

Dalton with Newton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 6th January 2025
in the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furnes at 7pm

Present Cllrs N McDougall, A Thurlow, W Maddox, B Solari, D Pearson, B Parrington, N Perie and M Dobson

The Meeting opened at 6.55pm

C1/01/2025 **Apologies for Absence** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Fox and D Miller

C2/01/2025 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** The Chairman was **authorized** to sign the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2nd December 2024 and the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 18th December 2024.

C3/01/2025 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Perie declared an interest in any matters relating to Dalton Community Association.

C4/01/2025 **Reports from Westmorland and Furness Councillors** Apologies had been received from Councillor Tony Calister but a written report had been submitted which the Clerk read to Councillors.

C5/01/2025 **Police** There was no police presence at the meeting.

C6/01/2025 **Matters Arising**

- (a) Community Orchard – There had been no significant movement on the orchard to report.
- (b) Frequency of Town Council Meetings 2025 – A reminder that it had been agreed that the Council would move to meetings every two months and the next full council meeting would be March 2025.
- (c) Allotments- There had been no movement on the transfer of the allotments to report.
- (d) CILCA Qualification – The Assistant Clerk reported that she had now finished the Cilca course and had passed. The Assistant Clerk was congratulated by Councillors.

C7/01/2025 **Correspondence** There was no correspondence to note at this meeting.

C8/01/2025 **Terms of Reference for Adoption**

Each Councillor had received a copy of the proposed Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee prior to the meeting for consideration. The Finance Committee had reviewed the ToR's at their meeting on the 18th December 2024. It was proposed by Cllr Pearson and seconded by Cllr Thurlow that the Terms of Reference be approved and adopted. On a vote of all in favour it was **resolved** that the terms of reference be adopted.

C9/01/2025 Christmas 2025

Comments from councillors on the switch organised by an outside body in 2024 were received which were all positive, this will be passed on to the organization at the de-brief meeting which is to be organized.

Arrangements for 2025 Switch On Event – Following discussion It was proposed by Cllr Perie and Seconded by Cllr Dobson that BarrowBID be invited to organize the event again in 2025. On a vote of all in favour it was **resolved** to invite BarrowBID to arrange the 2025 Christmas Switch on event.

C10/01/2025 Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elect 2025/26

Mayor Elect 2025 It was proposed by Cllr Maddox and seconded by Cllr Parrington that Cllr A Thurlow be the Mayor Elect for the 2025/26 year. On a vote of all in favour it was **resolved** that Cllr Thurlow be confirmed as the Mayor Elect.

Deputy Mayor Elect 2025 It was proposed by Cllr Thurlow and seconded by Cllr Perie that Cllr Solari be the Deputy Mayor Elect for the 2025/26 year. On a vote of all in favour it was **resolved** that Cllr Solari be confirmed as Deputy Mayor Elect.

C11/01/2025 Budget and Precept 2025/26

- a. Budget 2025/26 The Finance Committee had considered the current years budget and the projected budget for 2025/26 year at the meeting on the 18th December 2024 and were recommending that the Full Council approve a budget for the 2025/26 year as £314,198. Each Councillor had received a copy of the proposed budget prior to the meeting for consideration. It was proposed by Cllr Maddox and seconded by Cllr Pearson that a budget be set at £314,198. On a vote of all in favour it was **resolved** that the budget of £314,198 be confirmed.
- b. Precept 2025/26 The Finance Committee had considered the current years budget and the projected budget for 2025/26 year at the meeting on the 18th December 2024 and were recommending that the Full Council approve the precept for the 2025/26 year as £314,198. Each Councillor had received a copy of the proposed budget prior to the meeting for consideration. It was proposed by Cllr Solari and seconded by Cllr Dobson that the precept requirement be confirmed as £314,198. On a vote of all in favour it was **resolved** that the precept be confirmed as £314,198.

C12/01/2025 Council General Reserves

The Finance Committee had met on the 18th December 2024 and discussed the investment of the Council General Reserves in line with the adopted Town Council Investment Policy and Strategy documents. It was proposed by Cllr Maddox and seconded by Cllr Perie that the Council invest £100,000 in an account to be opened with CCLA. On a vote of all in favour it was **resolved** that an account be opened with CCLA.

C13/01/2025 Finance

(a) Cleaning Costs x 4	100.00
(b) Goadsbarrow Landscapes (Xmas Trees)	1266.90
(c) Optech Fibres	11,994.00
(d) Optech Fibres	923.52

C13/01/2025 – Continued

It was proposed by Cllr Perie and seconded by Cllr Parrington that the invoices be approved for payment. On a vote of all in favour it was **resolved** that the payments be approved for payment.

C14/01/2025 General Reports

The Town Clerk thanked Cllr Pearson for his help with the recent MP’s surgery in the Council building where his attendance was needed to allow access and lock up when the surgery was finished.

C15/01/2025 Planning

B21/2024/0524

9 Butts Beck, Dalton in Furness, Cumbria
First floor loft conversion with a south facing dormer feature to bungalow (Retrospective)
The Town Council have no objections

Meeting Closed 7.43pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date.....

H F Thomson
Town Clerk

7 January 2024