Dalton with Newton Town Council
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2026 in the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

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

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

Meeting Opened at 7.00pm

C1/11/2026. Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllr C Fox.

C2/11/2026. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED to approve and authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 5th October 2026.

C3/11/2026. Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest from Members in respect of items on the agenda.

C4/11/2026. Exclusion of Press and Public
RESOLVED that there were no items requiring the exclusion of the press and public.

C5/11/2026. Reports from Westmorland & Furness Councillors
Cllr T Callister provided an update to Members.
Members were advised of proposed reductions to library opening hours and upcoming works scheduled to take place on Chapel Street.
Cllr Callister also requested that, with the colder weather approaching, any empty grit bins be reported to Westmorland & Furness Council.

C6/11/2026. Report from the Police
No report was received from Cumbria Police and no representatives were in attendance.

C7/11/2026. Public Participation
There were no members of the public present.

C8/11/2026. Clerk's Report
The Clerk provided an update on the proposed election costs from Westmorland & Furness Council for the May 2027 elections.
The update was received for information.

C9/11/2026. Correspondence
The Clerk reminded Members of an invitation previously circulated by Westmorland & Furness Council regarding free training on the Councillor Code of Conduct.

The training is due to take place at Barrow Town Hall on Thursday 3rd December 2026.

C10/11/2026. General Reports
Cllr Maddox provided a report on the Remembrance event attended by herself and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr N McDougall.

C11/11/2026. Railway Land – Community Allotment
There was no further update to report.

C12/11/2026. Events and Community Activities
a. Dalton Christmas Light Switch On – Additional Costs
Members considered the additional funding required to support activities taking place during the Dalton Christmas Light Switch On, on 15th November 2026.
Cllr Maddox proposed and Cllr Pearson seconded approval of the following additional costs:
i. Schools' lantern-making workshops at £750 per school.
ii. An additional £2,000 to cover extra toilets and a vintage bus.
iii. £1,000 towards gifts for Santa's Grotto.

RESOLVED to approve the additional funding as outlined above.

C13/11/2026. Goose Green
Members were advised that the Tommy the Pigeon boards had now been installed.
The boards will be added to the Council's asset register.

C14/11/2026. Community Assets – Potential Asset Transfers and Surplus Land
a. Bus Shelters/Planters/Benches
Members received an update regarding the potential transfer of bus shelters, planters and benches from Westmorland & Furness Council.
Westmorland & Furness Council has now undertaken an inventory of the assets. These will be processed through the necessary channels, with a view to transferring them to Dalton with Newton Town Council in April 2027.
The potential costs of repairs and replacement of these assets will be considered by the Finance Committee.

C15/11/2026. Brocklebank Site – Project Update and Approval of Contingency Funding
The Clerk provided an update to Members who had not been present at the Extraordinary Meeting regarding the Borderlands Place Programme Grant Funding Agreement.
Members were advised that all relevant documents had now been signed and returned to Westmorland & Furness Council. It was hoped that contracts would be exchanged by the end of the week.
Members considered the tight timescale for completion and the potential financial risks should the approved Borderlands funding of £150,000 not be received in time to meet the deadline agreed with the seller of 13th November 2026.
Having considered the financial risks and the Council's remaining 2026/27 budget, Cllr M Dobson proposed and Cllr A Fox seconded that, should the Borderlands funding not be received before the seller's deadline, the Council temporarily cover the outstanding £150,000 pending receipt of the approved funding.
RESOLVED to approve the contingency arrangement whereby Dalton with Newton Town Council

will temporarily cover the £150,000 outstanding balance if the Borderlands funding has not been received by 13th November 2026, in order to secure the acquisition of the land.

C16/11/2026. Finance

a. Payments

Supplier	Description	Amount	Power
SLCC	Staff Training	69.30	S111
JRB	Dog Bags	317.95	Open Spaces Act 1906
W&F	Orchard rent 24-25	82.73	
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SLCC	Literature	49.20	S111
Huckerby Plumbing	Boiler replacement final payment	1052.60	S111
Tythe Barn	Seasonal planters	16800.00	Open Spaces Act 1906
St Mary's Church	Room Hire – Mayors Civic Service	200.00	S145
RBL	Poppy Wreaths	135.00	S137
Masons Butchers	Refreshments – civic service.	468.00	S137
Chris Ellwood	Power washing – Reading Garden	1968.00	Open Spaces Act 1906

Cllr N Perie proposed and Cllr M Green seconded approval of the payments as presented.
RESOLVED to approve the payments as presented.

C17/11/2026. Planning

Members considered the following planning applications:

Reference: B28/2026/0435

17 Kestrel Drive, Dalton-in-Furness

Works to trees subject to TPO 2008 No. 1, including the felling of two sycamore trees and crown reduction of an oak tree.

Reference: B18/2026/0378

Our Lady of the Rosary Roman Catholic School, Ulverston Road, Dalton-in-Furness

Erection of new 2.0m high V-mesh security fencing, including two pedestrian access gates and associated works.

Reference: B21/2026/0407

106 Market Street, Dalton-in-Furness

Single-storey rear extension to provide an extended kitchen, dining and sitting area, ground floor WC and utility room, together with an outdoor covered seating area.

Reference: B13/2026/0415

3 Skelgate, Dalton-in-Furness

Conversion of former coach house and upper ground floor level of double garage into ancillary accommodation.

No objections were raised by Members in respect of any of the above planning applications.

Meeting Closed at 7.45pm

Signed..... Date.....

(Chairman)

C. Stainton

Town Clerk 3rd November 2026