

Dalton with Newton Town Council
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026 in the Town Hall,
Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

Present: Cllr A Thurlow, B Solari, W Maddox, N McDougall, C Fox and A Fox
In attendance: Mrs. C. Stainton (Town Clerk)

Meeting Opened at 7.00pm

C8/05/2026. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs N. Perie and D. Pearson.

C9/05/2026. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

- a. the Council meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026
- b. the Greenspaces Committee meeting held on Monday 20th April 2026
- c. the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 5th May 2026

C10/05/2026. Declarations of Interest

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

C11/05/2026. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded for item 26 due to the confidential nature of the business.

C12/05/2026. Reports from Westmorland & Furness Councillors

Apologies were received from Cllr T Callister who had submitted a written report prior to the meeting. Updates were provided regarding funding provided to Dalton Leisure Centre.

C13/05/2026. Report from the Police

PC Dixon reported on issues effecting Dalton.

C14/05/2026. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

C15/05/2026. Clerk's Report

- a. The Clerk reported that the AGAR 2025/26 had been completed and submitted.
- b. The Clerk reported that the annual flag inspection report had been carried out – no issues were reported.

C16/05/2026. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

C17/05/2026. General Reports

There were no reports to receive.

C18/05/2026. Wildlife Area

a. To consider the recommendation from the Greenspaces and Biodiversity Committee to change the use of the Wildflower Patch at Goose Green to a Wildlife Area.

Cllrs considered the recommendation.

Resolved: That the use of the Wildflower Patch at Goose Green be changed to a Wildlife Area.

b. To consider a proposal from Cllr M Dobson for the keeping of bees on Council land and to review a draft agreement and policy.

It was noted that Cllr M Dobson was not in attendance.

Resolved: That the item be deferred to a future meeting.

C19/05/2026. Myrtle Terrace Trees

Cllrs considered the additional correspondence received from residents together with the updated advice on the condition of the trees.

Resolved: That the trees at Myrtle Terrace remain in situ, and that the development of the land be referred back to the Greenspaces and Biodiversity Committee for further consideration.

C20/05/2026. Railway Land

a. To consider the recommendation of the Greenspaces and Biodiversity Committee regarding the proposed community allotment and growing space on Network Rail land.

Cllrs considered the recommendation.

Resolved: That the proposed use of the land as a community allotment and growing space be approved.

b. To approve the submission of a proposal to Network Rail for the use of the site.

Resolved: That the submission of the proposal to Network Rail be approved.

c. To approve the establishment of a council-led working group to oversee the management, maintenance, and community use of the area, including the terms of reference for the group.

Resolved: That the establishment of a council-led working group, including the Terms of Reference, be approved.

d. To delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, to progress discussions with Network Rail and partner organisations

Resolved: That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, to progress discussions with Network Rail and partner organisations.

C21/05/2026. Storage of Council-Owned Stages and Gazebos – Review of Ongoing Need

Cllrs considered the ongoing costs of storage, the condition of the assets, and the continued need for their retention. It was noted that the stages and gazebos are not in the best condition.

Resolved: That the storage arrangement is no longer required, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to contact local community groups to ascertain whether they wish to take ownership of the gazebos and stages.

C22/05/2026. Cumbria in Bloom

Cllrs received a progress update from those present who are part of the Cumbria in Bloom Working Group.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

C23/05/2026. Policies

To review and re-adopt an updated version of the previous CCTV Policy, updated to current legislation.

Cllrs considered the updated CCTV Policy.

Resolved: That the updated CCTV Policy be approved and re-adopted and signed by the Chair.

C24/05/2026. Finance

Councillors considered the following:

a. Payments for Approval

Supplier	Description	Amount	Power
Livingstons Solicitors	Land Search Fees	620.99	S111
Amazon	Wooden Bees (CIB Budget)	34.22	S144
Amazon	Paint (CIB Budget)	11.50	S144
Amazon	Sunflower Seeds (CIB Budget)	5.40	S144
Amazon	Paper/sticks (CIB Budget)	8.49	S144
Amazon	Folding Table	29.72	S111
Viking Direct	Office/Admin supplies	297.06	S111
Cumbria In Bloom	Sign up fees	95.00	S144
Internal Audit Services	Internal Audit 25-26	250.00	S111
Loyal Company of Town Criers	Town Crier subs 25-26	40.00	S137

Seated Furniture Ltd	Community Library Box	594.00	SI33
Town Clerk	Reimbursement – Community Afternoon	32.35	S137
Windsock Company Ltd	Annual Flagpole Inspection	2916.00	S111
Amazon	Compost Bin – Reading Garden.	66.48	Open Spaces Act 1906, s.10
Town Clerk	Reimbursement – Plants & Refreshments	92.16	S144
Furness Media	Website Cookie Control	48.00	S111
Mayors Allowance		1500.00	S15(5)

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

b. To consider and approve the purchase and installation of two IBC containers at Goose Green Memorial Gardens, at a revised cost of £4,152.06, as recommended by the Greenspaces & Biodiversity Committee (Minute GB3/09/2025a).

Cllrs considered the revised costs as recommended by the Greenspaces and Biodiversity Committee.

Resolved: That the revised cost be approved, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed and give the go-ahead to the contractor.

C25/05/2026. Planning

Reference Number : B21/2026/0142

Location : High Meadow Tantabank Road Dalton-In-Furness Cumbria LA15 8QD

Proposal : Proposed rear and side flat roof extension. Demolition of the existing conservatory and new extension with window to the side aspect and sliding glass doors to the rear.

Resolved: No objection.

Reference Number : B28/2026/0164

Location : 122 Market Street Dalton-In-Furness Cumbria LA15 8RE

Proposal : Application for works to Trees within a conservation area - T1 copper beech - reduce tree by up to 1.5 meters, with a maximum cut diameter of 75mm. T2 maple - reduce tree by up to 1.5 meters, with a maximum cut diameter of 75mm. All work to be carried out to a standard that conforms with BS3998

Resolved: No objection.

Reference Number : B21/2026/0138

Location : 10 Miller Close Barrow-In-Furness Cumbria LA13 0NE

Proposal : Single storey side extension to provide store.

Resolved: No objection.

C26/05/2026. Allotments (Confidential)

a. To receive a confidential update on the proposed allotment lease.

Councillors considered the updated Heads of Terms and associated risks and implications.

The Town Clerk provided Members with an update, including the revised Heads of Terms. Members considered the information presented and expressed concerns regarding the terms.

Resolved: That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the new landowners that the Council will not be proceeding with the proposed lease agreement.

b. To consider the future viability of the Community Orchard in light of the proposed lease terms, and to advise the Clerk on how to proceed

Members considered the implications of the proposed lease terms in relation to the Community Orchard.

Resolved: That the Town Clerk be instructed to serve notice on the land currently allocated as a Community Orchard.

Meeting Closed at 8.05pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date.....

C. Stainton
Town Clerk

12th May 2026