

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting held on 28th April 2025 at 7.00pm in The Lyric, Laughton Road, Dinnington

Present: Cllr D Booth, Cllr L Clarke (Chair), Cllr J Hall, Cllr Z Lowe, Cllr K Smallwood, Cllr D Smith, Cllr F Walden

In attendance: T. Collingham (Town Clerk and RFO), C Radford (Town Council Administrator).
4 members of public attended.

C01/25 To answer questions from the last meeting: and to allow for questions from electors of Dinnington to ask one question only in respect of business itemised on the agenda or on a pertinent issue that may arise; followed by the formal meeting

Public raised questions regarding representatives delegated for the Summer Carnival with Dinnington Rugby Club and for an update on the Volunteer policy.

C02/25 To receive and consider any reasons for absence

All members were present at the meeting.

C03/25 To receive and record any declarations of interest and if necessary, to receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests and grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None received.

C04/25 To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed. Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2))

No items were considered with the exclusion of the press and public.

C05/25 To discuss previous Community Club Working Group actions, and any actions that need to be brought forward to the Community Committee

The Clerk shared details of the previous minutes from the Community Working Group to ratify the decisions made regarding upcoming community events.

Resolved:- The Council resolved that they were happy to ratify the decisions made 27th January 2025 by the Community Working Group as per the minutes of that meeting.

C06/25 To discuss any Community Club events taking place between May-August and consider any further action

A discussion took place regarding events being held between May – August. An email is to be sent out to all Councillors requesting additional helpers at the planned events.

7th May – Line Dancing

4th June – Trivia Quiz

2nd July – Strawberries & Cream Tea

6th August – Barmy Bella (Children's entertainer)

3rd September – TBC

1st October – Rochelle (Singer)

5th November – Cinema experience

3rd December – Wreath Making

Chairman Signature:



Resolved:- Council unanimously voted in favour of carrying forward the schedule of planned events for the remainder of 2025 with September still to be confirmed.

C07/25 To note the previous actions agreed by the Community Working Group in respect of the Christmas Festival, and to consider the work programme to organise the event for 2025

Councillors were reminded that they have previously agreed to hold the Christmas Festival on Sunday 7th December but staff have expressed their unwillingness to work all day on the Sunday and are concerned about this due to the short turn around time on cleaning the Lyric for the Town Council meeting the day after. The Clerk advised Council that he has sought advice from YLCA regarding employment contracts and Sunday working, once he has a response he will advise accordingly.

Some concerns were voiced about attempting to run the event without the help or experience of staff. It was also discussed that the festival did move from mid week to Saturdays so that children in the community do not have to get up for school the next day.

A debate took place around benefits for the community of holding the event on a Saturday against reported financial losses for shop keepers based on Laughton Road during any road closure.

Councillor D Smith apologised for an earlier inappropriate comment. Councillor J Hall declined the apology.

Resolved:- Council decided to defer making a decision regarding the date of the Christmas Festival until a response regarding Sunday working is received from YLCA.

C08/25 To note an update from the external meetings with the Summer Carnival and consider any further action

A meeting with DRUFC is scheduled for Tuesday 29th April which members of the Community Committee are invited to attend. Hopefully a schedule of future meetings will be confirmed at this. An update was provided to the committee that the bands and food stalls are booked. There has been a poor uptake in stall holders so this needs advertising more. DRUFC are opening an outside bar in addition to the indoor bar being open. Car parking will be charged at £5 per car and the Police have been made aware of the event so that they can cone off the approaching road so people cannot park on the road. Air Cadets are not allowed to volunteer at the event as car parking staff. The Clerk confirmed that he is keeping a record of costings for the event.

Resolved: To contact previous Christmas Festival stall holders and promote the event. Bring any items from the meeting at the Rugby Club for further discussion at the next Community Committee meeting.

C09/25 To note an update on the progress of the Volunteer Policy (Cllr L Clarke)

Councillors were updated that a draft copy of the policy was reviewed by some Councillors and it was decided that some adjustments are still to be made. A new draft of the policy will be done and then brought to Council for approval. It was suggested by a member of the public that if volunteers keen to sign up for DSJTC are needed and available for the Summer Carnival that they are signed up by the Rugby Club to ensure that they can take part.

C10/25 To discuss and note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting

Items raised during this meeting.

It was raised that a Newsletter has not yet been produced. A meeting of the Newsletter and Working Group Working Group is to be scheduled.

C11/25 To note the date and time of the next meeting

Thursday 22nd May, 7pm in The Lyric.

Meeting Closed 19.50pm

Chairman Signature:



