

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

**Present** Councillors W Bleasdale, J Millar, W Maddox, N Perie  
A Bowe and E Young

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors D O'Connor and C Walmsley

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**

Cllr Millar declared a non prejudicial interest in Planning Application  
B06/2007/1504 24-26 Ulverston Road

4. **Police**

There was no police presence at the meeting.

5. **Matters Arising**

- (a) Xmas Trees – Cllr Bleasdale reported that although one or two properties did not display the trees given to them in general the Christmas display of trees went very well.
- (b) Hollygate Road Flooding – No information to report yet.
- (c) FLAG Survey – The Town Clerk reported that Furness line Action Group had asked for responses from groups to the survey results which had been provided to Councillors at the last meeting. Cllr Maddox was tasked with providing details for a response.
- (d) Annual Report – The Town Clerk reported that the Council produced an 12 page annual report in 2007 at a cost of £1509.88 which included distribution. Following discussion it was **resolved** that the annual report be repeated in 2008.
- (e) Casual Vacancy – The Town Clerk reported that the ten electors required to call an election had not come forward and that it was now possible for the Town Council to co-opt a candidate into the vacant position. Notices advertising the vacancy had been prepared and put up at various points in the town. The closing date for expressions of interest was 28<sup>th</sup> January.
- (f) Photography Competition – The Town Clerk reported that the entries had now been judged and first place went to Mr J Hazlehurst, second place to Mr R J Brennan and third place to Mr D Beech. The issue of prize monies of £100, £75 and £25 was approved.
- (g) Citizen of the Year Award – Posters advertising this Award had now been prepared and had been posted at various locations throughout the town. Closing date for nominations is 18<sup>th</sup> January.

6. **Correspondence**  
(a) CALC Circular  
(b) Mrs C Sewell – Complaint re dog fouling Councillors noted the contents of this letter and agreed that the Town Clerk should refer the matter to Barrow Borough Council for enforcement action. A copy of the letter should also be sent to the Dalton PCSO.  
(c) FLAG Newsletter (available in Town Hall)  
(d) Hand Rail – Chapel Street The Town Clerk reported that the handrail attached to the wall on Chapel Street adjacent to the Leisure centre had been removed and damaged by vandals. Removal of the loose rail had been arranged but replacement was a Town Council responsibility. It was **resolved** that a quote be obtained for the replacement. The Town Clerk is to report back.
7. **Highways** The Town Clerk reported that a highways engineer was due to be present at this meeting to discuss highways issues, however illness had prevented attendance. An engineer will be available for the February meeting.
8. **Dalton Development Partnership** Cllr Millar gave a brief verbal report on the Dalton Development Partnership meeting. It would now be necessary to nominate a new Town Council representative for the DDP. Following discussion it was resolved that Councillor O'Connor be the new Town Council Representative. It was also necessary to nominate a new member for the Rural Projects Steering Group. Following discussion it was **resolved** that Cllr O'Connor be asked to assume this role.
9. **Town Flags** The Town Clerk had now obtained costs for the replacement of the town flags, union flags and George cross and also the service of the flagpoles. To replace 9 flags would be £1100 and to service and repair the flagpoles would be £450. Following discussion it was **resolved** that the replacement and service be given the go ahead.
10. **Standing Orders**  
Each Councillor had been provided with a copy of the amended standing orders for approval. It was **resolved** that the standing orders be adopted by the Town Council with immediate effect.
11. **Marketing Strategy**  
Each Councillor was provided with a copy of the marketing strategy prepared by Dalton Traders and Business Association. Councillors noted the contents.
12. **Events Calendar**  
Councillors and members of the public are being asked to submit details of planned events in the Town for inclusion on an events calendar and on the Cumbria Tourism website.
- 13 **Mayor Designate 2008**  
Nominations for the Chairman/Mayor for the 2008/9 year  
Cllr Maddox proposed Cllr Bleasdale Seconded by Cllr Young  
Cllr Bowe proposed Cllr O'Connor No seconder  
Cllr Perie proposed Cllr Millar No Seconder.  
On a vote of 5 for, Cllr Bleasdale was confirmed as the Mayor designate.

14. **Deputy Mayor**

Nominations for Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman for 2008/9  
Cllr Bleasdale proposed Cllr Maddox Seconded Cllr Young.  
Cllr Bowe proposed Cllr O'Connor No Seconder  
On a vote of 5 for Cllr Maddox was confirmed as the Deputy Mayor designate.  
Cllr Bleasdale reminded those present that when the election for these positions took place at the Town Meeting in May 2008, Standing Order 36(a) would be applicable.

