

**Dalton with Newton Town Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 in the Town Hall,**  
**Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm**

**Present:** Cllr A Thurlow, B Solari, W Maddox, N McDougall, M Dobson, D Pearson, C Fox and A Fox

**In attendance:** Mrs. C. Stainton, Town Clerk. Miss Jane Sharkey, Admin Assistant.

**Meeting Opened at 7.00pm**

**C1/03/2026. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs B Parrington and N Perie.

**C2/03/2026. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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

- a. the Council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026
- b. the Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- c. the Emergency Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

**C3/03/2026. Declarations of Interest**

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

**C4/03/2026. 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.

**C5/03/2026. Reports from Westmorland & Furness Councillors**

There were no Westmorland and Furness Councillors in attendance to give a report.

**C6/03/2026. Report from the Police**

There were no police officers in attendance however the Council was provided with a written report from PC Dixon.

**C7/03/2026. Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

**C8/03/2026. Clerk's Report**

- a. The admin assistant gave an update on the final decision on a Banking Hub for Dalton. The

response from LINK stated “we did not find any gap in the cash services available in the local area that cause a significant impact for the community. We are not recommending any new services in the local area. We recognise that this may be frustrating, but please be assured that we have followed a detailed regulated process to understand the cash access needs in the community”

**b.** The Clerk updated Councillors of a recent meeting with Community Rail in regard to an opportunity for the Town Council to develop land owned by Network Rail. This item will be added to the next Full Council meeting in April for further discussion.

**c.** The Clerk provided Councillors with the final draft of the Visiting Dalton Leaflet which will be launched in April.

**d.** It was noted that the Town Council had been given the opportunity to submit possible street names for an upcoming development.

### **C9/03/2026. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to note.

### **C10/03/2026. General Reports**

There were no reports to receive.

### **C11/03/2026. Committee Membership and Attendance**

Councillors were reminded that appointments to Committees carry an expectation of regular attendance. Committees must be quorate to conduct business, and reduced attendance can impact progress and decision-making. Members were asked to review their appointments if they are unable to attend meetings regularly.

### **C12/03/2026. Emergency/Resilience Planning**

Councillors considered the following:

**a. Resolved:** To adopt an Emergency Plan as recommended by the Emergency Planning Committee (minute EC04/02/2026). Proposed by Cllr C Fox, seconded by Cllr A Fox, all in favour, with one abstention.

### **C13/03/2026. Policies**

Councillors considered the following:

**a. Resolved:** To re-adopt the Tree Management Policy. Proposed by Cllr M Dobson, seconded by Cllr D Pearson, on a vote of all in favour.

**b. Resolved:** To re-adopt the Training Statement of Intent. Proposed by Cllr A Fox, seconded by Cllr C Fox, on a vote of all in favour.

**c. Resolved:** To re-adopt the Social Media & Electronic Communications Policy. Proposed by Cllr C Fox, seconded by Cllr M Dobson, on a vote of all in favour.

### **C14/03/2026. Councillor & Staff training**

Councillors considered quotes obtained for CPR/AED training for Councillors and Staff (minute C14/02/2026)

**Resolved:** That training be arranged with a locally based training provider. The Clerk was instructed to source available dates. Proposed by Cllr A Thurlow, seconded by Cllr M Dobson, on a vote of all in favour.

**C15/03/2026. Finance**

**a. Resolved:** That the Bank Reconciliation for January 2026 was received and signed by Cllr A Fox.

**b. Resolved:** That the Finance Committee made no recommendations in respect of the Asset Register (minute FC5/02/2026).

**c. Payments for Approval**

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Power</b>
Optech	Christmas Lights – Final payment	£6832.80	LGA 1972 s144
Amazon	Door Lock	£36.99	LGA 1972 s111
Amazon	Flags (St George)	£9.65	LGA 1972 s137
Amazon	Flags (Old Lancs)	£27.31	LGA 1972 s137
SLCC	Staff Training	£105.30	LGA 1972 s111
SLCC	Staff Training	£52.68	LGA 1972 s111

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

**C16/03/2026. Planning**

**Reference Number:** B21/2026/0050

**Location:** 30 Coronation, Drive Dalton-In-Furness, Cumbria, LA15 8QR

**Resolved:** No objection.

**Reference Number:** B18/2026/0035

**Location:** Ruskinville Abbey Road, Dalton-In-Furness, Cumbria, LA13 0PE

**Resolved:** No objection.

**Reference Number:** B26/2026/0054

**Location:** Holt House, Glenfield Road, Dalton in Furness, LA15 8PO

**Resolved:** No objection.

**Appeal Ref:** APP/K0940/W/25/3371173

**Land Opposite Greenhills Pond/Hillside Close, Greystones Land, Dalton in Furness, Cumbria LA15 8FG.**

**Resolved:** The decision of the Planning Inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State, to allow the appeal and modify the Section 106 Agreement by removing the requirement for the developer to provide four affordable housing units was noted

**C17/03/2026. Exempt / Confidential Business**

The Council considered a confidential matter relating to Ricketts Hill Allotments.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk be authorised to make further enquiries and report back to Council.

**Meeting Closed at 7.45pm**

Signed.....  
(Chairman)

Date.....

C. Stainton  
Town Clerk

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026