

Dalton with Newton Town Council
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 5th February 2024 in the Town Hall, Station Road,
Dalton in Furness at 7pm

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

Meeting Commenced 6.58pm

1. **Apologies.** There were no apologies
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.** Cllrs Perie and Thurlow declared an interest in any matters relating to Dalton Community Association.

Meeting Suspended 6.59pm for Public Participation

One member of the public attended the meeting to report objections to planning application B06/2024/0024 Outline planning permission for up to 230 eco lodge units at Roanhead Farm, Hawthwaite Lane, Barrow in Furness.

Meeting Resumed 7pm

4. There were two large planning applications on the agenda for consideration. There was a large number of documents to be considered for both applications. In order for the applications to be given full consideration before a response was made it was proposed by Cllr Thurlow and Seconded By Cllr Pearson that a planning sub-committee be created to deal with large applications outside of the normal council meeting and a recommendation made to full council. On a vote of all in favour the proposal was **agreed**. Members of the sub-committee were agreed as Councillor N Perie, A Thurlow, S Ronson and D Pearson.
5. **Reports from Westmorland and Furness Councillors.** Councillors T Callister (Dalton South) and Cllr Ben Shirley (Dalton North) attended the meeting to give a brief verbal report on matters relevant to Dalton and Newton. The revised Borderlands committee met recently and the PID's were agreed. The new membership of the committee were very positive and working well. As part of Borderlands the suggestions of a Pocket Park had been raised and details had been confirmed that it was possible for the park to be placed on the periphery of Dalton a bandstand and a bike rack for motorcycles had also been suggested. Half Term 10p swims were being advertised at various locations including Dalton Leisure Centre although that venue was not within the remit of Westmorland and Furness it was being supported. A formal request for an extension to the consultation period for planning application B06/2024/0024 had been requested and granted an additional 2 weeks by WandF planning officer.

Police - Sergeant John Holmes from the Community policing team attended the meeting to provide crime figures for the January period. Total crimes for the time period was 21, these crimes included 6 assault, 1 burglary, 4 Harassment, 1 Shop Lifting, 1 theft of electricity, 1

sexual offence, 2 theft, 1 Malicious communication, 1 Hacking offence and one possession of cannabis. There had also been 3 Road traffic collisions of which 2 were damage only and one slight injury. The Speed indicator had just been removed from Lindal to Askam and will shortly be placed at Crooklands Brow, Dalton. On the 18th March a community beat officer was being allocated to Dalton in addition 5 PCSO's were being recruited and would be filtered through to Dalton.

6. **Matters Arising**

- (a) Allotments- The Town Clerk is to have a meeting with David Haughian and an officer from the Estates Team who have informed her that they are in discussion with the freehold owner of the land the allotments are on, once there is further information available it will be reported back to full council.
- (b) Land at Goose Green- The lease of the land at Goose Green had now been signed by WandF and the land was officially in the hands of the Town Council. However due to the timing of the completed documents being sent to our solicitors by WandF over the Christmas period it had not been possible for the lease to be registered with the HMRC within the 14 days specified time scale and a financial penalty of £100 had been levied by the HMRC on the Town Council. The Town Clerk has contacted WandF to ascertain if they would be willing to reimburse the £100 to the Town Council. Maintenance - Now the lease has been finalised DTC are responsible for the maintenance and the Grass Cutting quote has come in at £445 excl VAT for the 2024 season. Acceptance of the quote was **agreed**. Trees – The Town Clerk and Councillor McDougall will carry out a site visit hopefully in the next week to inspect trees identified by the tree surgeon as requiring felling due to ash die back as a matter of urgency. Bird Boxes thanks were passed to Councillor Tony Callister for a contribution of £500 for the purchase of bird and bat boxes. The Tree surgeon has advised he would be willing to put them up on sites when chosen. As there were 40 boxes not all could be accommodated on that small area and the public were asked for nominations for other suitable sites on public land which could be used.
- (c) Playground at Rusland Drive- – Work on the area is now finished, thanks to Ann Thurlow, David Pearson and Neil McDougall for attending and planting up.
- (d) Dalton Castle Floodlighting – Installation now finished and has been well received by the public. It is possible to change the colours of the lights to mark various occasions and on 27th January they were changed to purple to commemorate National Holocaust Day. Any request for colour changes should be passed to staff for a diary entry.
- (e) Volunteering Day – The Assistant Clerk gave a verbal report on the recent volunteering day, there were a total of 21 organisations in attendance and although there could have been more public on the day it had been well received and all organisations had enjoyed the day and opportunities for networking. It was possible that a further event could be held in the summer months, further details would be reported back to the council when available.
- (f) Brilliant Back Streets Project – Posters and forms have now been advertised and so far 3 nominations have been received
- (g) Baby Changing Facilities – As discussed at a previous meeting, baby changing facilities have now been purchased and are available in the Town Hall building.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report at this meeting.

