

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

Present Councillors E Young, M McLeavy, W Maddox, B Doughty, A Bowe, A Thurlow, and J Millar.

Meeting Opened 7.03pm

Cllr McLeavy chaired the meeting as Councillor Young would be arriving late.

1. **Apologies** Councillors D O'Connor and W Bleasdale
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 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 Flett attended on behalf of Dalton Police and received reports from Cllr Doughty on speeding vehicles through Market Street and out towards Barrow. There was also a problem with vehicles heading up Cemetery Hill at speed and as the footpath was narrow at this point Councillor Doughty had approached the County Council and requested that the footpath be considered for widening. Sgt Flett is to request the Traffic Management Officer to conduct a survey and report back.
5. **Reports from District/County Councillors**
There were no reports
6. **Matters Arising**
 - (a) **BAE Calendar 2010** Councillors were provided with a sample of the two formats possible for the Calendar. After consideration the format was agreed and the go ahead for the printing of 500 calendars at a cost of £1066 plus vat. Cllr McLeavy is to progress with BAE.
 - (b) **Cumbria in Bloom Awards** - Cllr McLeavy gave details of the Cumbria in Bloom Awards Ceremony held at Graythwaite Manor reporting that Dalton had done very well. Awards received were as follows:-
Glaxosmithkline Trophy for the Best Town - Dalton was joint winner with Windermere
Provincial Insurance Trophy - Churchyards Category Winner was St Marys Church, Dalton
Lakeland Limited Trophy for the best in Commercial Premises Category - Runner up Clarence House Hotel Dalton.
The Doreen Parsons Young Persons Trophy for best project/effort by youngsters - Joint runner up Dowdales School Memorial Garden.
In addition Dowdales School Memorial Garden received an RHS Britain in Bloom merit certificate in the neighbourhood Award as did the Town Councils Sensory Garden.

Judges comments were:- *Both judges had judged Dalton a few years ago and were delighted at the transformation which had taken place.*

We were given an excellent guided tour and shown splendid examples of a range of projects.

It was a real pleasure to see what had been achieved by Dowdales School and to talk to the pupils who were truly inspired.

Other areas which impressed us were St Marys Church (a superb mixture of permanent planting, wildlife area etc) the allotments, the sensory gardens, some residential gardens and Wellington Street Back.

The planters throughout the Town were of a high standard.

The grounds around Clarence House Hotel have been attractively landscaped and planted with a good range of well maintained plantings.

Dalton was clean, tidy and looked very attractive

- c. Bus Passes – Cllr Bowe was concerned at bus passes which were issued to young people travelling to further education establishments. There appeared to be a number who were not entitled to passes although they boarded buses at the same stop as those who did have passes. As entitlement to a pass related to the home address and distance from the college attended it was a County Council matter.
- d. Goldmire Quarry Blasting - Cllr Bowe reported that there had recently been a very loud explosion which had caused some concern to recent residents of Market Place and the surrounding area, some properties had experienced some vibration damage. After enquiries it had been ascertained that the noise had been the result of blasting at Goldmire Quarry. Arrangements for the damage to be rectified had been agreed. Cllr Bowe was concerned as there had been no blasting at the quarry for some time and residents had not been informed that it was to resume. Had notification been issued to residents it would have reduced the concern. Following discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to the County Council as the licensing authority suggesting that local residents be informed of future blasting dates.
- e. Highways Drains – At the last meeting Cllr Bowe reported that sewers were backing up on Market Street properties and that premises on Market Street and Market Place were being affected. The Town Clerk had reported the matter to United Utilities and they had been in contact with Councillor Bowe however it did not appear that there was any action to be taken. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to United Utilities to clarify the situation and ask for a reply urgently.

