

Dalton with Newton Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 12th May 2025
in the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furnes at 7pm

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

C8/05/2025 Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Pearson, Cllr Perie, Cllr Fox and Cllr Miller.

C9/05/2025 Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Chairman was **authorised** to sign the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025 and the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council on 6th May 2025.

C10/05/2025 Declarations of Interest

None

C11/05/2025 Reports from Westmorland and Furness Councillors Cllr Tony Callister was unable to attend the meeting in person but submitted a written report to the Council regarding an update to the procurement of new kissing gates situated at The Hags, the progression of Borderlands and confirmed that going forward the Town Council would now be briefed in line with the locality board in relation to draft/proposed road alterations within its boundaries.

Cllr Dave Taylor gave a comprehensive report on ongoing issues in the Town relating to parking, potholes, curbs and grass cutting. Cllr Taylor is also pursuing free wifi access for all visitors to Dalton and will update the Council accordingly.

C12/05/2025 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising to note at this meeting.

C13/05/2025 Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence to note at this meeting

C14/05/2025 VE Day

Mayor Cllr Thurlow gave a brief report on the weeks activities, having attended various events throughout the week and having spoken with members of the public the feedback received was extremely positive. Cllr McDougall gave special thanks to Mayor Cllr Thurlow on the time she took to attend events and both Cllr Thurlow, and the Council thanked DCAG and in particular Mr. S Klosinski for his time and effort put into the pop-up war museum.

C15/05/2025 Cumbria in Bloom

- (a) Proposed by Cllr Parrington and seconded by Cllr Dobson it was **resolved** to allocate £250.00 to Tidy Town towards associated costs of the planting and maintenance within Dalton for the towns entry into the competition.

- (b) Proposed by Cllr Solari and seconded by Cllr Dobson it was **resolved** to set a limit of £30 per planter of which there is a max of 9 available for ‘adopt a planter 2025’.
- (c) A community litter pick date was set for Saturday 31st May at 10am.

C16/05/2025 Community Emergency Plan

It was **resolved** that it would be of benefit to the community if the Town Council be proactive in the creation of a Local Emergency Plan. It was agreed that a new committee be formed for this purpose, the creation of such was deferred until the next meeting.

C17/05/2025 Town Council Communication Sources

The Deputy Clerk reported that many accounts related to the administration of the Council now required two-point authentication via a mobile phone number. As the Council did not have a dedicated mobile phone for office use, both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk had been using their personal devices. This arrangement was causing difficulties, particularly when either member of staff was on annual leave. To **resolve** the issue, it was proposed by Cllr Dobson and seconded by Cllr Maddox that a mobile phone be purchased for Council use, all **agreed**.

C18/05/2025 Finance

- (a) Invoices for approval

Supplier	Description	Amount
a. J. Slater	April Cleaning Charges	£119.00
b. F. Thomson	Reimbursement – Town meeting refreshments	£87.64

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

C19/05/2025 Precept

It was noted by the Council that the precept of £314198.00 for 2025 – 2026 had now been received from Westmorland and Furness Council.

C20/05/2025 General Reports from Town Councillors

- (a) CALC – Deferred
- (b) Mayor Cllr Thurlow reported that the Mayors chains were in need of alteration, it was **resolved** by the Council that Cllr Thurlow look into the costs of such remedies and report back to council at the next meeting with more details.
- (c) Mayor Cllr Thurlow made a statement regarding the use of social media by councillors. She reminded members that any endorsements or criticisms posted on councillors’ profiles could be perceived as representing the views of the Council as a whole. As such, she advised that personal opinions should be shared only on private platforms to avoid any misinterpretation. This advice is clearly covered in the Councils policies, Civility and Respect on Social Media and Social Media and Electronic Communications Policies which were adopted

in March 2025. Any posts made by a Cllr which could be perceived as being not appropriate that Cllr could be reported to the Monitoring Officer.
Cllr Thurlow also requested that, where councillors are invited to attend events, they do so in a personal capacity unless formally representing the Council. She noted that official invitations will be extended to fellow councillors by the Mayor as and when appropriate. This approach follows the precedent set by former Mayor Cllr McDougall and is intended to support consistency and help councillors become more familiar with the protocols associated with the roles of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

C21/05/2025 Planning

To consider the following planning applications.

- (a) B26/2025/0098 27 Underwood Tce, Dalton in Furness
Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing Use or Development Land
The Town Council have no objections

- (b) B13/2025/0075 Land adjacent to 1 Schoolwaters, Newton Rd, Dalton in Furness.

The Town Council has considered the planning application for the **erection of a detached self-build four-bedroom dwellinghouse with two off-street parking spaces** at Land adjacent to 1 Schoolwaters, Newton Road, Dalton -in Furness.

The Council **supports** this application for the following reasons:

1. **Contribution to Local Housing Need:** The proposal aligns with the Council's objective to support appropriately scaled residential development, particularly self-build projects which contribute to housing diversity and meet local demand.
2. **Sustainable Development:** The location and scale of the proposed dwelling appear to support sustainable development principles, making efficient use of land without compromising the character of the surrounding area.
3. **Design and Character:** While the proposed dwelling adopts a more modern design compared to some of the existing properties in the area, the Council notes that there is a mix of architectural styles locally. The variation in design is considered to contribute positively to the evolving character of the area, and the proposal is not expected to detract from the overall visual amenity of the street scene.
4. **Parking Provision:** The inclusion of two off-street parking spaces is welcomed, as it reduces the likelihood of on-street parking and associated congestion, supporting safe and efficient use of the local highway network.
5. **Support for Self-Build Projects:** The Council recognises the value of supporting self-build initiatives which empower residents, foster community identity, and contribute positively to the local economy.

The Town Council therefore recommends that this application be **approved**, subject to the usual planning conditions and any further recommendations from relevant consultees.

Meeting Closed 8.05pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)

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