

Dalton with Newton Town Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 8th
April 2026 in the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton-in-Furness at 6.00pm

Present: Councillors N Perie, A Fox, B Solari and C Fox

In Attendance: C Stainton – Clerk/RFO

FC1/04/2026 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies to receive.

FC2/04/2026 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in respect of the items contained within the agenda.

FC3/04/2026. Year-End Financial Review 2025/26

a. The bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2026 was reviewed, verified and signed by Cllr C Fox as a true and accurate record. Cllr C Fox is a non-banking signatory.

b. Councillors reviewed and noted the Annual Summary Report, Detailed Receipts and Payments Report, and variance analysis for the year ended 31 March 2026. There were no issues or concerns identified.

c. Councillors reviewed and considered the final budget position for 2025/26, including overspends and underspends. Several overspends were identified and were satisfactorily explained within the explanation of variances.

d. Councillors reviewed and noted the list of creditors, debtors, and payments in advance as at 31 March 2026.

e. Councillors reviewed the draft Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 (Section 2 of the AGAR). It was resolved that the Accounting Statements were correct and recommended for approval by Full Council.

f. Councillors reviewed and noted the earmarked reserves and general reserve balance as at 31 March 2026. Councillors confirmed that there were no unexplained variances or concerns with the financial records.

FC4/04/2026. Internal Audit

The Internal Auditor's Report for the year ended 31 March 2026 was reviewed and noted. One recommendation was made regarding accessibility on the Council's webpage; this had been implemented prior to the meeting.

FC5/04/2026. Governance Documents (Annual Review). Documents are available to view on the Council website.

a. Councillors reviewed the Statement of Internal Control and Risk Management; no changes were recommended and the document was deemed fit for purpose.

b. Councillors reviewed the Financial Regulations; no changes were recommended and the document was deemed fit for purpose.

FC6/04/2026. Regular Payments 2026/27

Councillors reviewed the proposed schedule of regular payments for the 2026/27 financial year. It was resolved that the schedule of payments be approved for recommendation to Full Council.

	Description	Amount	Frequency
Standing Orders			
T. Mortlock-Jackson	Storage	£86.67	Monthly
Direct Debit			
Westmorland and Furness Council	National non-domestic rates	£45.00-48.00	Monthly (for 10 months)
British Gas	Gas	Variable	Monthly
British Gas	Electric	Variable	Monthly
Furness Internet	Web Hosting/IT Support	Variable	Monthly
Grenke Leasing	Photocopier Lease	£545.87	Quarterly
ICO	Commissioners Office	£47.00	Yearly
Suez	Waste Collection	Variable	Monthly
Water Plus	Water Rates	Variable	Monthly
Unity Bank	Account Charges	£9.60min	Monthly
National Employment	Nest Pension	Variable	Monthly
HMRC	PAYE	Variable	Monthly
Regular Bank Payments			
Hudson Hill	Ink Charges	Variable	Monthly
Hudson Hill	Phone & Internet	Variable	Monthly
Salaries		Variable	Monthly

FC7/04/2026. Bank Signatories

Councillors reviewed the authorised bank signatories and online banking arrangements and confirmed that the current banking arrangements and signatory controls are appropriate and effective.

Meeting closed at 6.35pm

Signed:
(Chair)

Date:

C. Stainton
Town Clerk
9th April 2026