

Dalton with Newton Town Council
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 1st December 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 Dobson, D Pearson and N Perie

Meeting Opened at 7.00pm

C1/12/2025 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absences were received from Councillor C Fox

C2/12/2025 Exclusion of Press & Public Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in agenda item 18. It was **resolved** to exclude Press & Public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 in relation to agenda item 18 - Acquisition of Land

C3/12/2025 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

After one small amendment at C3/11/2025 the Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2025 as a true record.

C4/12/2025 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Perie and Parrington declared an interest in Planning Application No B28/2025/0455 (Dowdales School).

C5/12/2025 Reports from Westmorland and Furness Councillors

Cllr Callister attended the meeting and gave a verbal report on various issues,

- Work on the Cemetery gates had now commenced although the larger double gates allowing for vehicular access will likely remain closed for good, the small pedestrian gate will be open once remedial work to the path has been completed.
- Many complaints had been received by Westmorland and Furness Council about the number of road closures and numerous roadworks throughout the area. Utility companies have been instructed by the Government to undertake upgrade of the utilities infrastructure and W&F Streetworks department have no authority to co-ordinate the works being carried out. At the recent Westmorland & Furness council meeting a proposal was agreed to write to the Government (Minister for Future Roads) requesting more powers to be able to co-ordinate works by utility companies.
- Dedicated Dalton 'Tourism' Leaflet – Meeting scheduled for 11th December to discuss resuming work on the tourism leaflet.

C6/12/2025 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

C7/12/2025 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to note at this meeting.

C8/12/2025 Christmas Switch On event

The manager of Barrow BID Paul Hodgson attended the meeting to give a debrief on the recent switch on event. Despite a couple of hitches the event went well and the general feedback gathered from the public on the day was mainly positive.

C9/12/2025 Terms of Reference – Emergency Committee

Councillors had received a copy of the ToR's prior to the meeting for consideration. It was **agreed** that the Terms of Reference be accepted without amendment.

C10/12/2025 Confirmation of Mayor Elect 2026/2027

Cllr Thurlow proposed Cllr B Solari be confirmed as the Mayor Elect for the 2026/27 year. Seconded Cllr McDougall. The proposal was **agreed** and Cllr Solari was confirmed as the Mayor Elect for the 2026/2027 civic year.

C11/12/2025 Confirmation of Deputy Mayor Elect 2026/2027

Cllr Thurlow proposed that Cllr McDougall be confirmed as Deputy Mayor Elect for the 2026/2027 year. Seconded Cllr Solari

Cllr Parrington proposed that Cllr Maddox be confirmed as Deputy Mayor Elect for the 2026/2027 year. Seconded Cllr Maddox.

The vote was carried out by ballot paper and with a vote of 5 for, Cllr McDougall was **agreed** as the Deputy Mayor Elect for the 2026/2027 civic year.

C12/12/2025 Dates of Council and Committee meetings for 2026/2027

Councillors were provided with a list of the dates for full council and committee meeting dates for the forthcoming year along with a diary.

C13/12/2025 The notice of casual vacancy had been advertised and the fourteen day statutory notice had expired, however confirmation that the Council could move to co-option rather than an election being called had not yet been received. Once formal confirmation was received the Clerk would notify Councillors.

C14/12/2025 Representative on Outside Body

The Council had been asked to nominate a representative to the board of Trustees to replace the councillor who recently resigned. Unfortunately there was no councillor available at this time. The nomination will be discussed again at the Annual meeting of the council in May 2026.

C15/12/2025 Finance**(a) Bank Reconciliation**

The Deputy Clerk/RFO confirmed that Cllr A Thurlow as a non bank signatory had inspected and approved the bank reconciliations for September and October 2025.

(b) Payment for approval

Supplier	Description	Amount	Power
JRB	Dog Bags	£250.88	Open Spaces Act 1906 s10
Royal British Legion	Extra Wreath	£20.00	S137
Optec Fibres	Part payment – Christmas Lights	£10249.20	LGA 1972 s144
C Clarke	Mileage Nov 0.45p per mile	£14.00	LGA 1972 s111
JH Barker & son	Market Place Christmas Tree	£150.00	LGA 1972 s144
J Slater	Cleaning Aug Sept	£136.00	LGA 1972 s111
R Watson Tree Surgery	Emergency Tree work – Myrtle Terrace	£850.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9/10
DSL Heating	Emergency boiler repairs	£517.88	LGA 1972 s111
Chatsworth Signs Ltd	Railway Signs	£805.26	LGA 1972 s144

Cllr B Solari proposed that the payments be approved. Seconded Cllr Dobson. It was **agreed** that the payments be approved.

C16/12/2025 General Reports

- (a) Community Cohesion - Meeting Cllr Thurlow gave a verbal report on the recent community cohesion meetings she attended representing the Council
- (b) To note the official retirement of the Town Clerk on the 23rd December 2025.

C17/12/2025 Planning

B20/2025/0434

130-132 Market Street, Dalton

Change of use of dental surgery and offices (Use Class E3) to 2no residential units (Use Class C3). Demolition and reconstruction of rear extensions. Internal alterations, External Alterations. Re-covering with installation of solar panels and rooflights. Part retrospective works already begun.

The Town Council have no objections

B21/2025/0436

27 Underwood Tce, Dalton

Construction of first floor side pitched roof extension along with construction of rear external private balcony.

The Town Council have no objections

B28/2025/0464

Crooklands Brow, Ulverston Road, Dalton

Application for approval of details reserved by condition No 11 (External materials) of application B18/2021/0987 Proposed Suth Lakes Islamic Centre (community centre and prayer hall) and associated works and landscaping.

The Town Council have no objections

B28/2025/0455

Dowdales Secondary School, Dalton

Application for works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order 1997 No 5. TR1 Pine – Removal, TR2 Common Horse Chestnut – Removal, TR7 Cherry – Removal. Additional trees T1 Extra Sycamore reduce overhanging branches, G2 Extra 3No Sycamore 1No Hazel Crown lift and reduce back by up to 3m.

The Town Council have no objections

B21/2025/0469

Greystone Lodge, Greystone Lane, Dalon

Conversion of existing two-bedroom home into a four bedroom property through internal reconfiguration alongside alterations to the external elevations.

The Town Council have no objections

B28/2025/0484

Vacant Land adjacent to Long Lane/Newton Road, Dalton

Application for the approval of details reserved by Condition no 3.(Construction Method statement), 4 (Construction phase traffic management plan (CTMP), 5 (Field investigation and risk assessment), 6 (Remediation scheme), 7 (Verification Report), 12 (Carriageway, footway and footpaths), 19 (Enclosures around residential curtilages), 23 (External Materials) & 24 (Protection of Existing Hedgerows) of planning permission B07/2022/0083 Residential development of 34 no dwellings with landscaping, biodiversity enhancement and associated highways works.

The Town Council have no objections

B20/2025/0189

New Close Farm, Stank Lane, Barrow in Furness

Change of use of section of land (40m x 65m) to dog exercise field

The Town Council have no objections

Meeting Closed 7.50 pm

Signed.....

(Chairman)

Date

F Thomson
Town Clerk

4 November 2025

C18/12/2025 Acquirement of Land

Exclusion of Press and Public Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in agenda item 18. It had been **resolved** to exclude Press & Public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 in relation to agenda item 18 Acquirement of Land

A separate record of decisions made during the exclusion of press and public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 is kept.

Meeting Closed 7.58pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date.....

H F Thomson
Town Clerk

3 December 2025