

Dalton with Newton Town Council
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 1st June 2009
In the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

Present Councillors E Young, W Bleasdale, B Doughty, W Maddox,
M McLeavy, J Millar, D O'Connor, A Thurlow, C Walmsley

Meeting Commenced 7.00pm

1. **Apologies** Councillor A Bowe
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** It was **resolved** that the minutes of the previous meeting be signed as a true record.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Bleasdale declared an interest in all planning applications as a member of the Borough Council planning committee a conflict of interest therefore arose. Cllr Millar declared an interest in all planning applications as a substitute member of the Borough Council planning committee a conflict of interest therefore arose.
4. **POLICE**
Sergeant John McIntosh attended on behalf of the Police reporting that there had been problems with residents of Nelson Street parking on double yellow lines. A letter had been sent to residents.

Councillor Millar raised the issue of drinking on Market Street and asked when the bylaw would be enforced. There was no further update and it was agreed to write as council to the Borough regarding the matter.

Councillors were presented with a letter from PC Karen Harris and PCSO John McVea asking Councillors to consider committing funds to two youth events planned for the summer holidays. 1 week Multi sports at DASH at a cost of £600 and 1 week Inside Out Soccer at Dowdales at a cost of £1000. After discussion it was **resolved** that funding of £1600 be approved.
5. **Reports from District/County Councillors**
There were no reports.
6. **Matters Arising**
 - (a) Mr M Kewell – Dalton Railway Station – Councillors were provided with copies of Mr Kewells letter to John Hutton. The letter was noted and supported.
 - (b) Nuclear Power Stations – Dalton Response – Councillors were provided with a copy of both the Dalton response and Millom response to the proposed nuclear site at Kirksanton on which we were not informed. Councillor Millar had spoken to Phil Huck about this and Barrow Borough Council had not been informed either. A letter was

sent asking why. Councillor O'Connor commended Councillor McLeavy on his response.

7. Correspondence

- (a) Barrow Borough Council – Notice of Publication of Proposed submission Barrow Port Area Action Plan – document noted.
- (b) Overhead Wires Project Newsletter
- (c) Friends of the Lake District Annual Report 2008
- (d) Dalton Carnival Committee – Carnival Brochure – A proof of the brochure had not been received at time of meeting. The Town Clerk in her absence had sent a report via email explaining that cost of the programme is £180 more than the Carnival Committee can raise through advertising this year and have asked if the Council could make a grant to cover the shortfall. Following discussion it was resolved that the £180 be provided.
- (e) Cumbria Constabulary – Request for funding – **approved**
- (f) Councillor O'Connor raised one more item of correspondence from Savigny le Vieux, France wanting to establish links between our two towns. It was agreed that Councillor O'Connor respond. (Agenda next meeting).

8. Funding and Partnership with BAE

Councillor McLeavy reported that the first aiders who attended the Medieval Market enjoyed the day and had been well looked after by the council. It was agreed a letter of thanks be sent. Councillor McLeavy also confirmed the first aiders have been booked for the Christmas Switch on.

Councillor McLeavy reported that all funding by BAE is currently on hold but thinks the council should still go ahead with the George Romney pennies.

With a large budget for training the workforce, Councillor McLeavy has been looking into the possibility to plan, cost, model iron ore mining buckets to replace the planters in the town, produced from scrap steel with town crest. Production plans etc to go towards degree courses. No promises at the moment but something to consider. Councillor Millar stated that County Council should be involved from a Health and Safety aspect. After discussion councillors agreed to support the idea.

Councillor McLeavy reported that production of the 2010 calendar is well underway.

9. **Charter Celebrations 2009**

The Charter committee gave reports on the Medieval Market and Charter events.

Councillor Young reported that the event was well attended and the weather could not have been better. The programme of events went mostly to plan although Dowdales School were late and Chapel Street and George Romney did not attend. Also the winning pub did not send anyone to pick up the trophy.

The Dalton Past exhibition, the stall and the coffee/tea in the school room had a steady flow of visitors and made a small profit. Need to pay £20 to cover the cost of the Hall. There were a lot of provisions left so the coffee morning booked for 4th July should make additional profit. Councillor Young asked for helpers for that date.

