

Dalton with Newton Town Council
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2026 in the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

Present: Cllr A Thurlow, B Solari, W Maddox, N McDougall, N Perie, D Pearson and A Fox
In attendance: Mrs. C. Stainton, Town Clerk. Miss Jane Sharkey, Admin Assistant.

Meeting Opened at 7.00pm

C1/02/2026. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Dobson, C Fox and B Parrington.

C2/02/2026. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of:

- a. the Council meeting held on Monday 5th January 2026
- b. the Greenspaces and Biodiversity Committee meeting held on 12th January 2026
- c. the Emergency Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 19th January 2026

C3/02/2026. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest from members in respect of items on the agenda.

C4/02/2026. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded for item 17 due to the confidential nature of the business (legal matter relating to property).

C5/02/2026. Reports from Westmorland & Furness Councillors

Cllr Callister attended the meeting and gave a verbal report on the Borderlands shop front grants, the progression of the replacement Hags gate and information on the path responsibility.

C6/02/2026. Report from the Police

There were no police officers in attendance.

C7/02/2026. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

C8/02/2026. Clerk's Report

- a. The admin assistant gave an update on the progress of enquiries made into a Banking Hub for

Dalton (Minute C17/01/2026)

b. The Clerk informed Councillors of the draft recommendation published by Westmorland and Furness Council. The draft recommends an increase of Councillors for Dalton with Newton Town Council from 10 to 13 Councillors.

c. The Clerk reported on a recent meeting between the Council, Northern Rail, Network Rail, British Transport Police, Cumbria Police and Westmorland and Furness Council regarding the antisocial behaviour at Dalton Station and the upcoming repairs and replacement due to take place later in the month. No incidents have been reported to either police force since the beginning of December.

C9/02/2026. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to note.

C10/02/2026. General Reports

Cllr Thurlow reported that the free trees from Westmorland and Furness Council had now been collected, they would be potted and kept until ready to plant at Myrtle Terrace. Cllr Thurlow also reported that distribution of the emergency leaflets had begun.

C11/02/2026. Cumbria in Bloom 2026

Councillors considered the following:

a. Resolved: That the creation of a working group which would include non-council members to organise the event be set up. Proposed by Cllr Thurlow, seconded by Cllr Solari, on a vote all in favour.

b. Resolved: That the terms of reference for the working group be approved. Proposed by Cllr Perie, seconded by Cllr A Fox, on a vote all in favour.

C12/02/2026. Policies

Councillors considered the following:

a. Resolved: To re-adopt the Anti-Harassment and Bully Policy. Proposed by Cllr Perie, seconded by Cllr A Fox, on a vote all in favour.

C13/02/2026. Allotments

The Clerk gave an update on the current situation of the transfer of the allotments.

C14/02/2026. Emergency Committee – First Aid Kits

Members considered a request for councillors to be issued with personal first aid kits for use in emergencies. The Clerk provided a report outlining the practical and governance considerations and suggested that CPR/first aid training for councillors would provide greater benefit.

Following discussion, Members agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotations for CPR/first aid training and present these for consideration at the March meeting.

C15/02/2026. Finance

a. Resolved: That the Bank Reconciliation for December 2025 was received and signed by Cllr Dobson.

b. Resolved: That Cllr A Fox be appointed to the Finance & Staffing Committee. Proposed by Cllr Thurlow, seconded by Cllr Solari, on a vote all in favour.

c. Resolved: That Cllr A Fox be added as an additional bank signatory in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulation. Proposed by Cllr Perie, seconded by Cllr Thurlow, on a vote of all in favour.

d. Payments for Approval

Supplier	Description	Amount	Power
Amazon	Compost bin – Goose Green	£74.08	LGA 1972 s111 & Open Spaces Act 1906
Groundman	Mileage 0.45p per mile	£14.00	LGA 1972 s111
Amazon	Key lock box	£15.84	LGA 1972 s111
JRB	Dog bags	£254.78	Open Spaces Act 1906
SLCC	Staff training	£140.00	LGA 1972 s111
Clerk Reimbursement	Cllr tablet	£129.00	LGA 1972 s111
DCA	Room Hire	£38.00	LGA 1972 s111
Scribe	Account Fees	£947.52	LGA 1972 s111
Furness Media	Domain Registration	£194.40	LGA 1972 s111

Resolved: That the above payments be approved. On a vote of all in favour.

C16/02/2026. Planning

Reference Number: B28/2026/0036

St Marys Church, Church Street, LA15 8BA. Notice of intention to trees.

Resolved: No objection.

C17/02/2026. Exempt / Confidential Business

Councillors were given an update from the Clerk in relation to land acquisition.

Meeting Closed at 7.42pm

Signed.....

Date.....

(Chairman)

C. Stainton
Town Clerk

3rd February 2026