

Dalton Development Partnership  
Minutes of the Meeting held 28 January 2008  
In the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 6pm

Present

M Martindale – DCA  
D J O'Connor– Dalton Town Council  
A Greenhalgh – Cumbria County Council  
A Mitchell – Churches Together  
D O'Connor – Dowdales School  
V Robinson – Furness Enterprise

W Smith – Cumbria County Council  
Z Guest – Festival Association  
G Thompson – Dalton Traders Assn  
Sharon Pyatt – Rural Projects Worker  
D James – Barrow Borough Council

Agenda Item		<u>Action</u>
1	<b>Apologies For Absence</b> D Brook – Cumbria County Council	
2	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> DJ Declared an interest in the Land to the Rear of the Leisure Centre (agenda Item )	
3	<b><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</u></b> The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes as a true record of the previous meeting. <u>Highways</u> GT has followed up the improvements to the Gateways with Harry Horridge and is still waiting a response. AG to check for up to date information with Capita. <u>Community Guide</u> MM reported that she had not sent the letter of complaint to the recently published Community Guide but the Westmorland Gazette are also producing a guide which will feature Dalton. MM had provided details of local businesses for inclusion	<b>AG</b>
4.	<b>Rural Projects Steering Group</b> SP Rural Projects worker provided written and verbal reports on the priority two projects, Land at the Leisure Centre (see below) and improvements at the Railway Station. Railway Station – The platform height was a big issue and was too big to deal with in conjunction with other matters and would be dealt with separately. SP has contacted the CCC officer responsible for public transport and he will be checking on current improvements planned by other organisations (if any) before SP begins negotiations. GT asked for clarification on the £20,000 funds earmarked for improvements to the gateways with a focus on the railway station and if this included	

	<p>other gateways as it was possible funds towards the improvements to signage may be applied for. The wording in the minutes from July 2007 was clarified as reading:- <u>20 (gateways)</u> and <u>3C (Public Transport)</u> were identified as one item with the focus on improving Dalton Railway Station. It was stressed that the funds of £20,000 were unlikely to be enough to carry out all the improvements and would be used to draw in additional funding.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Land to the rear of Leisure Centre</b>  <b>SP</b> has spoken to the Trustees of Dalton Leisure Services Ltd but had been advised that funding from them would not be possible and permission from Barrow Borough Council as the land owner would be required before negotiations for the MUGA could move forward. Following discussion it was agreed that the details discussed with the trustee would need to be in writing rather than relying on a verbal response. SP is to draft an e mail and send to ZG so that it can be followed up. Members of the Steering Group had agreed a feasibility study should be given the go ahead to further the project. It was agreed that the cost should also be ratified by members of the DDP. Following discussion it was agreed that the cost of the feasibility study of £2950 be agreed .</p>	<p><b>SP</b> <b>ZG</b></p>
6.	<p><b>Land at Dowdales School</b>  Land at Dowdales may be an alternative option if land at the Leisure Centre proves unavailable.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Public Spaces</b>  (a) Market Place – AM asked if there were any plans for improvements at Market Place. FT gave brief details on National trust plans to remove cobbles from the area during 2008.  (b) Tudor Square – GT gave verbal report on the proposed development at Tudor Square, this is now at the design phase, Capita appear happy with the plans and a public consultation is to be carried out soon.  (c) Hollygate Road – Situation regarding the closure of Hollygate Road due to a wall collapse was discussed. AG is to follow up with Highways for up to date information</p>	<p><b>AG</b></p>
8	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  (a) Mr T Bell – e mail from Mr Bell questioning the refusal by Barrow Borough Council of a grant application from the United Reformed Church. It was pointed out that advice on alternative</p>	

	<p>funding was available from Barrow CVS or CCC Neighbourhood Division, these details should be passed to the United Reformed Church for them to follow up if they wished. Members noted Mr Bells comments and agreed no further action be taken.</p> <p>(b) Traders Association Marketing Plan – FT is to redistribute to members for inclusion on the next agenda.</p>	<b>FT</b>
9.	<p><b>Finance</b> There was nothing to report at the moment.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> (a) AGM – It was agreed that the AGM be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February prior to the ordinary meeting.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Public Relations</b> It was agreed that public relations should focus on the two projects moving in Dalton, MUGA and Railway Station. SP is to word a statement and send to members of the Rural Projects Steering Group for sending out to the Evening Mail.</p>	<b>SP</b>
12	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b> AGM first &amp; Ordinary meeting to follow <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 6pm</b></p>	