

Dalton with Newton Town Council
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026 in the Town Hall,
Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

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

In attendance: Mrs. C. Stainton (Town Clerk)

Meeting Opened at 7.00pm

C1/07/2026. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies to receive.

C2/07/2026. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

- a. the Council meeting held on Monday 1st June 2026
- b. the Greenspaces Committee meeting held on Monday 8th June 2026
- c. the Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 10th June 2026

C3/07/2026. Declarations of Interest

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

C4/07/2026. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That there were no items requiring the exclusion of the press and public.

C5/07/2026. 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 the following: ongoing issues around grass cutting, speeding around Skelgate, the ongoing discussions relating to Ann Street, repair work at Tudor Square and the installation of a new gate by United Utilities at the Hags.

C6/07/2026. Report from the Police

Members received a policing update advising that an additional Police Constable has been allocated to the area, working opposite shifts to increase police visibility within the town. Members were reminded that incidents of anti-social behaviour should be reported directly to the police, as reports made solely on social media cannot be investigated or acted upon.

During June, police dealt with a range of incidents including arrests for drink and drug driving, theft, burglary, criminal damage, anti-social behaviour, domestic-related incidents, missing persons (all found safe and well), welfare concerns, neighbourhood disputes, and vehicle-related offences. Support was provided where appropriate, and investigations remain ongoing in relevant cases.

C7/07/2026. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

C8/07/2026. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reminded Members that the Local Plan consultation is now open and provided draft consultation responses for consideration. Members were asked to review the drafts and submit any suggested amendments to the Clerk by 20 July.

C9/07/2026. Correspondence

Members noted a letter received regarding the grass cutting at Dalton Cemetery, this letter had been shared with Cllr Callister prior to the meeting and was being dealt with.

C10/07/2026. General Reports

Members received an update from Cllr Thurlow on the hard work carried out by the de-weeding group at various locations throughout the town in preparation for Cumbria in Bloom.

C11/07/2026. Co-option to Fill Town Council Vacancy

- a. Members noted that no election had been called and that the councillor vacancy could now be filled by co-option.
- b. Members approved the revised Co-option Application Form.
- c. Members approved the Councillor Role Profile.
- d. Members agreed to advertise the councillor vacancy for co-option. The Clerk was instructed to prepare and publish a poster inviting applications.

C12/07/2026. Myrtle Terrace Land

Members considered the recommendation of the Greenspaces Committee to develop the land at Myrtle Terrace as a mini orchard.

Resolved: To approve the recommendation, authorise expenditure of up to £500 for the purchase of fruit trees, and delegate authority to the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements for the implementation of the project.

C13/07/2026. Notice Boards

Members considered the recommendation of the Greenspaces Committee to accept a quotation for the adaptation and installation of the two wooden notice boards currently held in storage.

Resolved: To accept the quotation and authorise the works

C14/07/2026. Railway Land Community Allotment

- a. Members noted that £60,000 had been identified within the Council's budget/reserves for the development of the Railway Land Community Allotment project.
- b. Members appointed Councillor Bruce Solari and Councillor Thurlow as the Council's representatives on the Dalton Railway Garden Group.
- c. Members agreed that the first meeting of the Dalton Railway Garden Group would be arranged for August, with arrangements to be made to invite members of the community to join the group.
- d. It was **resolved** to delegate authority to the Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor (Councillor Bruce Solari) and Councillor C. Fox, to approve expenditure from the allocated budget and make decisions necessary for the delivery of the project, with all expenditure to be reported to the next meeting of Full Council for information

C15/07/2026. Goose Green

- a. Members considered the quotation for works to the boundary fence between the Memorial Garden and Abbey Road. It was **resolved** not to accept the quotation, with Members agreeing that planting a hedgerow would provide a more suitable long-term boundary.
- b. Members received an update on the progress of the Tommy the Pigeon information boards and noted the report.

C16/07/2026. Cigarette Bin – Happy to Chat Area

Members considered the installation of a cigarette bin in the vicinity of the Happy to Chat area to help address cigarette litter. It was **resolved** to approve the installation of a suitable cigarette bin at an estimated cost of £100.

C17/07/2026. Dalton Co-op

Members considered complaints received from residents regarding changes to customer service at the Dalton Co-op. It was **resolved** to approve the draft letter prepared by the Clerk for issue to the Managing Director, requesting a review of the current service provision.

C18/07/2026 Policies

Members considered the following policies:

- a. Information Technology, Cyber Security and Information Governance Policy.
- b. Social Media and Electronic Communications Policy.
- c. Co-option Policy.
- d. Investment Policy.
- e. Reserves Policy.
- f. Investment Strategy.

It was **resolved** to adopt all of the above policies as presented.

C19/07/2026 Insurance Matters

Members noted the correspondence received from the Council's insurers regarding a matter that has now been closed.

C20/07/2026 Finance

Councillors considered the following:

a. Payments for Approval

Supplier	Description	Amount	Power
Amazon	Rock Salt	16.99	S111
Amazon	Groundman Tools	15.74	S111
Amazon	White vinegar	15.88	S111
The Clerk – Reimbursement	Groundman Tools	145.77	S111
Furness Media	Cookie Support	48.00	S111
Elite Electrical	PAT TEST	120.00	S111
Ellies Garden Centre	Garden Maintenance	107.93	Open Spaces act 1906
Amazon	Tap	11.67	S111
Amazon	Water Butt	80.99	Open Spaces act 1906
A Thompson	Grass cutting contract p1	1596.00	Open Spaces act 1906
Amazon	Barrier Baskets	63.78	Open Spaces act 1906
Tythe Barn	Flower display	5724.00	Open Spaces act 1906

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

b. Councillors **noted** the bank reconciliation for May 2026 had been carried out by Cllr Maddox.

c. Members considered the correspondence and invoice relating to professional fees incurred during negotiations for the proposed lease of the Ricketts Hill allotments. Following discussion, it was **resolved** to approve payment of the invoice, although Members expressed their reluctance to do so.

C21/07/2026. Planning

Members considered the following planning applications.

Reference Number : B20/2026/0147

Location : Silver Top Station Approach Dalton-In-Furness Cumbria LA15 8RA

Proposal : Change of use from Police Station (sui generis) to Construction Training Centre (F1) including removal of slate panels on 5 of the 6 external walls and replacement with plain faced render to match

Resolved: No objections.

Reference Number : B13/2026/0221

Location : High Bank Newton Road Dalton-In-Furness Cumbria LA15 8LW

Proposal : Residential development of 7 no. dwellings, with landscaping, biodiversity enhancement and associated parking

Resolved: No objections.

Reference Number : B21/2026/0192

Location : Whitriggs Primrose Lane Dalton-In-Furness Cumbria LA15 8QZ

Proposal : Removal of rear and side single storey extensions. Existing roof height to be raised by 1 metre to form:-Two storey rear extension and single storey side extension, with replacement double garage to the side of the property

Resolved: No objections.

Meeting Closed at 8.05pm

Signed.....

(Chairman)

Date.....

C. Stainton

Town Clerk

7th July 2026