7. **Correspondence**
- (a) SLDC – Local Development Framework Core Strategy (available in Town Hall)
 - (b) CALC Circular – September 2009
 - (c) CALC Training Prospectus Sept 2009 – March 2010 Councillors were reminded that there was a training budget and courses could be booked via the Town Clerk. Calc could also arrange on site training on specific issues, the costs of these training days could be shared with other local councils if places were made available to them.
8. **Funding & Partnership with BAE**
Cllr McLeavy gave a brief verbal report on the projects currently being reviewed. Plans for the proposed planters were progressing and a sample would be brought to the October meeting for Councillors to view. There was no further progress to report on the pennies or the Drill Hall.
9. **Mayoresses Black Combe Challenge** Cllr Thurlow reported that the funding bid for the transport costs which had been submitted to Cumbria Community Foundation had been successful and plans were progressing. The Scouts had now completed the risk assessments needed and Cllr Thurlow and Cllr Doughty had completed the walk to check the route and assess the time required to complete. Bags with Kendal mint cake, bottled water and possibly other small items would be provided to the young people taking part. The final decision to cancel in the event of inclement weather will be down to Cllr Thurlow and Cllr Doughty.
10. **Councillors Surgeries** Cllr McLeavy and Cllr Millar gave a brief verbal report on the surgery which was held on Saturday 5th September. Three members of the public had attended. It was agreed that surgeries would be held every month for Town Councillors and Borough and County Councillors would be invited to attend every two months.
11. **Xmas Illuminations** The Town Clerk reported that Cllr Bowe had priced for the replacement of 60 sets of small tree lights and had a price of £22.96 per set. This would make a total of 1377.60 to replace all the lights. After consideration it was **resolved** that Cllr Bowe obtain the lights as per the quote. The Town Clerk had obtained a quote for the new lights required for illuminating Market Place cost of 200 metres of 'pea' lights and a transformer would be in the region of £750. Cllr Bowe is also to obtain a quote to check if a better price is available. Councillors agreed that if a price of £750 could be improved that Councillor Bowe be given the authority to go ahead and order the lights. The Town Clerk has requested a quote for the Christmas trees which should be available for the next meeting.
12. **Town Criers Competition** Cllr Maddox asked Councillors to consider agreeing to host a Town Criers Competition bi-annually. If this could be agreed it could be included on the Town Criers website and advertised in advance. The Town Clerk is to produce final figures of the costs of the competition held in 2009 for consideration at the subsidiary meeting before a decision can be made.

13. **Town Hall Heating System** The Town Clerk reported that she had contacted a local firm who could provide an annual maintenance contract and service of the boiler but the building needed surveying first. This was hopefully due in the coming week. Following discussion it was agreed that costs be obtained for replacing the boiler completely for comparison before a maintenance contract be taken out.

14. **Public Relations** It was agreed that Cumbria/Dalton in Bloom, the Mayoresses Black Combe Challenge and the Council Surgeries be the issues for public relations this month.

15. **Finance**

(a)	British Telecom	£141.40
(b)	IJT (Inkjets)	£154.04
(c)	Viking Direct	£194.23
(d)	Chris Brammall Ltd	£8625.00 (DDP)
(e)	E Young (Reimbursement)	£59.99
(f)	B Anderson	£30.00
(g)	T Ward & Son	£46.15

It was **resolved** that the above accounts be approved for payment.

16. **Reports**

Cllr Young presented the Mayors Report

Saturday 22nd August am – Coffee morning at the United Reformed Church in aid of the Oncology Unit at FGH. pm -The Dalton-in-Furness horticultural show in the Drill Hall.

Tuesday 25th August- Trader's Meeting at the Crown Court House

Thursday 3rd September- Cumbria in Bloom Presentations at Graythwaite Manor Hotel, Grange over Sands.

Saturday 5th September- Girlguiding UK, 100th Anniversary Birthday party at the Westmorland Show Ground, Kendal.

Meeting Closed 8.42pm

Planning

Meeting Opened 8.43 pm

Present Councillors E Young, M McLeavy, W Maddox, B Doughty, A Bowe, A Thurlow and J Millar

Apologies Councillors D O'Connor and W Bleasdale

- B21/2009/1358 34 Cleater Street, Dalton in Furness
Erection of a two storey rear extension
Applicant Mr E Hurst
The Town Council have No Objections
- B21/2009/1357 83 Stainton Drive, Dalton in Furness
Erection of a two storey side extension forming ground floor
kitchen, garden tool store, toilet and lounge with bedroom and
bathroom over
Applicant Mr R Robb
The Town Council have No Objections
- B27/2009/1395 Barrow House Farm, Woodbine, Newton in Furness
Application for determination as to whether prior approval of
planning authority is required for siting, design and external
appearance of a vehicle storage shed.
Applicant Mr S Watson
The Town Council have No Objections
- B18/20098/1308 Land at Barrow House Farm, Woodbine, Newton in Furness
Permanent retention of existing mobile field shelters for livestock
housing and erection of an agricultural building for storage of
implements and hay (resubmission of 2008/0684 in a revised
form)
Applicant Mr K Armistead
The Town Council would suggest that the Planning committee
conduct a site visit to ascertain the visual impact in a rural
location such as this.
- B22/2009/1514 84 Market Street, Dalton in Furness
Advertisement consent to display 1 no illuminated fascia sign
and 1 no projecting sign.
Applicant Furness Building Society
The Town Council have No Objections
- B28/2009/1469 Barn at North Stank Farm, Newton Cross Road, Newton
Submission of details to comply with condition no 11 (stage one
desk top study report) of planning permission 2009/0042
Applicant Mr P Priestley
The Town Council have No Objections

Meeting Closed 8.56pm

Signed
(Chairman)

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