

**Dalton with Newton Town Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting held Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 in the Town**  
**Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm**

**Present** Cllrs A Thurlow, B Solari, W Maddox, C Fox, N McDougall, M Dodson, and N Perie.

Meeting Opened at 7.00pm

**C1/11/2025 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absences were received from Councillors D Pearson, D Miller and B Parrington.

**C2/11/2025 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 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- The Greenspaces Committee Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025
- The Emergency Planning Committee meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**C3/11/2025 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Declared an interest in any matters relating to Dalton Community Association

**Meeting suspended at 7.04pm**

The meeting was suspended to allow PC Chloe Dixon & PCSO Michelle Jones who attended the meeting representing the Police to report to councillors. There has been an increase in Antisocial behaviour in the last few weeks in various areas of the town but mainly centred around the Railway Station. PC Dixon has been following up leads and it appears that the main perpetrator may have been identified and will be spoken to. The importance of reporting ASB incidents to the Police whilst they are happening was stressed. If incidents are not reported the Police are unaware of the accurate number of the incidents in the area. The Town Council are happy to make these facts available to members of the public and encourage reporting. Dalton now has a new community sergeant Sgt Jack Hart and a new Inspector Insp Kelso. It is also likely that 1 new PCSO will be allocated to Dalton in the near future.

**Meeting resumed 7.20pm**

**C4/11/2025 Reports from Westmorland and Furness Councillors**

Cllr Callister was not able to attend the meeting this evening but supplied a written report on various issues that the clerk read out.

**C5/11/2025 Matters Arising**

- (a) LGBCE & Westmorland & Furness Council Community Governance Review – A written report prepared by the Town Clerk had been sent out to councillors prior to the meeting. The report was noted.

**C6/11/2025 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to note at this meeting.

### **C7/11/2025 Christmas Switch On event**

The manager of Barrow BID was unable to attend the meeting this evening but had submitted a written report with the final details, road closure maps etc. The information was noted. Councillors addressed the issue of a local business who was unhappy that they had been unable to book a pitch at the Christmas Switch On event, further information was provided which was noted.

### **C8/11/2025 Annual Service of Remembrance**

The Town Clerk provided details of the final arrangements of the annual service of remembrance for 9<sup>th</sup> November for information.

### **C9/11/2025 Projects for Inclusion in the 2026/27 budget**

- (a) Cllr Solari provided brief details of an event that he would like to see included in the 2026 year. Cllr McDougall proposed that the event be submitted into the 2026/27 budget in principal. Seconded Cllr Dobson. On a vote of all in favour the proposal was **agreed**. Cllr Solari was asked to provide further details, plans and draft costings for the project to the RFO before December so it can be included in the draft budget to be considered by councillors at the January 2026 meeting.
- (b) Other projects for inclusion in the budget – there were no other proposals remaining unsubmitted to consider.

### **C10/11/2025 Annual Device Compliance Check**

In order for the Council to be able to comply with Assertion 10 on the Annual Governance return for the 2025/26 year it was necessary for council provided devices (tablets) to have an annual device compliance check in relation to data. All councillors are required to return their devices to the Deputy Clerk/RFO for the check to be carried out. Councillors were requested to leave their devices as soon as possible but by mid December at the latest

### **C11/11/2025 Policies for Review and re-adoption**

- (a) Statement of Internal Control and Risk Management – Cllr Dobson proposed that the updated policy be accepted and adopted. Seconded Cllr Perie On a vote the proposal was **agreed**
- (b) Media and Communications Policy – Cllr Fox proposed that the updated policy be accepted and adopted. Seconded Cllr Solari. On a vote the proposal was **agreed**
- (c) Risk Management Policy – Cllr Fox proposed that the updated policy be accepted and adopted. Seconded Cllr Dobson. On a vote the proposal was **agreed**
- (d) Risk Register – Cllr Solari proposed that the updated policy be accepted and adopted. Seconded Cllr Dobson. On a vote the proposal was **agreed**
- (e) Freedom of Information Act Publication Scheme - Cllr Solari proposed that the updated policy be accepted and adopted. Seconded Cllr Fox. On a vote the proposal was **agreed**

- (f) Data Protection Policy - Cllr Solari proposed that the updated policy be accepted and adopted. Seconded Cllr Fox. On a vote the proposal was **agreed**
- (g) Action Plan - Cllr Solari proposed that the updated policy be accepted and adopted. Seconded Cllr Fox. On a vote the proposal was **agreed**

### C12/11/2025 Finance

- (a) To consider quotes received for 2026/27 floral displays in line with the tender process. The Deputy Clerk/RFO reported that the tender for the seasonal flower display had been advertised on the Council website and that only one tender had been received. The tender was from Tythe Barn Nurseries with a tender price of £19,470. Cllr Maddox proposed that the tender be accepted. Seconded Cllr Dobson. On a vote of all in favour the proposal was **agreed**.
- (b) Approval for payment of overtime accrued since April to the Deputy Clerk – Cllr C Fox proposed that a payment of £800 be made to C Stainton representing overtime since April 2025. Seconded Cllr Dobson. On a vote of all in favour the proposal was **agreed**.

(c) **Payments for approval**

Supplier	Description	Amount	Power
JRB	Dog Bags	£152.20	Open Spaces Act 1906 s10
Amazon	Fluorescent Tube Lighting	£99.96	LGA 1972 s111
Amazon	First Aid Kit	£12.38	LGA 1972 s111
C Clarke	Millage Sept & Oct 0.45p per mile	£21.00	LGA 1972 s111
C Stainton	Reimbursement – Christmas tree batteries for mini trees above businesses	£175.24	LGA 1972 s144
J Slater	Cleaning Aug Sept	£170.00	LGA 1972 s111
Cumbria Tree Surgeon	Garden Maintenance	£1000.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9/10
Tythe Barn	Watering and storage of planters	£16800.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9/10
RBL	2 Wreaths	£40.00	S137
Amazon	Batteries	£29.61	LGA 1972 s144
SLCC	Staff training	£36.00	LGA 1972 s111
Barrow Bid	Christmas Switch on	£13200.00	LGA 1972 s144
A Thompson	Grass Cutting Contract	£3624.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9/10

It was proposed by Cllr Solari and seconded by Cllr Perie that all payments be approved. On a vote of all in favour it was **agreed** the payments be approved.

**C13/11/2025 General reports from Councillors**

- (a) Cllr Thurlow gave a verbal report on the recent Cohesion Group meeting held at Our Ladys School.
- (b) Cllr Thurlow gave a verbal report on the recent Cumbria in Bloom presentation she attended with Cllrs Solari and McDougall.

**15. Planning**

B21/2025/0400

2 Merlin Dr, Dalton in Furness, Dalton

Loft conversion with rear dormer forming 2 bedrooms, study, store and shower room to first floor and single storey rear and side extension forming ensuite and wardrobe to master bedroom, bathroom, utility and extended kitchen, dining and living area. Including new boundary wall to part of site.

**The Town Council have no objections**

**Meeting Closed 8.06pm**

Signed.....  
(Chairman)

Date .....

H F Thomson  
Town Clerk

4 November 2025