

Dalton with Newton Town Council

Minutes of the Greenspaces and Bio-diversity Committee Meeting held
Monday 17th February 2025 in the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furnes at 7pm

Present Councillors A Thurlow (Chair), N McDougall, B Solari, M Dobson, C Stainton (Assistant Clerk) and F Thomson (Town Clerk).

GB1/02/2025 **Apologies** Cllr D Miller and Cllr B Parrington

GB2/02/2025 **Declarations of Interest** There were no declarations of interest in respect of items contained in this agenda.

GB3/02/2025 **Cumbria in Bloom 2025** An update on progress of actions agreed at the January meeting was given: a). Wooden Planters – Permission from WandF still being awaited. b). Land at Dalton Castle – National Trust have approved DTC to assume responsibility for maintenance of the 3 sides of the Castle and small garden area. DTC Contractor was instructed to remove problem shrubs and strim area, this was carried out on 14th February, invoice of £599.00 received for payment today. For the 2025 season it was agreed that wild flower seeds would be sown with a review carried out at the end of the season. Tidy Town Group will be maintaining the small garden area. c). Planters at Railway Station Northern Rail had given permission for two flower towers at the entrance to the railway station, Tythe Barn nurseries had quoted £600 for two tower planters (with watering) at the Railway Station, this quote had been accepted and towers would be on site early June. d). Lord Street Garden – inspection had been carried out and the garden seems to be in a reasonable condition at the moment, further monitoring will be undertaken during the spring and summer months. e). Litter Picks Dates for litter picks to be arranged once warmer weather arrives.

GB4/02/2025 **Community Orchard** No further progress to report at the moment, Contractor has still to arrange for removal of the rubbish left by previous tenants.

GB5/02/2025 **Land at Goose Green** Following the site visit with contractor and committee members where changes to the design were agreed, a revised quote of £49,740 (incl Vat) £41,450 (excl VAT). Reserves currently held for the garden were £35,000. At the March Council meeting a request to move £6,450 from current unallocated reserves to the 25/26 budget so the garden could go ahead this year would be requested.

GB6/02/2025 **Environmental Artwork Projects** Invoice of £2170 had been paid in advance and the willow sculptures were due to be delivered this week. Figures would be stored in the Town Hall until ready to go out on site. Permission from WandF for DTC to assume responsibility for maintenance of the Pinfold was still being waited for. The Town Clerk is to follow up with WandF this week.

GB7/02/2025 **Publicity and Promotional Events 2025** Envelopes and wildflower seeds had been priced and would be ordered closer to March 2025. It was agreed that DTC run a 'Birdbox' competition. Members of the community would be asked to design and make a birdbox from repurposed or recycled materials and a prize awarded for the best design. This would be open to both adults and children. £20 was allocated from the budget for a prize for the winning design.

GB8/02/2025 **Summer Planting Theme/planters** 60 lavender plants had been ordered from Tythe Barn Nurseries at a cost of £240 (excl VAT) and nasturtium seeds obtained at a cost of £34. All will be planted in the DTC planters by volunteers after the end of May.

GB9/02/2025 **Land at Coronation Drive** It was reported that WandF had now granted DTC permission for a live Spruce tree to be planted on the land at the junction of Coronation Dr/Greystone Lane. Costs for supply and professional planting were expected soon but after research indications were that the initial budget allocation of £160 would be inadequate. Following discussion it was **agreed** that the budget allocation for this project would be increased to £1,000.

Meeting Closed 7.55pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date.....

H F Thomson
Town Clerk

18 February 2025