

Dalton with Newton Town Council
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 6th October 2025 in the Town Hall,
Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

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

Meeting Opened at 7.00pm

C1/10/2025 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absences were received from Councillors C Fox and D Miller.

C2/10/2025 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the following as a correct record:

- The Council Meeting held on 1st September 2025
- The Greenspaces Committee Meeting held on 8th September 2025
- The Finance Committee Meeting held on 18th September 2025

C3/10/2025 Exclusion of Press & Public

No press or public were in attendance.

C4/10/2025 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

C5/10/2025 Reports from Westmorland and Furness Councillors

There were no reports to receive

C6/10/2025 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising to note

C7/10/2025 Correspondence

The Deputy Clerk and Mayor Cllr Thurlow had received an invitation to take part in a community cohesion program run by the Flowhesion Foundation following recent tensions around the new Prayer Centre. Cllrs were asked to submit any comments to either the Deputy Clerk or Cllr Thurlow before the 20th of Oct.

C8/10/2025 Local Government Boundary Commission for England

The Deputy Clerk informed Cllrs that the review had now been completed. The Local Government Boundary Commission is proposing that, from 2027, Dalton-in-Furness will form a two-councillor ward, while Newton will be placed in the neighbouring Low Furness Ward. This change relates to Westmorland and Furness Council representation and does not affect Town Council members.

C9/10/2025 Emergency Planning

Committee members proposed a meeting date of Monday 27th Oct at 7pm.

C10/10/2025 Appointment of New Grounds Person

The Cllrs noted that the new Grounds Person had started work and were commended for their efforts so far.

C11/10/2025 Christmas Tree – Quotations

Cllrs considered the quotations submitted.

- For the supply of smaller trees, Cllr Dodson proposed the quote from Goadsbarrow be accepted, seconded by Cllr Pearson – all **agreed**.
- In relation to the tree situated at Market Place, the quote from Stribbers was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Parrington, seconded by Cllr Dodson – one abstention, majority **agreed**.

C12/10/2025 Finance

Supplier	Description	Amount	Power
JRB	Dog Bags	£301.99	Open Spaces Act 1906 s10
Amazon	Dog Sign	£10.77	Dog Fouling of Land Act 1996
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Amazon	Wildflower Seeds	£2.75	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9&10
Amazon	Garden Plot Markers	£12.59	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9&10
C.Stainton (Reimbursement)	Net fencing for Goose Green	£77.22	Open Spaces Act 1906
H.Thomson (Reimbursement)	SLCC Training	£144.00	LGA 1972 s111
Ryan Watson Tree Surgery	Tree work at Goose Green & Civic Garden	£5100.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s10
Viking Direct	Office supplies	£179.20	LGA 1972 s.111
Boston Bulbs	Spring bulbs	£132.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s10
C.Clarke (Reimbursement)	Gardening equipment	£38.94	LGA 1972 s111
SLCC	Staff training	£162.00	LGA 1972 s111
Amazon	Large garden hand tools	£23.99	LGA 1972 s111
Amazon	Garden waste bags	£14.38	LGA 1972 s111
Amazon	Small garden hand tools	£14.39	LGA 1972 s111
Amazon	Garden trolley	£83.25	LGA 1972 s111

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

C13/10/2025 Renewal of The National Allotment Society Membership

It was **agreed** that renewal of the annual membership to the National Allotment Society be deferred until such time as the Town Council takes possession of the allotments. There has been no progress to date.

C14/10/2025 General reports from Councillors

Cllr Parrington gave a report on a recent meeting attended with Cllr Pearson at Barrow Town Council regarding the success of Miss Stanway.

Cllr Thurlow gave a report on a visit to the Manchester Air Ambulance headquarters with Cllr McDougall, which took place in recognition of Cllr McDougall's fundraising efforts during his mayoral year.

Cllr Thurlow also reported involvement with the local Scouts, leading a mock council meeting to enable young people to experience the roles of a Town Council.

C15/10/2025 Planning

Reference Number : B13/2025/0353

Location : Store adjacent to Rydan Barn Broughton Road Dalton-In-Furness Cumbria LA15 8JS

Proposal : Proposed Conversion of Semi-Detached Store Building to Residential Dwelling and Alterations to Existing Dwelling at Rydan Barn.

The Town Council have no objections

Reference Number : PIP/2025/0364

Location : Land to the rear of Brantwood Abbey Road Dalton-In-Furness Cumbria LA13 0PE

Proposal : Permission in principle for the erection of a single dwelling.

The Town Council have no objections

Reference Number : B21/2025/0376

Location : 40 Queen Street Dalton-In-Furness Cumbria LA15 8EG

Proposal : Construction of pitch dormer to front elevation and a flat roof dormer to rear elevation.

The Town Council have no objections

Reference Number : B07/2023/0764

Location : Land at Our Lady Of The Rosary Roman Catholic School, Ulverston Road, Dalton-In-Furness, Cumbria, LA15 8JH.

Proposal : Erection of 64 dwelling with associated highways and landscaping/Public Open Space works.

The Town Council recommends that the application be refused.

Grounds for Objection: Highway Safety Concerns

The Town Council objects to this application due to significant concerns regarding the proposed access arrangements. The entrance to the proposed development is situated on a

busy stretch of road, in close proximity to a school. Members consider this location unsuitable and unsafe for the following reasons:

1. **Proximity to the school:** The proposed access point lies very close to the school entrance, where there are already high levels of pedestrian and vehicular activity at peak times. Increased traffic generated by the development would exacerbate existing congestion and heighten the risk to children and parents accessing the school.
2. **Restricted visibility:** The site access is located near the brow of a hill, which severely restricts sightlines for vehicles emerging from the new estate as well as those approaching along the main road. This presents a clear hazard to both drivers and pedestrians.
3. **Existing traffic volume and speed:** Ulverston Road already carries a significant volume of traffic, and the Council is concerned that the addition of a new junction will increase the potential for collisions and reduce overall road safety.
4. **Inadequate mitigation:** No satisfactory traffic management or safety mitigation measures have been demonstrated within the application to address these risks.

C16/10/2025 Borderlands PIDS

The Deputy Clerk provided an update following a meeting with representatives from Westmorland and Furness Council regarding a potential property acquisition and development. Members noted the update and **agreed** that initial discussions would be undertaken by the Finance Committee, with progress to be reported back to Council in due course.

Meeting Closed 8.05pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date

C Stainton
Deputy Clerk
7th September 2025