

Dalton with Newton Town Council
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 2nd June 2008
In the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

Present Councillors D O'Connor, W Bleasdale, J Millar,
A Bowe, C Walmsley and A Thurlow

The Chairman formally welcomed new Councillor Ann Thurlow to the Meeting.

1. **Apologies** S Geldart, E Young, Cllr Maddox will be arriving late.
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** After Amendment It was **resolved** that the minutes of the previous meeting be signed as a true record.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Walmsley declared a non prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 – Spirit of Dalton and also Planning Application No B10/2008/0552. Tudor Square
4. **POLICE** Councillor Millar reported that he had been approached by residents of Ulverston Road concerned at Traffic Speed entering and exiting the Town via Crooklands Brow. The Council had been presented with a petition about the same subject in December 2007 which had been referred to Roger Mallet (Traffic Management Officer). The Town Clerk is to check progress and report back however, a representative of Cumbria Highways had suggested that mobile speed monitors may be effective. It was **resolved** that a formal request for the mobile monitors be made.
5. **Reports from District/County Councillors**
Councillor Millar reported on the current review of play areas being carried out by the Borough Council. There was a possibility of the play area at Buttermere Drive being moved to Coronation Drive and a public consultation was currently being carried out to ascertain the public view. Cllr Millar reminded Councillors that the play area at Dalton Leisure Centre was the only area of its kind in Dalton that had not been adopted by the Borough Council and proposed that the Council request Barrow Borough Council to formally adopt and assume responsibility for the play area located on Chapel Street. Following discussion it was **resolved** that the Borough Council be approached with the request.
6. **Matters Arising**
 - (a) Anty Cross Post Office – Copy letter received from John Hutton MP regarding proposed closure of Post Office at Anty-Cross.
 - (b) Barrow Borough Council - Planning Application Change of use from Insurance office to youth centre 2 – 4 Station Road Letter from Charles Wilton informing Councillors that the planning matters had been determined and permission granted before the Town Council objection had been received. Councillors expressed surprise as no other objections had been received, this did not correspond with the views of the public which had been heard informally. There were concerns as notices on site had not been seen. It was **resolved** that the Councils concerns were forwarded to Mr Wilton at Barrow Borough Council.
 - (c) Traffic speed – Ulverston Road – This had been dealt with at agenda item 4.

- (d) Notice Board (to approve purchase and installation at Tudor Square). This matter was deferred
- (e) Town Centre Manager (T Bell – recent correspondence) The Town Clerk reported that Barrow Borough Councils Town Centre Manager had confirmed that her remit did not cover Dalton for Town Centre Management although time was allocated towards festivals etc. Councillors noted the information.
- (f) Photography Competition - Following discussion it was **resolved** that the Council repeat the successful photography competition again in 2008.
- (g) Land at Long Lane – Cllr Millar requested that the Town Council instruct a contractor to clear the land at Long Lane as in previous years. It was **resolved** that arrangements be made to have the land cleared.

7. Correspondence

- (a) CALC 'Guide to Planning' (available at the Town Hall)
- (b) Christmas Tree Festival 2008 It was **resolved** that the Council go ahead with a tree again in 2008. Theme this year is 'Turn a Page', Councillors are to submit ideas on exact book title to the next meeting.
- (c) Cumbria Highways – Area Highways Team Programme of Works. Councillors would find it helpful to know details of what highways will be working on during their time in Dalton. The Town Clerk is to follow up and report back. It was also reported that Highways Officer who attended the Parish Liaison meeting in January had promised to look into issues raised by Town Councillors and report back, however, this had not happened yet. Town Clerk is to follow up and report back to next meeting.
- (d) CALC – Training and Development Events Programme April 2008. Cllr Thurlow would like to attend a Calc training event on 12th June. It was resolved that the cost of £15 be allocated from the Training budget.
- (e) Charter Princess – A report from the Charter Princess for the 2007/8 year had been received for inclusion in Council newsletters etc. It was **resolved** that a letter of thanks for her year in office be sent.

- 8. Dalton Development Partnership The Town Clerk gave a verbal report on the recent DDP Meeting.

