



The Town Hall  
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Dalton in Furness  
Cumbria

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23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the meeting of Dalton with Newton Town Council on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7pm in the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton.

Yours faithfully

Mrs. C Stainton, Deputy Clerk.

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Apologies**

To receive apologies for absence.

#### **2. Minutes**

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of:

- a. the Council meeting held on Monday 1st December 2025
- b. the Emergency Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 2025
- c. the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 15th December 2025

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations of interest from members in respect of items on this agenda.

#### **4. Exclusion of Press and Public**

To resolve, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the press and public be excluded for item 20 due to the confidential nature of the business (potential legal matter relating to council property).

#### **5. Reports from Westmorland & Furness Councillors**

To note reports from Westmorland and Furness Councillors in attendance.

#### **6. Report from Police**

To note reports from Cumbria Police.

#### **7. Public Participation**

Members of the public may make representations, ask questions or give evidence on matters relating to the work of the Council, limited to 3 minutes per person at the Chair's discretion. Please note: The Council cannot lawfully make decisions on items raised that are not on the agenda but **may** place them on a future agenda.

#### **8. Clerks Report (For information only)**

- a. Introduction of new staff member.
- b. Reminder of online meeting regarding climate change.

#### **9. Correspondence**

To receive any correspondence to date which has not already been forwarded on.

#### **10. General Reports**

- a. Community Cohesion Update from Cllr Pearson.

#### **11. Co-Option**

To consider applications for co-option and to fill the vacant seat (if applicable).

#### **12. Country Show 2026**

To consider and approve:

- a. the proposed budget of £10,000.00 for a 2026 Country Show
- b. the creation of a working group which would include non-council members to organise the event
- c. the terms of reference for the working group.

#### **13. Budget 2026–2027**

To consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee and approve the Council's budget requirement for 2026–2027 which is set out below:

### Expenditure Summary Table

Category	2026–27 Estimate
Staff Costs	£80,000
Christmas Illumination	£3,000
Civic Payments	£1,300
Grants	£4,000
Environmental / Grounds	£27,900
General Administration	£13,205
Building Costs	£13,800
Projects	£45,475
Goose Green	£10,000
Pension	£15,095
PAYE / HMRC	£22,872
Utilities (Gas/Elec/Water)	£3,930
Cleaning	£700
Photocopier + Printing	£2,900
Phones & Broadband	£1,300
IT / Web Hosting	£5,000
Grass Cutting	£5,000
Tree Work	£7,000
Planters	£20,000
Allotments	£40,000
Storage	£1,100
Christmas General	£39,200
Refuse Collection	£900
Mayor's Allowance	£1,500
Annual Insurance	£2,000
Training	£2,000
Contingency	£20,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET REQUIRED</b>	<b>£389,177</b>

#### 14. Precept 2026–2027

To consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee and approve the precept demand for 2026–2027 as below:

Budget required	£389,177
Less reserves	£49,000
Precept Required	£340,177

Council Tax Comparison 2025–26 vs 2026–27  
 2025–26 Precept: £314,198 | Band D: £127.70

2026–27 Precept: £340,177 | Tax base: 2,476.9 | Band D: £137.34

Band	2025–26 (£)	2026–27 (£)	Increase over yr	Increase per month (10 months)
A	£85.13	£91.56	£6.43	£0.64p
B	£99.32	£106.82	£7.50	£0.75p
C	£113.51	£122.08	£8.57	£0.86p
<b>D</b>	<b>£127.71</b>	<b>£137.34</b>	<b>£9.63</b>	<b>£0.96p</b>
E	£156.08	£167.86	£11.78	£1.18p
F	£184.46	£198.38	£13.92	£1.39p
G	£212.83	£228.90	£16.07	£1.61p
H	£255.40	£274.68	£19.28	£1.93p

## 15. Policies

- a. To consider and adopt a Data Audit Policy.
- b. To consider and adopt an updated Grant Policy.

## 16. Allotments

To receive an update on allotment ownership and to consider reinstating the allotment committee.

## 17. Banking Hub

To receive a request from Cllr Perie that the Town Council make enquiries with LINK to confirm whether a Cash Access Assessment for Dalton has already been triggered, and, if not, that the Council formally request that such an assessment be undertaken.

## 18. Finance

- a. To approve the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the 2026–2027 financial year and to authorise the signing of a letter of engagement between the Council and the Internal Auditor
- b. To approve the opening of an additional bank account specifically for allotments as recommended by the Finance Committee on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025.
- c. To note the Bank Reconciliation for November 2025.
- d. To consider and approve a tender received for the council grass-cutting contract, advertised in accordance with the Procurement Act requirements. Only one quotation was received.
- e. Payments for approval.

Supplier	Description	Amount	Power
GoadsBarrow Landscapes Ltd	Christmas Trees	£1220.64	LGA 1972 s.144
Groundman	Mileage Nov 0.45p per mile	£14.00	LGA 1972 s111
J Slater	Cleaning Charges- Final	£136.00	LGA 1972 s111

**19. Planning**

To consider planning applications received.

**20. Exempt / Confidential Business**

Legal Matter Concerning Council Property.

C. Stainton  
Deputy Clerk

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