

Dalton with Newton Town Council
Schedule for the March 2025 meeting

Matters Arising

- (a) Community Orchard – Update on progress
- (b) Allotments – Update on progress
- (c) Christmas 2025

Correspondence

- (a.) Emergency Planning Workshops

Finance

a. Loyal Company of Town Criers	40.00
b. Andrew Thompson – Goose Green Fence	2640.00
c. JRB Enterprise – Dog Bags	277.34
d. Katherine Miles – Willow Artwork	2170.00
e. Starboard Systems – Accounts Package	676.80
f. H F Thomson (reimburse)	134.34
g. Optech Fibres - Christmas Illuminations	17,082
h. DSL – Radiator Repair	115.20
i. C Stainton - (reimburse)	94.29
j. Andrew Thompson - Land at Castle	588.00
k. CALC - Councillors Online Training	130.00
l. Andrew Thompson – Allotment Clearance	5,754

Planning

B26/2021/0994 5A Church Street Dalton-in-Furness Cumbria LA15 8BA
Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development (CLOPUD) for the conversion of existing outbuildings into a dwelling in accordance with planning permission reference B13/2008/0851 and dated 13/08/2008.

To confirm comments on the following planning applications formerly agreed by Councillors.

B21/2025/0040 26 Newton Road Dalton-In-Furness Cumbria LA15 8LS
Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension
The Town Council have no objections

B21/2025/0021 7 Langdale Crescent Dalton-In-Furness Cumbria LA15 8NN
Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory)
The Town Council have no objections

B07/2019/0737

Land opposite Greenhills Pond/Hillside Close, Greystones Lane, Dalton
Application to modify a planning obligation made under S106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - by the removal of the requirement to provide four affordable units (planning application ref:B07/2019/0737).

We are writing to formally object to the proposed modification of the Section 106 agreement associated with planning application B07/2019/0737, which seeks to remove the requirement to provide four affordable housing units.

Affordable housing is a crucial part of sustainable community development, ensuring that local people, particularly those on lower incomes, have access to suitable housing. The removal of this requirement would have several negative consequences:

1. **Failure to Meet Local Housing Need**

The provision of affordable housing was a key condition of the original planning approval. Removing this requirement contradicts **Policy H14 of the Barrow Borough Local Plan 2016-2031**, which explicitly states that developments of a certain size should provide a proportion of affordable housing to meet local needs. The **Affordable Housing and Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)** further reinforces this requirement, emphasizing the importance of securing affordable housing contributions to support a balanced and sustainable community.

2. **Precedent for Future Developments**

Allowing the developer to alter a previously agreed obligation sets a dangerous precedent, encouraging other developers to seek similar concessions, thereby undermining efforts to ensure a fair housing mix in future developments. If this application is approved, it could lead to a weakening of local authority control over planning agreements and affordable housing delivery.

3. **Harm to Community Sustainability**

The availability of affordable housing helps maintain a diverse and balanced community, allowing key workers, young families, and those on lower incomes to remain in the area. The removal of these units' risks exacerbating housing inequality and forcing local people to move elsewhere, contrary to the objectives set out in the **Barrow Borough Local Plan**, which prioritizes inclusive and sustainable growth.

4. **Developer Accountability**

The original agreement was made in good faith as part of the planning process, and the developer should be held accountable for delivering their obligations rather than renegotiating to maximise profit at the expense of local needs. The **Affordable Housing SPD (July 2022)** highlights the importance of ensuring developers fulfil their commitments to affordable housing, and this application directly contradicts that guidance.

For these reasons, we strongly urge the planning committee to reject this application and uphold the original commitment to providing four affordable housing units in line with the policies and objectives of the **Barrow Borough Local Plan 2016-2031** and the **Affordable Housing SPD**.