

Dalton with Newton Town Council
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 16th May 2011
In the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

Present Councillors J Millar, E Young, A Bowe and N Perie

Meeting commenced 7.25pm

1. **Apologies** Cllr A Thurlow, B Doughty and W Maddox
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**
There were no Declarations of Interest.
4. **POLICE**
PCSO Michelle Jones attended the meeting but reported that the crime figures had not yet been updated. Cllr Bowe asked for clarification on the annual crime figures that had been reported by Sgt McIntosh at the Annual Town Meeting. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would seek clarification from Sgt McIntosh and report back to councillors.
5. **Reports from District/County Councillors**
There were no reports from Borough Councillors.
6. **Matters Arising**
 - (a) Annual Report – The Town Clerk reported that the Annual Report had now been printed and was due for distribution on May 12th.
 - (b) Town Council Election – The Town Clerk reported that following the election there were two vacancies on the council which could now be filled by co-option. Posters had been prepared and two adverts had been placed in the Annual Report with a closing date of 20th June.
 - (c) Town Hall Doors – Two tenders had been received by the Architect and were provided to councillors for consideration. Following discussion it was **resolved** that the tender from Britannia Construction be accepted. The Town Clerk is to inform the architect that work can now proceed.
7. **Correspondence**
 - (a) CALC May Circular
 - (b) Friends of the Lake District Annual Review
 - (c) CALC Broadband Bulletin
 - (d) Cumbria County Council – Ideas for the future of Cumbria’s libraries
 - (e) NFU 2010 Annual ReviewCouncillors noted items of correspondence
8. **Funding and Partnership with BAE Systems**
No further information about the proposed new planters was available at the current time

9. **Highways Issues** Councillors expressed serious concern at the number of vehicles parking on the highway and verges at Crooklands Brow, in addition to visitors to the nearby garden centre the owner of the scrap yard was parking vehicles on the highway and gateway features. This issue had been raised previously but the Highways Department had not responded to the letter from the Town Council. Following discussion it was resolved that a letter be sent to the new County Council Area Engineer requesting double yellow lines to be placed on Crooklands Brow and the Gateway feature.

Winter Maintenance In preparation for winter maintenance it was suggested that possible locations for salt made available to Parish Councils by the County Council be looked at now, Cllr Perie is to visit the Newton pub to speak to the landlord about the possibility of using their car park as a location for salt.

Litter Bins and Street Cleaning Councillors reported that the standard of street cleaning appeared to be getting worse. JM requested that the Borough Councillors representing Dalton each made strong representation about the standards. It was reported that there was no litter bin for public use between the Castle and Elliscales gateway and Mill Brow and Weint Corner. The Town Clerk is to request the Borough Council to place litter bins somewhere within the specified locations.

10. **Tenders 2011**

The Town Clerk reported that two tenders had been received for the redecoration of the Council chamber. Both tenders were within £18 of each other. Following discussion it was **resolved** that the tender from Wardgroup be accepted.

11. **Community Magazine** Cllr Millar suggested that the Town Council could re-introduce the production of a quarterly community magazine. The Council had produced a quarterly newsletter in the past but there had not been one for some time. Dalton did have a quarterly community magazine for a number of years but this had stopped due to lack of funding. It was agreed that the public be asked if they would like a magazine produced by the Town Council reintroduced.

12. **Joint Rural Projects Committee Meeting**

There was no report as there had been no meeting of the Committee.

13. **Finance**

- (a) SITA – For information only
- (b) A Reid - £13.00
- (c) YELL - £103.20
- (d) OCT - £150
- (e) Charter Dresses - £153.95
- (f) Litter Pickers - £134.70
- (g) United Utilities - £249.30 & £19.69
- (h) Barrow BC - £76.40
- (i) Siemens - £217.26

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

14. **Reports** There were no reports

15. **Planning**

B13/2011/0291 Railway Hotel, Station Road, Dalton in Furness
Conversion of public house to 3 dwellings and the erection of 2
dwellings following demolition of two storey wing.
Applicant Maureen Clark
The Town Council have no objections

B21/2011/0313 17 High Bank, Dalton in Furness
Erection of a sun lounge in place of existing conservatory
Applicant Mrs E Postlethwaite
The Town Council have no objections

B21/2011/0276 7 Juniper Close, Dalton in Furness
Erection of a conservatory to the rear elevation
Applicant Mrs R Gibson
The Town Council have no Objections

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....

H F Thomson
Town Clerk

10 May 2011