9. Spirit of Dalton

Councillors reported that there appeared to be a problem with the delivery of the Spirit of Dalton and many of the articles contained in it were out of date by the time it was received. Councillor Walmsley as a trustee of Dalton Community Association was asked to take the issue back to the committee and enquire if there is any action that the Council could take to help out.

10. Civic Regalia

Councillor Bleasdale expressed concern that Councillor O'Connor had decided not to wear the civic regalia during Council meetings. The wearing of the Civic Regalia gave formality to Council meetings and Cllr Bleasdale was very disappointed at the Chairmans decision not to wear it. The Town Clerk pointed out that this issue was not covered in the Standing Orders and to date the wearing of the chain to Council meetings had been personal choice, however whilst representing the Town it was expected that the chain be worn. Following discussion Cllr Bleasdale proposed that The Chairman must wear the badge of office when chairing meetings and attending functions

representing the town. Seconded by Councillor Millar. On a vote of 3 for and 3 against The Chairman used the casting vote against to defeat the proposal. Deputy Chairman Councillor Bleasdale reported that under normal circumstances the Deputy Chairman only wears the badge of office when deputising for the Chairman following discussion Cllr Bleasdale proposed that the deputy only wore the badge of office when deputising for the Chairman. On a vote of 2 for, 2 against and 2 abstentions. The chairman used the casting vote to defeat the proposal.

Councillor Maddox attended the meeting at 8pm

11. **Goldmire Quarry**

Complaints had been received from members of the public about the amount of dust which had recently been generated by works at Goldmire Quarry. Cllr Millar has spoken to Environmental Health about the matter and this is now being investigated. Cllr Millar will report back when further information is available.

12. **Marketing Committee – Discussion Document**

The document circulated to councillors for discussion was deferred until the next meeting. As part of the sponsorship and marketing, Cllr Walmsley was concerned that at the recent Medieval Market there was no mention of Town Council sponsorship, it was generally felt that once the Town Council commitment of funds reached that level, the very least that should be expected was a board stating that the event was sponsored by the Town Council. The Town Council had committed £2,500 in funding and although the event was well supported, it was difficult to see where the funds had been utilised on street entertainment. It was agreed that when the final invoice was received from the Traders Association a detailed breakdown should be requested.

13. **Twinning**

Cllr O'Connor requested that Councillors considered forming links with Savigny Le Vieux. Monks came from Savigny in 1127 to found Furness Abbey. Following a short discussion it was **resolved** that the Council write to Savigny le Vieux and establish links.

14. **Mayor Designate**

Councillor Bleasdale reported that as part of normal procedure an Agenda item was submitted automatically in January each year to elect the Mayor Designate for the following civic year. Unfortunately although a decision on the candidate had been made, the decision had not been upheld at the Town Meeting and as a result it had become a futile exercise. Cllr Bleasdale therefore felt that this should no longer automatically be submitted as an agenda item in January each year. Following a short discussion it was **resolved** that Mayor Designate no longer be an automatic agenda item.

15. **Remembrance Day**

Cllr O'Connor Suggested that as part of the 90th anniversary celebrations to commemorate WW1 that civic dignitaries from the Somme be invited to attend the remembrance day service at Dalton. Following discussion it was **resolved** that civic dignitaries from the Somme be invited to attend.

16. **Town Criers Competition**
Councillors **resolved** that the Town would host the 3rd Town Criers competition in 2009. Suggestions were put forward that the event could be held on Medieval Market Day to ensure larger attendance. The Town Clerk is to follow up with the Town Crier and report back.
17. **Dowdales School**
Councillor O'Connor referred to a recent article in the local media regarding the success of pupils from Dowdales School in the Cumbria Young Enterprise final. **Resolved** that a letter of congratulation be sent to Dowdales
18. **Medieval Market**
This matter had been dealt with at item 12.
19. **Cumbria in Bloom**
This item was deferred
20. **Projects for Dalton**
This item was deferred to the next agenda, Councillors were asked to identify specific projects for next meeting.
21. **Public Relations**
It was agreed that the Evening Mail would be asked to publicise works carried out on the cenotaphs by the Town Council.
22. **Finance**
- (a) Climbing High - £400
 - (b) Charter Cape - £20
 - (c) British Telecom - £145.95
 - (d) Viking Direct - £102.90
 - (e) British Gas (Electricity) - £73.49
 - (f) T Ward and Son Ltd - £31.90 (DDP)
 - (e) T Ward and Son Ltd - £181.23 (DDP)
 - (g) Barrow Borough Council - £1,000.00 (DDP)
 - (h) Capita Symonds - £3,466.25 (DDP)
 - (i) Petty Cash £200 (DDP)
- Resolved** that the above accounts be paid
22. **Reports**
Cllr O'Connor gave the Mayors Report.