The Town Crier Competition was a success and the criers themselves have been very complimentary about the arrangements with one exception! The presentation evening went very well although not as well attended as expected. All members of the Charter Committee went about their allotted tasks and Councillor Young thanked them for helping to make her first event so special. It was agreed the town criers be sent letters of thanks.

Councillor Young reported that there had been some problems regarding the road closure. Traders were setting up stalls before 9am and there was a problem with traffic getting through with a bus hitting one of the stalls, damaging a wing mirror and two people were injured. Next year it is proposed to have the closure from 8am to 6pm.

It was suggested that the Town Crier Competition be held annually or bi-annually. After discussion it was agreed this be put on the agenda at a later date.

Councillor O'Connor felt the street entertainment at the Medieval Market was poor and that the amount spent on entertainment by Traders should be questioned. Councillor O'Connor suggested that the market be held at the castle end of town next year which would cause less disruption to bus routes etc.

10. **Dalton Development Partnership**

Councillor Thurlow gave a verbal report on the last DDP meeting. Projects had been discussed for the new project worker. It had been agreed that the MUGA be put at the front of the Leisure Centre, however, there had been no progress because of issue of responsibility of the wall at Fair View. Town Council to have input as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Millar pointed out that at the liaison meeting it was proposed to do away with DDP. Councillor O'Connor suggested contacting Phil Huck at Barrow Borough Council regarding the matter.

11. **Equality and Human Rights Commission**

After discussion it was agreed the Town Clerk contact Barrow Borough Council for guidance on this matter.

12. **Dalton in Bloom**

Braille plaques – Councillor Doughty questioned the amount of plaques needed. It was suggested having 1 sign per bed. Plaques were deferred until this could be looked into. It was agreed to add the allotments to the list of entries for Dalton in Bloom.

Councillors Bleasdale and Doughty were excused from the meeting at 8.30pm

13. **Highways Steward**

Councillor Maddox reported that the Highways Steward would be in Dalton this week and asked if anyone had any issues to submit. Councillor Millar reported that the wall in the Sensory Garden was breaking up.

14. **Public Relations**

It was agreed that public relations this month would focus on Dalton in Bloom and establishing links with Savigny le Vieux, France.

15. **Finance**

Councillor Young declared an interest in Mayors Allowance.

(a)	Mrs A Geldart – Charter Dresses	£220.00
(b)	OTC – Photocopier	£115.15
(c)	K&E Catering (Charter Lunch)	£197.50
(d)	Refreshments (Charter Lunch)	£100.00
(e)	Viking Direct	£158.59
(f)	RC Design (Ceramics) Ltd	£222.00
(g)	Abbey House Hotel (Charter)	£575.40
(h)	Parr Pottery (Charter)	£160.70
(i)	British Telecom	£160.70
(j)	Mayors Allowance	£1150.00
(k)	A Reid (window cleaner)	£13.00
(l)	Infield Guest House (town criers)	£590.00

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

12. **Mayors Report**

Councillor Young gave brief report on recent activities.

Councillor Young will be joining Dalton Town Band on a fundraising tour of the Netherlands during week commencing 27th July.

Meeting Closed 8.42pm

Councillor Millar left the meeting at 8.42pm

Planning

- B18/2009/0551 Hare Ghyll Cottage, Dalton
Creation of equestrian exercise area
Applicant Mrs J Stitt
The Town Council have no objections
- B21/2009/0523 4 Elliscales Farm, Askam Road, Dalton
Proposed store, sunroom and shed
Applicant Mr P Burton
The Town Council have no objections
- B13/2009/0339 49 Market Street, Dalton
Conversion of barn to form a three bedroomed dwelling and
creation of new vehicular access
Applicant Mr D Law
The Town Council have no objections in principle but would
suggest a site visit by planning committee.
- B18/2009/0722 Land to the west side of A595 of Askam Road, Dalton
Removal of existing structures and replace with on steel framed
building for agricultural storage and lambing
Applicant Mr M Gundry
The Town Council have no objections

Meeting Closed 8.47pm

H F Thomson
Town Clerk

2nd June 2009