

Dalton with Newton Town Council  
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
In the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

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

1. **Apologies** Cllrs W Bleasdale, N Perie, B Doughty and A Thurlow
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** It was **resolved** that the minutes of the previous meeting be signed as a true record after one amendment.
3. **Declarations of Interest**  
There were no declarations of interest.
4. **POLICE**  
Sergeant McIntosh attended the meeting representing Dalton Policing Team. Crime Figures were reported as follows:- Figures from April 2010 to May 2010 shows recorded crime as 62, in the same period in 2011 figures show a drop to 43 recorded crimes. In May 2011 there were 23 crimes, 6 violent crimes, 1 vehicle crime, 2 burglaries, 10 acts of criminal damage, 1 drug offence and 30 anti-social behaviour. This shows the trend is still down as a comparison to the same period last year.  
Councillors had no issues for the police.
5. **Reports from District/County Councillors**  
There were no reports
6. **Matters Arising**
  - (a) – Historic Fair. Councillors were given a brief verbal report on the recent Historic Fair held on Market Place. Cllr Millar suggested that the Council undertake an event for 2012, this should be reviewed by a committee, this could also possibly be tied in with other events being proposed for the town. This will be submitted for the next agenda.
  - (b) - New Photocopier The Town Clerk reported that the contract for a new photocopier had been negotiated and delivery was expected shortly.
  - (c) Town Hall Revised Opening Hours The Town Clerk reported that once the building work was completed the staff had agreed to reorganise their working week so that the office would now include opening on a Monday. Revised opening hours would be Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm.
  - (d) Co-Option to Council – Interviews of the four candidates had now taken place and the two successful candidates, Zoe Guest and Daniel Greaves would be invited to the July subsidiary meeting to assume their new positions.
7. **Correspondence**
  - (a) George Romney School – Letter from George Romney School requesting funding towards a football course for Dalton Girls and Ladies. Councillors agreed funding of £100.
  - (b) Jessica Merrell – Letter of thanks to Councillors from the Charter Princess attendant.

- (c) Festival Association – Letter from the Festival Association thanking the Town Council for their sponsorship of the recent flower festival.
- (d) Drop Zone – Letter from the Drop Zone Project asking councillors to consider funding a one week youth project to be held in the Drill Hall during the school holidays. Following discussion Councillors agreed to fund the one week project at a cost of £2010.
8. **Funding and Partnership with BAE Systems**  
There was no report to make at the current time.
9. **Highways Issues** – Councillors were provided with a verbal report of highways issues recorded. Cllr Maddox informed Councillors of a highways issue on Dale Tce, a private road. It had been requested that the Town Council arrange a public meeting for residents who would be affected by erection of a barrier to prevent vehicular access. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Council did not become involved in the matter as it could not be seen to assume responsibility.
10. **Diamond Jubilee** This item was deferred to the next meeting.
11. **Town Criers Competition** This item was deferred.
12. **Joint Rural Projects Committee** There was no report as there had been no meeting of the Rural Projects Group.
13. **Dalton in Bloom** Cllr Thurlow and Cllr Doughty will be carrying out the Dalton in Bloom judging, there had been a number of entrants and a route had now been drawn up. It was reported that the brick pavements in the sensory garden had deteriorated even further and now needed attention. It was agreed that a quote be obtained for resurfacing of the area for councillors to consider. It was reported that a portable water carrier would be beneficial to the group responsible for watering the floral displays, after discussion it was **resolved** that a water carrier be obtained at a cost of £130.
14. **Public Relations** It was agreed that the public relations for July would focus on the Fairtrade visit and the new doors at the Town Hall.
15. **Finance**  
 (a) Office Technology - £288.00  
 (b) K & E Catering £258.00 (Civic Sunday)  
 (c) K & E Catering £107.50 (Fairtrade Reception)  
 (d) Boomdang £100.00  
 (e) FTS Fire & Security £106.44  
 It was **resolved** that the above account be paid.
16. **Reports** Cllr Young gave a verbal report on the Tidy Town Group reporting that The railway flower bed at the railway station had now been planted up, the water butt repaired and vandal proof paint was being considered to help with the vandalism of guttering etc.

Cllr Bowe reported that limestone was being removed from nearby Elliscales Quarry, as removal was restricted due to the area being a SSI it was agreed that Natural England be contacted.

Meeting Closed 8.34pm

**Planning**

B21/2011/0416      37 Union Street, Dalton in Furness  
Creation of a dormer extension to the front elevation  
Applicant Mr & Mrs M Walsh  
The Town Council have no objections

B22/2011/0408      4-5 Crooklands Industrial Estate, Ulverston Road, Dalton  
Advertisement Consent to display 1 No fascia and logo to front  
elevation  
The Town Council have no objections

Notice of Appeal under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990  
Rear of St Kilda, Kestrel Drive, Dalton in Furness.

Signed.....  
(Chairman)

Date.....

H F Thomson  
Town Clerk

16 August 2011

Minutes of the Subsidiary meeting held Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
In the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness, Cumbria at 7pm

**Present** Councillors J Millar, B Doughty, A Thurlow, E Young, and A Bowe.

1. **Apologies** Councillors W Bleasdale, W Maddox, and N Perie

Zoe Guest and Daniel Greaves attended the meeting, to sign the acceptance of office and assume office.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Thurlow declared an interest in planning matters as a member of the Borough Council planning committee a conflict of interest arose.

Cllr Doughty and Cllr Thurlow declared an interest in any Barrow Borough Council matters as members of that authority a conflict of interest arose.

3. **Parish Lengthsman** Councillors were handed a written report on the possibility of employing a parish lengthsman or handyman. Following discussion it was **resolved** that the Town Council proceed and employ a parish handyman, who must have their own transport and public liability insurance.

It was further resolved that the vacancy be advertised by poster and on the town council website.

4. **Public Toilets** Councillor Doughty gave a verbal report on the Borough Council proposal to close public toilets at Dalton Cemetery as it would cost a considerable amount of money to bring the toilets up to an acceptable standard. Councillor Millar expressed concern that the Borough Council had allowed the facilities to lapse into disrepair by failing to maintain them over a considerable period of time. Cllr Doughty reported that the closure was a cost saving measure and monitoring had been carried out which showed that the toilets were hardly used. It had been reported in the local paper that the Chief Executive of Barrow Borough Council would be writing to Parish Councils to offer them the opportunity to take over the facilities, however this had not yet been received. Following discussion it was **resolved** that a letter declining the offer be sent to the Borough Council.

5. **Jubilee Events**

It was agreed that a sub committee be formed to consider proposals for the jubilee events in 2012. Sub Committee members will be Cllr Greaves, Cllr Guest, Cllr Thurlow and Cllr Doughty, the committee will meet and report back to council with details of proposals.

The proposal to install a seating area at Coronation Drive was still being considered, approval in principal from the housing had been received and an artists impression had been produced. A quote for the construction of a hard standing area suitable for a seat and trees was still being awaited. The artists invoice had now been received and it was **resolved** that the invoice of £110 be paid.

6.  
B21/2011/0444

**Planning**

2 Brent Avenue, Dalton in Furness

Creation of a front and rear dormer extension to provide additional bedrooms in roofspace. Front porch and conservatory to side elevation.

Applicant Mr M Ryan

The Town Council have no objections in principle but would request that the planning committee take into account the impact on the visual aspect to the neighbouring properties and general area.

H F Thomson  
Town Clerk

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