Dalton with Newton Town Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 2026 in the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton-in-Furness at 6.30pm

Present: Councillors N Perie, A Fox, C Fox and A Thurlow
In Attendance: C Stainton – Clerk/RFO

FC1/11/2026. Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B. Solari.

FC2/11/2026. Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest in respect of the items contained within the agenda.

FC3/11/2026. Bank Statements and Reconciliations
a. A review of the bank statements against invoices paid was carried out by Cllr C Fox.
b. The bank reconciliation as at 31st Oct 2026 was verified and signed by Cllr C Fox as a true and accurate record.

FC4/11/2026. Review of Budget to date
Councillors reviewed and noted the budget position from 1st April to 31st Oct 2026.

FC5/11/2026. Budget Planning 2027 -2028
Members considered the proposed budget for the financial year 2027–2028, including projected income, expenditure, reserves, planned projects, the financial implications of staffing recommendations made by the Staffing Committee and the potential financial implications of the Town Council taking on the transfer of assets from Westmorland and Furness Council.
The proposed budget was set at £440,530.00.
It was proposed by Cllr A Fox and seconded by Cllr A Thurlow that the proposed budget of £440,530.00 be recommended to Full Council for approval.
Resolved: That the proposed budget of £440,530.00 for the financial year 2027–2028 be recommended to Full Council for approval.

FC6/11/2026. Precept Requirement 2027 – 2028
Members considered the precept requirement for the financial year 2027–2028, based on the proposed budget.
The recommended precept was set at £377,530.00.
It was proposed by Cllr N Perie and seconded by Cllr A Thurlow that the precept requirement of £377,530.00 be recommended to Full Council for approval.
Resolved: That a precept requirement of £377,530.00 for the financial year 2027–2028 be recommended to Full Council for formal resolution.

FC7/11/2026 Members' Allowances and Expenses
a. Parish Basic Allowance
Members considered the introduction of a Parish Basic Allowance payable to all elected members, potentially with a different amount for the Mayor.
Following discussion, members **agreed** that they did not wish to pursue this option.

b. Travelling and Subsistence Expenses
Members considered the introduction of a scheme allowing members to claim eligible travelling and subsistence expenses incurred when undertaking approved Council duties.
Members **agreed** that they did not wish to pursue this option.
However, members requested that a Mayor's Allowance Policy be drafted for consideration and approval by Full Council.
Action: The Clerk to prepare a draft Mayor's Allowance Policy for submission to Full Council.

FC8/11/2026 Meeting Dates 2027
Members noted the proposed Finance Committee meeting dates for 2027:

- 22nd February
- 26th April
- 28th June
- 27th September
- 29th November

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed: .....
(Chair)

Date: .....

C. Stainton
Town Clerk
12th November 2026