- 8. Co-Option to Council** Two applications for co-option to the Council had been received. Both applicants were present at the meeting and were given the opportunity to address the council for a maximum of 3 minutes. Following discussion Cllr S Ronson proposed that Thomas William Mackereth be co-opted to the Council to represent Beckside Ward. Seconded Cllr D Pearson. On a vote of 4 for and 2 abstentions the co-option was **agreed**. Cllr Mackereth signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting. Cllr Ronson proposed that Bruce Solari be co-opted to the Council to represent Dowdales Ward. Seconded Cllr Thurlow. On a vote of all in favour the proposal was **agreed**. Cllr Solari signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.
- 9. Sign Language Training for Councillors** To address inclusivity Cllr Thurlow would like to see sign language training be offered to councillors. The Assistant Town Clerk has researched the availability of training and reported it was available online at a cost of £3 per person. It was **agreed** that training would be made available and members should submit their interest in the training directly to the assistant clerk who will arrange.
- 10. 20mph Speed Limit Application** The Town Clerk reported that the Council had been approached by a local school who had requested that a 20mph speed limit be applied to the road passing the school. It had subsequently been established that WandF councillor Ben Shirley was dealing with alternative measures which could be introduced and it was agreed that DTC would cease work on the 20mph application.
- 11. Christmas Illuminations 2024** A budget allocation had been made for the 2024 season for the provision of additional Christmas Illuminations. Following discussion it proposed by Cllr Thurlow and Seconded by Cllr McDougall that the council look at costings for the provision of an additional 12 illuminated motifs for lighting columns. On a vote of all in favour the proposal was **agreed**
- 12. D Day 80** It was reported local group DACH would not be able to go ahead with the D Day 80 commemoration as previously arranged and the Council had brought together a plan for a small commemoration. Budget allocation agreed in January 2023 was £3,000. Current costings to date were estimated at £1750. Cllr Solari proposed that the council go ahead with the provision of flags for above the businesses, contractors to erect, provision of a piper, Bell ringers, Town Crier and Dalton Town Band which currently has a costing of £1750. Seconded Cllr Thurlow. On a vote the proposal was **agreed**.
- 13. Draft Policies** Councillors had been provided with draft policies for Bullying and anti-harassment, Vexatious Complaints and Safeguarding. No amendments were considered necessary and Cllr Perie proposed that the policies be adopted unamended. Seconded Cllr Solari. On a vote of all in favour the proposal was **agreed**.
- 14. Finance**
- (a)** Dalton Community Church – Following budget information Cllr Ronson proposed that a grant of £100 be approved. Seconded Cllr Pearson on a vote of all in favour the proposal was agreed

Payments/Invoices for approval

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| (b) C Stainton Reimburse | 33.49 |
| (c) JRB Enterprise | 519.72 |
| (d) SLCC Enterprises | 60.00 |
| (e) Vinyl Banners | 52.46 |
| (f) L Caine £25 x 4 | 100.00 |
| (g) Cumbria Tree | 420.00 |
| (h) C L Stainton | 42.96 |
| (i) The Nestbox Co Ltd | 601.80 |
| (j) Livingstons Solicitors | 423.00 |
| (k) Starboard Systems | 676.80 |
| (l) HMRC | 5432.59 |
| (m) C Stainton Reimburse | 34.94 |
| (n) HMRC Shipley | 100.00 |
| (o) A Thompson | 3462.00 |
| (p) SLCC | 300.00 |

CLlr Perie proposed that the invoices listed above be paid. Seconded Cllr Maddox. On a vote of all in favour the proposal was **agreed**

15. Reports.

Cllr Perie reported that he had attended a community litter pick with Dowdales pupils today (5th Feb) and 13 bags of rubbish had been collected from the vicinity of the Leisure centre.

16. Planning.

- B31/2023/0769 10 Abbey Meadows (Plot 6), Dalton in Furness
Application for non-material amendment following grant of planning permission B07/2018/0089 (Construction of 11 No. 3 and 4 bed houses including roads and sewers) to allow a change from render to a brickwork exterior, a standard soffit and fascia setup at the eaves in anthracite colour, bargeboard on the gable to match and removal of the bay window to Plots 6.
The Town Council have no objections
- B18/2024/0044 Barrow House Farm, Woodbine Lane, Newton
Construction of an equestrian arena
The Town Council have no objections
- B23/2024/0002 2 Market Street, Dalton in Furness
Listed Building consent for replacement of natural slate tiles on rear roof covering with natural slate tiles and installation of 2 new conservation roof lights to existing lean to.
The Town Council have no objections

Two applications at Crooklands Brow (B07/2023/0764) and Roanhead (B06/2024/0024) were deferred for the newly created planning sub-committee to consider in depth and report back to the full council.

Meeting Closed 8.27pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....

H F Thomson
Town Clerk

7 February 2024