr Thurlow proposed that the Council instruct Rei Lux to conduct a safety survey on 12 lighting columns which will have new Christmas Lights attached to them at a cost of £2750 (Excl VAT). Seconded Cllr Maddox. On a vote of all in favour the proposal was **agreed**. Cllr Maddox proposed that the quote from Optech Fibres for the installation of the Christmas Illuminations be accepted at a cost of £9620 (Excl VAT) on a vote of all in favour the proposal was **agreed**.
- 10. Floral Displays 2024 From 2024 Westmorland and Furness will no longer be providing floral displays in Dalton and the Town Council will become responsible. In preparation for the new arrangement it was proposed by Cllr Maddox and seconded by Cllr Perie that 10 new Beehive planters be purchased from Amberol at a cost of £7644 (Excl VAT). On a vote of all in favour the proposal was agreed. It was reported by the Town Clerk that it had only been possible to obtain one quote for the planting, maintenance, storage and watering which had come in at £18,870. This quote will be discussed at the Finance meeting being held in November 2023.

## 11. Finance

(a) NSALG (Allotment Society Membership)	67.00
(b) Sea Cadets (Mayoral Event)	40.00
(c) C Stainton Reimbursement (Various)	34.00
(d) Furness Internet (October) IT Support	88.32
(e) F Thomson Reimbursement (Various)	80.32
(f) ICO Annual Renewal (Information Commissioners Office)	35.00
(g) Festival Association (Christmas Tree)	30.00

(h) RBL Poppy Appeal (Poppy Wreaths)	68.00
(i) Andrew Thompson (Grass Cutting contract)	2028.00
(j) JRB Enterprise (Dog Bags)	519.72
(k) Rei Lux (Lighting Column Survey)	3300.00
(l) Cumbria Tree Surgery (Annual Gardening Contract)	1500.00
(m) Furness Internet (November) IT Support	88.32
(n) L Caine £25 x 4	100.00

**The invoices were approved for payment**

- (o) Grant Application – 1<sup>st</sup> Duddon Scout Group Councillors had been provided with a copy of the grant application form and following discussion it was **agreed** that a grant of £2,000 be approved. Cllr Perie did not take part in the vote as he had declared an interest in this matter at the commencement of the meeting.

## **12 Reports.**

There were no reports from Councillors at this time.

## **13 Planning.**

B20/2023/0656 5 Rowlinson Place, Dalton in Furness

Change of use of ground floor plumber's workshop/lockup/integral garage premises to combine whole building to residential use.

The Town Council have no objections

B21/2023/0610 5b Church Street, Dalton

Demolition of existing porch, detached garage and boundary wall fronting highway; replacement retaining wall and external works to create reduced patio area and 3no stepped car parking spaces; provision of new canopy, timber fencing detached timber shed, ground mounted solar panels and conservation rooflights; internal alterations to create loft conversion with additional bedroom.

The Town Council have no objections

B28/2023/0684 Land opposite Greenhills pond, Greystone Lane, Dalton in Furness

Application to modify a planning obligation agreed under s106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – by the removal of the requirement to provide the four affordable units (Planning Application ref; B07/2019/0737)

The Town Council object to the proposal to remove four affordable units from the development. The reasoning from the applicant to remove the affordable units is based purely on financial gain to the developer rather than the benefit to the local community

B21/2023 42 Newton Road, Dalton

Single storey side extension forming bedroom, en-suite and walk in wardrobe and erection of front canopy.

The Town Council have no objections

B07/2023/0691 33 Greenhills Way, Dalton in Furness

Application for minor Material Amendment under Section 73 for variation of condition no 1, following the grant of reserved matters/Outline planning permission for 36 dwellings (refs 2018/0070 & B07/2019/0737 to allow a reserved house type on plot 16 (no. 33 Greenhills Way).

The Town Council have no objections

Meeting Closed 9.15pm

Signed .....  
(Chairman)

Date.....

H F Thomson  
Town Clerk

8 November 2023

**Part II of the meeting held Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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

**Apologies.** Cllrs D Pearson

**Staff Pay Scale Increase**

The Town Clerk reported that the new pay scales for local Government employees had finally been agreed and published and the final pay award was a total amount of £1959 pa (£1ph pro rata) for each staff member. This was to be backdated to April 2023 and will be paid with the November salaries. It was not necessary for the Council to approve the increase as it is a condition of the contract of employment that the agreed increase is awarded to staff.

Meeting closed 9.18pm

Signed.....  
(Chairman)

Date.....

H F Tomson  
Town Clerk

8<sup>th</sup> November 2023