

Dalton with Newton Town Council
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th October 2026 in the Town Hall,
Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

Present: Cllr A Thurlow, B Solari, W Maddox, N McDougall, A Fox, N Perie, D Pearson & M Green.

In attendance: Mrs. C. Stainton (Town Clerk), Cllr Tony Callister (Westmorland & Furness Council).

Meeting Opened at 7.00pm

C1/10/2026. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C Fox and Cllr M Dobson.

C2/10/2026. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the following meetings be approved and signed by the Chair:

- a. Full Council meeting held on Monday 7th September 2026.
- b. Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9th September 2026.
- c. Greenspaces Committee meeting held on Monday 14th September 2026.
- d. Emergency and Resilience Committee meeting held on Monday 28th September 2026.

C3/10/2026. Declarations of Interest

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

C4/10/2026. Exclusion of Press and Public

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

C5/10/2026. Reports from Westmorland & Furness Councillors

Cllr T Callister provided an update to Members.

Members were advised that funding had been provided to Dalton Leisure Centre to support free swimming during the October half-term. Cllr Callister had also provided £1,000 from his Member's allowance to Newton School.

It was reported that grass maintenance works were due to take place in Dalton during the week.

Members were also advised that highways works in Cobden Street were due to commence shortly.

C6/10/2026. Report from the Police

No report was received from Cumbria Police.

C7/10/2026. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

C8/10/2026. Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided reports on the following:

- a. National Scheme of Delegation meeting.
- b. Christmas arrangements.

The reports were received for information.

C9/10/2026. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to note.

C10/10/2026. General Reports

Cllr Solari provided a report on the Cumbria in Bloom awards, which had taken place that afternoon. Dalton had been awarded Gold in the Best Small Town category.

Cllr Solari also provided an update on his craft event held during the previous month and advised Members of his next event, which will take place on 15th November 2026. Members were advised that any assistance with the event would be welcomed.

C11/10/2026. Railway Land – Community Allotment

Members received an update on the Railway Land community allotment project.

The first meeting of the Dalton Railway Garden Group is due to take place on Tuesday 6th October 2026. A further update will be provided to Full Council at the next meeting, including the number of people who attended the first meeting.

C12/10/2026. Events and Community Activities

a. Proposed Events and Engagement Committee

Members considered the proposal to establish an Events and Engagement Committee to oversee and support the Town Council's events programme and wider community engagement activities.

The requirement under the Borderlands funding agreement to deliver a minimum of 12 community events per year on the Brocklebank site was noted.

Cllr Perie proposed and Cllr Thurlow seconded the following:

- i. To establish an Events and Engagement Committee.
- ii. To approve the proposed Terms of Reference for the Committee.
- iii. To appoint Cllr Thurlow, Cllr Green, Cllr Perie and Cllr McDougall as members of the Committee and agree the meeting arrangements.

RESOLVED to approve all of the above.

b. Temporary Pump Track – October Half Term

Members received an update on the proposed temporary pump track.

The company originally approached to provide the pump track was no longer available and alternative providers had therefore been contacted.

Following an update on availability and arrangements, Cllr Perie proposed and Cllr Thurlow

seconded that the temporary pump track be booked for 15th November 2026, to coincide with the switch-on event.

RESOLVED to approve the booking.

C13/10/2026. Goose Green

Members received an update on the Tommy the Pigeon signs.

The signs have now arrived and are awaiting installation.

C14/10/2026. Policies

Members reviewed the following policies:

- a.** Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy.
- b.** Training Statement of Intent.

Members also reviewed the following policies as recommended by the Finance Committee (FC6/09/2026):

- c.** Risk Management Policy.
- d.** Risk Register.
- e.** Statement of Internal Control and Risk Management.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the policies as presented.

C15/10/2026. Community Assets – Potential Asset Transfers and Surplus Land

a. Bus Shelters/Planters/Benches

Members received an update on the potential transfer of bus shelters, planters and benches.

The Council is currently awaiting further action from Westmorland & Furness Council's legal team.

b. Land

Members were invited to provide comments following their visits to the site.

Following discussion, Members confirmed that they did not wish to pursue the potential acquisition of the land further.

C16/10/2026. Brocklebank Site – Project Update

Members received an update on progress with the proposed acquisition and future development of the former Brocklebank site.

C17/10/2026. Finance

a. Payments

Cllr A Fox proposed and Cllr Thurlow seconded approval of the payments as presented.

RESOLVED to approve the payments as presented.

b. Bank Reconciliation

Members **noted** that the bank reconciliation up to 31st August 2026 had been carried out by Cllr C Fox prior to the meeting.

c. Replacement Back Door

Members considered a quotation for the replacement of the back door at the Council office, which is in need of replacement.

Cllr A Fox proposed and Cllr Thurlow seconded approval of the quotation.

RESOLVED to accept and approve the quotation.

d. Final Grant Application

Members considered the final grant application for the current financial year.

Cllr A Fox proposed and Cllr Thurlow seconded approval of a grant of £2,950 to Dalton United Football Club.

RESOLVED to approve the grant of £2,950.

C18/10/2026. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm

Signed.....

(Chairman)

Date.....

C. Stainton

Town Clerk

6th October 2026