Meeting Closed 8.32pm

Planning

Meeting Opened 8.33pm

Present Councillors D O'Connor, J Millar, A Bowe, C Walmsley and A Thurlow, W Maddox.

Apologies S Geldart, E Young and W Bleasdale

- B06/2008/0437 Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling (outline)
Crossgates Smallholdings, Broughton Road, Dalton
Applicant – Mr D Johnson, Oakland, Askam
The Town Council have no objections
- B10/2008/0566 Creation of a covered area with pitched slate roof on timber
support posts and entrance porch to rear elevation.
Golden Ball Inn, Tudor Square, Dalton
Applicant – Unicorn Brewery
The Town Council have no objections
- B10/2008/0552 Installation of a demountable tent structure for occasional use.
Tudor Square, Dalton
Applicant – Mr John Metcalfe
The Town Council have concerns at the detrimental effect a
structure of this nature would have on neighbouring properties,
both retail and residential. The close proximity to nearby
buildings is likely to cause distress at an unacceptable increase
in noise levels associated with the proposed activities. The
Town Council concur with comments submitted by Cumbria
Constabulary that a structure of this kind may have an
undesirable effect attracting groups of youths in large numbers.
In conclusion the Town Council would object to this application.
- B13/2008/0503 Erection of a two storey side extension forming ground floor
garage and extended kitchen with an extended 3rd bedroom, a
4th bedroom with balcony over.
28 Rusland Drive, Dalton
The Town Council have no objections
- 6/08/9005 Demolition of classrooms and former caretakers house; and
creation of a new staff car park.
Dowdales School, Dalton **(WITHDRAWN)**
Cumbria County Council
- 6/08/9006 Listed Building Consent for making good of the Listed Building
(Ashburner House) following demolition of annexe classroom
block.
Dowdales School, Dalton
Cumbria County Council
The Town Council have no objections
- 6/08/9007 Creation of car park (36 spaces) for staff and visitors on land
formerly occupied by school buildings.
Dowdales School, Dalton
Cumbria County Council
The Town Council have no objections

Meeting Closed 8.45pm

Minutes of the Part II Meeting
Monday 2 June 2008

E Mail Communication regarding Mayors visit to Dalton.

Cllr Millar referred to the invitation to Town Councillors to meet the Mayor of Barrow on Medieval Market day. Cllr Millar was very disappointed that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Dalton had not accepted the invitation and felt it was a very poor show by the Town Council.

Cllrs O'Connor, Maddox and Walmsley reported that they had not read the e mail as an invitation but as information only. Councillor O'Connor reported that he had spoken to and clarified the situation with the Mayor of Barrow prior to the event.

Meeting Closed 8.50pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date.....

H F Thomson
Town Clerk

26 June 2008

Minutes of the Subsidiary meeting held Monday 16th June 2008
In the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

Present Councillors D O'Connor, W Maddox, W Bleasdale, J Millar, E Young, A Thurlow, A Bowe and S Geldart