15. **Finance**

- (a) British Gas Business (electricity) - £30.92
- (b) Integral £221.10 (Property Maintenance)
- (c) Tech 4 £35.26
- (d) Siemens £231.94
- (e) Viking Direct £65.46
- (f) Integral £213.13 (Xmas Barriers)
- (g) British Gas Business £68.34
- (h) A Reid £13.00
- (i) Barrow Borough Council £257.33 (Xmas Lights)
- (j) Urofoam £86.95
- (k) Hoover – the office cleaner had requested that a new hoover be obtained. It was agreed that a new hoover be obtained up to a maximum of £150.

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

16. **Reports**

Councillor Bleasdale gave the Mayors Report.

19. **Planning**

B06/2007/1504

24-26 Ulverston Road, Dalton in Furness  
Conversion of former garage to two terraced houses with parking  
the rear and erection of two dwellings in the rear yard area  
incorporating integral garages.  
The Town Council have no objections

Meeting Closed 7.48pm

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date .....

H F Thomson  
Town Clerk

8 January 2008

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008  
In the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

Present Councillors W Bleasdale, J Millar, E Young, A Bowe, D O'Connor, S Geldart  
Cllr Maddox arrived at 8pm

1. Apologies N Perie
2. Declarations of Interest  
There were no declarations of interest
3. Parish Liaison Meeting Agenda  
Councillors had received an e mail from Mr Tim Bell listing three items that he was requesting be submitted for the Parish Liaison meeting agenda.  
Following discussion it was **resolved** that Highways, Flooding, Rural Project Worker, Public Seating and Tourism plans be submitted as agenda items.  
Under Matters Arising an update on Review of Play Areas was requested.
4. Dowdales School  
Cllr Bleasdale reported that Dowdales outstanding achievements recognised by Ofsted recently would make it appropriate to send a letter of congratulation or some other form of recognition.  
Following discussion it was **resolved** that a letter of congratulation be sent to the school and that a shield be purchased to present to the school. The shield could be presented to an individual pupil each year for outstanding civic achievements.
5. Citizen of the Year  
Three nominations were received for the Citizen of the Year Award. Rev Allan Mitchell, Mrs Jean Edmondson and Mrs E Moffatt. Following discussion it was **resolved** that the Rev Mitchell be presented with the Citizen of the Year Award for 2007 at the next meeting of the Council on 4<sup>th</sup> February.
6. E mail Communication  
Councillors were provided with copies of six e mails sent by Mr Tim Bell regarding a grant application submitted to the Borough Councils Rural Regeneration Capital Fund by the United Reformed Church. This application had been unsuccessful and Mr Bell had made various assumptions and allegations about the role of the Town and Borough Councils officers in the application process. The Town Clerk subsequently clarified the facts, correcting Mr Bells view of the situation.  
Councillors were extremely concerned at the number of letters and e mails being received from Mr Bell about numerous issues and the amount of time The clerk had to spend dealing with them. Cllr Bowe proposed a vote of confidence in the clerk and requested that this be minuted. Following discussion it was **resolved** that CALC be contacted for guidance on what effective action was open to the Town Council to deal with this matter.

Meeting Closed 7.42pm

Planning Meeting Opened 7.43pm

7. B13/2007/1505  
27 Underwood Terrace, Dalton  
Creation of raised decking area in rear garden (retrospective)  
Applicant:- Mr A Sharp  
The Town Council have No Objections
8. Budget and Precept 2008/9  
Councillors were provided with the 2007/8 budget and up to date figures.  
Following discussion the following budget was agreed.

Description	Amount
Salaries and NI	22,500
Election Costs	1,500
Market	800
Petty Cash	600
Mayors Allowance	1,150
Post & Stat	1650
Calc Fees	600
Charter	6,000
Environmental Projects	5,000
Annual Insurance	1,500
Telephone	1,000
Working Balance	5,000
Civic Sunday	600
Xmas Illuminations	12,000
Hospitality	500
Building Costs	5,000
Youth Issues/projects	5,000
Training	450
Signage/Tourism	10,000
Annual Report	2,500
DDP Support Worker	2,600
Reserve Fund	5,000

It was **resolved** that the budget be set at £90,950.

It was **resolved** that the annual precept for the 2008/9 be set at £86,000.

Meeting Closed 8.26pm

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....

H F Thomson  
Town Clerk

24 January 2008