

Dalton with Newton Town Council
Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held Tuesday 6th May 2025
In the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm.

Present: Councillors A. Thurlow, B. Solari, W. Maddox, B. Parrington, N. McDougall, C. Fox, N. Perie, D. Pearson, D. Miller, M. Dodson

01/2025 Apologies: None

02/2025 Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The Chairman was approved to sign the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2024 as a true record.

03/2025 Mayors Annual Report from Cllr N. McDougall.

Mayors Report

May 6th, 2025.

It's been an honour to serve as Mayor for the last 12 months.

I have attended many functions locally and throughout the County and enjoyed every one and got to meet many other Mayors and dignitaries and friends along the way.

I came into the role with little experience and was told I had a big pair of shoes to fill from taking over Nick's excellent efforts and work as my previous Mayor.

So, I had to think out of the box and challenged myself to make three changes.

First, I invited individual councillors as guests to come along with me to some of my invites.

2nd, I helped with Barrow Bid and BID Manager Paul Hodgson to create a Mayors Charity Christmas Lights event which was an absolutely fantastic event and really put Dalton on the map and is now an annual event for future Mayors Charities.

Finally, early in my year I decided not to have a Civic Sunday and work on my charities and run a Charity Presentation event.

I invited my charities, fellow councillors and friends along to Dalton Cricket Club where I organised entertainment and food.

The event was really successful and the feedback I received was brilliant.

I would like to thank Dalton Cricket Club, Claire the entertainer and Fiesta Catering.

My only criticism is that I couldn't receive any funding to go towards the costs so had to use some of the charity money I received.

Hopefully this will change in the future Mayors if wanting to do things a little bit different.

My Charities money came to £7,668.23.

My Charity donations were:

- North West Air Ambulance £3,500
- North West Blood Bikes £1,000
- 1st Duddon Scouts £1,000

- Rotary £1,000
- Macmillan £848.23

This concludes my report and I would like to wish Ann and Bruce my best wishes and support in their respected roles as Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Neil McDougall

04/2025 Distribution of Mayors Charity Fund

Further to Cllr McDougall's previous donations as mentioned in his report, a cheque was presented to MacMillin Nurses for £848.23

05/2025 Issues raised by Members of the Public in attendance

No issues were raised.

06/2025 Presentation of the Community Champion Award

Two Community Champions were recognised for awards. The first community champion was nominated for his work as a teacher at George Romney School and for his unstinting voluntary work to grassroots junior football. Currently the chair of Dalton Untied Junior Football Club this award is well deserved and was awarded to Keir Hopkins.

The second community champion was also nominated for his work with a junior football team, Paul Honeyman stepped in to 'help out' and 7 years later he is still there refereeing or lines manning in addition to managing an adult open age team, he has even been known to wash kits, marking pitches and attending committee meetings.

07/2025 Presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award

The Citizen of the Year award was given to Irene Cannon who is a long-time resident of Dalton and runs Furness Hedgehog Rescue from her home in Beckside Road. Her untiring work rescuing and nursing these little creatures with no outside funding is a tribute to her.

Meeting Closed 7.10pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

C. Stainton

Deputy Clerk