

Dalton with Newton Town Council

Minutes of the Greenspaces and Bio-diversity Committee Meeting held
Monday 13th January 2025 in the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furnes at 7pm

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

GB1/01/2025 **Apologies** Councillor D Miller

GB2/01/2025 **Declarations of Interest** There were no declarations of interest in respect of items contained in this agenda.

GB3/01/2025 **Cumbria in Bloom 2025** At a previous meeting it had been agreed that the Town Council would enter into the Cumbria in Bloom Competition for 2025 and this would be managed by the Greenspaces Committee. Various additional environmental projects for inclusion in the C-i-B entry were discussed and **agreed** as follows: (a) Wooden planters – ask Westmorland and Furness if the Town Council can arrange for the planting of 6/7 of their on-street planters and each school will be asked if they would like to adopt and plant up. (b) Land in front of Dalton Castle - Enquire with National Trust if DTC can assume responsibility for the maintenance of the small area of land around two sides of the Castle. (c) Approach TTG and ask if they would plant up the garden area to the side of the Castle – DTC to obtain and pay for a brown (Green Waste) bin. (d) Consider supply and planting of two flower towers for Railway Station entrance – costs to be obtained. (e) Check offer of volunteer help offered by P Hodgson. (f) Lord Street garden – Ask WandF if they can tidy up this area of land which is under their ownership. (g) Set dates for litter picks that members of the public can attend.

GB4/01/2025 **Community Orchard** A verbal report on the progress of land clearance was given. Following discussion it was **agreed** that work on the creation of the orchard be deferred until news on the land ownership and future proposals was available. Maintenance of the allotment area would be arranged to prevent it becoming overgrown until a final decision on the orchard was made.

GB5/01/2025 **Land at Goose Green** The Assistant Clerk had now met with a landscape designer to look at the land at Goose Green and the possible designs. The plans and costs were now available and provided to members for consideration. The Assistant Clerk is to arrange a site visit for members with the landscaper to discuss any changes before a final decision. The site visit will take place on 24th January 2025.

GB6/01/2025 **Environmental Artwork Projects** Members had previously approved two environmental artwork projects, costings were now available and members **agreed** to commission and install 3 x Sheep at a cost of £900 for the Pinfold and a Deer Family at a cost of £1900 for placement in the new garden at Goose Green when completed.

GB7/01/2025 **Publicity and Promotional Events 2025** Various possibilities were discussed and a suggestion was put forward for small envelopes of flower seeds to be provided to the public, local schools etc, it was agreed that 1000 envelopes would be purchased at a cost of £52.60 and 1kg of wildflower seeds at a cost of £58.00. Bee/Wee garden – spring bulbs had been planted and summer planting had been agreed as Lavender, it was proposed that hand-made plastic poppies would be placed within the summer planting as part of the VE Day celebrations.

GB8/01/2025 **Summer Planting Theme** It had previously been agreed that the summer planting theme for all the council planters for the 2025 summer season would be Lavender, it was **agreed** that the theme would remain as Lavendar with the addition of nasturtiums.

GB9/01/2025 **Land at Coronation Drive** Each year the Council purchase a 15ft tree for this location which is dressed with Christmas lights, it was proposed that the Council consider planting a live Spruce tree for decorating at Christmas in the interests of sustainability. Enquiries have been made to WandF via Cllr Tony Callister seeking permission as this is WandF land and Optech have confirmed that this should not be a problem in terms of the connection for the lights. Once permission from WandF is obtained this will be reported back. It was agreed that the purchase of a tree (15ft) be costed to a maximum of £160.

Meeting Closed 8.45 pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date.....

H F Thomson
Town Clerk

14 January 2025