

Dalton with Newton Town Council  
Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008  
In the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

The meeting commenced with a presentation to Mrs Moffat, Headteacher at Dowdales School in recognition of the outstanding achievements of the school and Also the Citizen of the Year Award 2007 to Rev Allan Mitchell.

Meeting Opened 6.55pm

**Present** Councillors W Bleasdale, J Millar, W Maddox, E Young, A Bowe, D O'Connor, S Geldart C Walmsley and N Perie.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

None

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was **resolved** that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes as a true record.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

None

4. **Police**

PCSO John McVea attended the meeting on behalf of Dalton Police. PCSO McVea reported that he had received a copy of the letter submitted by a member of the public regarding dog fouling at Littlefields. Barrow Borough Councils Environmental Health Dept and PCSO McVea had carried out an operation on the area which had unfortunately been unsuccessful. Further spot checks are being planned for the near future. Councillors were presented with a copy of a letter from Dalton Police asking Councillors to consider committing funds to two youth events planned for the Easter holidays. Following discussion it was **resolved** that £500 be offered towards the proposed events.

5. **Matters Arising**

(a) Flags The Town Clerk gave a verbal update on the flags reporting that the service would be carried out to coincide with the date the flags were usually erected for the summer season as this would prove to be the most beneficial to the Council.

6. **Reports from District Councillors**

There were no reports

7. **Correspondence**

- (a) Alan Brown – Dalton Under 10's mini rugby. Letter asking Councillors to consider committing funds to the provision of a new kit for the Dalton Mini Rugby. Following discussion it was **resolved** that sponsorship of £500 be offered on the proviso that the Town Council name be featured as sponsors on the kit.
- (b) Consultation on orders and regulations relating to the conduct of Local Authority members in England (available in Town Hall)

8. **Highways** The Town Clerk reported that a highways engineer was due to be present at this meeting to discuss highways issues, however as the same engineer had attended the Parish Liaison meeting this morning the visit to this meeting had been cancelled. Councillor Maddox reported that the Parish Liaison meeting had been very successful and proposed that a County Council Highways Engineer be invited to attend all further Parish Liaison meetings.

9. **Dalton Development Partnership** Cllr O'Connor gave a brief verbal report on the recent DDP meeting reporting that the new Rural Projects Worker had attended the meeting to report on progress so far, the Railway Station is being viewed as a gateway and improvements planned. Initial work on the MUGA is also progressing.

10. **Co-Option to Council** Three candidates had expressed an interest in being co-opted into the vacant position on the Council. Councillors were provided with copies of the letters expressing interest for information. All three candidates will be invited for interview on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

11. **Correspondence to Newspapers**  
Councillor O'Connor expressed concern that recent letters to the local Newspaper via the Letters page had not been as positive about Dalton as they could have been and proposed that the Town Council adopts a policy or procedure for promoting positive activities in the Town. On a vote of 2 for 3 against 4 abstentions this proposal was defeated.  
Cllr Maddox proposed that an official response be sent to the Evening Mail for publication. On a vote of 2 for, 3 against, 4 abstentions the proposal was defeated.  
Cllr Geldart proposed that the Town be promoted via the Council website and any responses to letters can be addressed in more broader terms there. On a vote of 8 for 1 against Cllr Geldart proposal was carried.

12. **Finance**  
(a) British Gas £48.07  
(b) Speedy Hire (barriers) 475.44  
(c) Integral (erect barriers) £91.79  
(d) United Utilities £24.84  
(e) Barrow Borough Council (Xmas Lights) £194.63. This invoice needs further details on the charges before it can be paid.  
It was resolved that the above accounts be paid.

13. **Reports**  
Councillor Bleasdale gave the Mayors Report.  
Meeting Closed 7.34pm

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date .....

H F Thomson  
Town Clerk

5 February 2008

Minutes of the Subsidiary Meeting held Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008  
in the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

It was proposed and carried that this meeting be followed by a part II

Present Councillors W Bleasdale, J Millar, W Maddox, E Young, D O'Connor  
and C Walmsley

1. Apologies S Geldart and A Bowe
2. Declarations of Interest Councillor E Young declared an interest in planning application nos B13/2008/0084 21 Kestrel Drive and B06/2008/0041 Land at Kestrel Drive. Cllr Maddox declared an interest in planning application B06/2008/0041
3. Finance
  - (a) The Winning Line £56.95
  - (b) Audit Commission £646.25
  - (c) Cumbria County Council £5.000
  - (d) Office Technology Corporation £218.89
  - (e) Tech 4 £17.63
  - (f) Siemens £318.18
  - (g) Speedyhire 115.93

It was **resolved** that the accounts be paid

Planning Applications

- B13/2008/0084** 21 Kestrel Drive, Dalton in Furness  
Creation of front and rear dormer extension and canopy to the front elevation  
The Town Council have no objections but would request building control check the adequacy of the footings of the garage area before work commences.
- B06/2008/0041** Land at Kestrel Drive, Dalton in Furness  
Erection of two houses (outline but with siting nor reserved for subsequent approval)  
The Town Council have no objections in principle but would request the planning committee conduct a site visit to assess the impact of the development on existing wildlife in the area.
- B13/2008/0074** 63 Fell Croft, Dalton in Furness, Cumbria  
Erection of a rear ground floor kitchen extension  
The Town Council have no objections
- B06/2008/0067** Crooklands Garage, Ulverston Road, Dalton  
Erection of four detached two storey houses (outline)  
The Town Council have no objections

Meeting Closed 7.26pm

Part II of the meeting held Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Co-Option

Councillors had interviewed two of the three candidates who had expressed an interest in being co-opted.

Following discussion it was **resolved** that the Council did not appoint from the current candidates and continue to re-advertise the vacancy.

Meeting Closed 7.38pm

H F Thomson  
Town Clerk

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