1. Apologies Cllr Walmsley
2. Declarations of Interest
Councillors Geldart and Millar declared a non-prejudicial interest in Planning Application No B06/2008/0504
Cllr Bowe declared a non prejudicial interest in Planning Application Nos B22/2008/0707, B22/2008/0708, B22/2008/0709, B22/2008/0710, B22/2008/0711.
3. Dalton in Bloom
The Town Clerk reported that judging for Cumbria in Bloom 2008 would take place on 10th July at 2pm. Councillors were asked to submit suggestions for a route taking in the best features of the Town. Cllr Young suggested that something could be done with the land outside the bookmakers on Tudor Square which was quite unkempt. Cllr Young agreed to head this project. The Town Clerk reported that as part of the station improvements Network Rail had agreed to install a small garden area, two volunteers had also agreed to plant and maintain the area but funds would be required. Following discussion it was resolved that the Council would allocate funds for maintenance in future years to a maximum of £250.
The land at Long Lane was also discussed, the Town Council have instructed contractors to clear this land twice although it is not in the Town Councils ownership. The Borough Council had informed the Town Clerk that the retaining wall was in danger of collapse and because they didn't own the land they would not assume responsibility for it. Following discussion it was **resolved** that the Town Clerk arrange for the wall to be surveyed with a view to adopting this piece of land.
4. Football Fun Week
Cllr Maddox had received a request from the Lancashire Football Association for funding of £740 to run a football fun week for twenty children in Dalton. Councillors had concerns that this would be duplicating a similar event already planned by the local police. Cllr Bleasdale requested that an exact breakdown of individual amounts contained in the total be provided before funding was provided. It was **resolved** that funding of £740 be committed to the project subject to the Chairman receiving a detailed breakdown of costs.
It was **resolved** that the Council write to other local sports groups asking about forthcoming events that the Council may be able to sponsor.
5. Cenotaphs
The Town Clerk had now receive the invoice for the works carried out at the cenotaphs with a note asking for a site visit to be carried out before payment was made. Councillors Millar and Maddox had inspected the site and were happy with the work. It was **resolved** that payment of £735 be made. It was also **resolved** that a letter of thanks be sent to the local contractor.

Planning

- B13/2008/0555 58 Boulton Row, Newton Crossroad, Newton in Furness
Replacement of front porch with a conservatory
Applicant Mr F Stiehl
No Objections
- B13/2008/0586 19 Buttermere Drive, Dalton in Furness
Erection of a two storey side extension forming ground floor dining room with bedroom/bathroom over and erection of a rear conservatory.
Applicant Mr D Clinton
No Objections
- B06/2008/0504 Land adj to 12 Underwood Terrace, Dalton in Furness
Approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, layout and scale) for the erection of a detached dormer bungalow and replacement of a 225mm culvert with a 900mm culvert.
Applicant Mr C Higham
The Council have no objections in principal but have concerns that the effect of additional dwellings would exacerbate existing flooding problems.
- B10/2008/0684 Land at Barrow House Farm, Woodbine, Newton in Furness
Agricultural building for storage of implements, and occasional livestock housing.
Applicants Mr K Armistead & Ms H Kellett
No Objections
- B06/2008/0674 19 Crooklands Brow, Ulverston Road, Dalton in Furness
Extension and conversion of the existing house to form two dwellings.
Applicant Mrs N Gerrad
No Objections
- B22/2008/0707 Unit 1 Eliscale Farm, Askam Road, Dalton in Furness
Submission of details as required by Condition No. 11 (landscaping) and No. 17 (window details) of planning permission 2007/1418
Applicant Mr G Hale
No Objections
- B22/2008/0708 Unit 2 Eliscale Farm, Askam Road, Dalton in Furness
Submission of details to comply with Condition No. 10 (window details) of Listed Building Consent 2007/1421 and Condition No. 17 (window details) and Condition No. 10 (landscaping) of planning permission 2007/1420.
Applicant Mr M Morrison
No Objections

- B22/2008/0709 Unit 3 Eliscale Farm, Askam Road, Dalton in Furness
Submission of details to comply with Condition No. 15 (window details) of planning permission 2007/1422 and Condition No. 10 (window details) of Listed Building Consent 2007/1423.
Applicant Mr M Batty
No Objections
- B22/2008/0710 Unit 4 Eliscale Farm, Askam Road, Dalton in Furness
Submission of details to comply with Condition No. 15 (window design) and No. 10 (landscaping) of planning permission 2007/1424 and Condition No. 8 (landscaping) and Condition No. 11 (window detail) of Listed Building Consent 2007/1425
Applicant Mr P Burton
No Objections
- B22/2008/0711 Unit 5 Eliscale Farm, Askam Road, Dalton in Furness
Submission of details to comply with Condition No. 7 (window detail) of listed building consent 2007/1427 and Condition No. 10 (landscaping) and Condition No. 17 (window details) of Planning Permission 2007/1426
Applicant Mr A Cassley
No Objections

Meeting Closed 7.54pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date.....

H F Thomson
Town Clerk

1 July 2008