

Dalton Development Partnership
Minutes of the Meeting Held 24th April 2007 in the Town Hall, Station Road,
Dalton in Furness at 6pm

Present

M Martindale – Dalton Community Association V Robinson – Furness Enterprise
 G Thompson – Dalton Traders Assn Z Guest – Dalton Festival Association
 D O'Connor – Dalton Town Council A Mitchell – Dalton Churches Together

Agenda Item		Action
1.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> A Greenhalgh – CCC D Brook – CCC P Huck – Barrow BC</p>	
2.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u> There were no declarations of interest</p>	
3. a. b.	<p><u>Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising</u> <u>Minutes</u> The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record.</p> <p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p><u>Sports Pitches Feasibility</u> No further responses had been received from local sports clubs regarding the creation of additional community sports pitches in Dalton. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that this project should no longer be within the agenda of the Development Partnership and the matter be passed to the Borough Councils Sports Development Worker for further action or referral to ALFA if appropriate.</p> <p><u>Youth Shelter</u> MM reported that following a community meeting held at Dowdales School a steering group was to be set up to look at the possibility of setting up a dedicated Youth area or building. 2 areas had been identified for a youth shelter, the vicinity of the Leisure Centre and Ruskin Avenue. It was possible that an eight seat shelter could be provided, although larger seat numbers was available. The suggestions of utilising the area at St Marys School which is already open for community use was made and following discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Governors of St Marys School asking if the site could be utilised for a shelter.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FT</p>

<p>c.</p> <p>d.</p> <p>e.</p>	<p><u>Rural Projects Worker</u> Members were very concerned at the lack of progress at looking for alternative funding sources, the funding bid to the lottery had now been delayed several times and had been ongoing for approximately 12 months. ZG is to progress alternative funding. It was agreed that FT would speak to WS on behalf of the members regarding their concerns at the lack of progress made by CCC workers.</p> <p><u>Highways Improvements</u> e mail received from the Highways Department reporting that the possibility of improvements to signage etc at the Gateways had been referred to Capita and they would report back before 11th May. FT is to clarify with Highways Dept order required for matter to progress and pass information to GT & DO'C. Letter also received from Dalton Police suggesting that local schools be involved with the design of the proposed signs for display at the Gateways. This suggestion was discussed but it was noted schools were so busy that a competition to design signs may be a burden on teaching staff and that designs of this type quickly became dated. FT is to thank the police for their suggestion but politely decline. Once details of order are obtained form County Highways, AG will be asked to produce detailed action plan</p> <p><u>Seats on outside bodies</u> It was confirmed that the DDP no longer had a representative on the Heart of Barrow or other outside bodies at the current time.</p>	<p>ZG & FT</p> <p>FT</p> <p>AG</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><u>Market Stalls</u> AM proposed that DDP consider purchasing market stalls which could be hired to or made available to community groups and other bodies throughout the area. FT is to cost appropriate stalls and report back to next meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AM left the meeting at 6.43pm</p>	<p>FT</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>Rural Projects Steering Group</u> The steering group had not met for some time. It was agreed that FT would write to Lynn Murray as the Chairman of the Steering Group requesting a meeting be called to discuss ZG and DDP pushing forward with alternative funding streams.</p>	<p>FT</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Project Progress</u></p> <p>Tudor Sq Car Park. DO'C had spoken to Caren Hindle and been informed that signs pointing to the car parks</p>	

	<p>were still being awaited along with white lining.</p> <p>Nelson St Car Park.. It was reported that the disabled parking spaces needed re-marking and also general white lining, this was considered to be quite urgent.</p> <p>FT to write to Caren Hindle expressing the concerns and ask for a progress report.</p>	FT
7	<p><u>Tree Planting Scheme</u> MM reported residents of Newton Road had approached her and asked if the DDP would undertake a tree planting scheme on Newton Road. After brief discussion it was agreed that this project would not fall within the criteria of the DDP and it should be passed to Dalton Community Association.</p>	MM
8.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Dalton Police. Letter received from Dalton Police asking if the DDP would contribute funding of £250 towards the purchase of No Waiting cones which would be exclusively for use in Dalton. Following discussion regarding the location of storage, it was agreed that the funding be agreed subject to the cones being stored at Dalton Town Hall.</p>	FT
9.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Planters Final invoice for the supply of planters had now been received. A cheque in the amount £6870.71 would be drawn this week.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>a. Public Relations It was agreed that it was vital that the public viewed the public positively and that Dalton was in need of some marketing. The Traders Association would be in a position to do some but it was agreed that Public Relations should be a standing agenda item for future DDP meetings.</p> <p>It was agreed that a press release be sent to local media about the purchase of market stalls and road cones. This would also be published on the Town Council website.</p> <p>b. Business Forum VR reported that the Business Forum held at Dowdales School last year was to be repeated on 11th July. A talk of approximately 1 hour was being arranged with the possibility of an Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Dalton being introduced.</p>	FT

11.	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u> Tuesday 29 th May 2007 at 6pm	
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