

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of the Lyric Committee Meeting held on 22nd May 2025 at 5:30pm in The Lyric, Laughton Road, Dinnington

Present: Cllr W Hall (Chair), Cllr L Clarke, Cllr G Cruickshanks, Cllr J Hall, Cllr W Hall, Cllr J Hart, and Cllr D Smith

Apologies: Cllr D Scriven

In attendance: T. Collingham (Town Clerk and RFO), C Radford (Town Council Administrator).
No members of public attended.

L32/25 To elect a Chair of the Lyric Committee for 2025/26

Cllr W Hall invited nominations for the Chair for the ensuing year. One nomination was received and was proposed and seconded for Cllr W Hall.

Resolved: That Cllr W Hall be elected as Chair of the Lyric Committee.

L33/25 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

No questions asked during the public session.

L34/25 To receive and consider any reasons for absence

Resolved: That the Council received and accepted reasons for absence from Cllr D Scriven

L35/25 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.

L36/25 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.

L37/25 To receive and approve the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on Monday 28th April 2025

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Lyric Committee meeting be approved as true record and to be signed by the Chair and kept on file.

L38/25 To receive and note the financial overview of April 2025 including accounts and event costing

The Clerk presented Council with the April 2025 financial overview for The Lyric not including private bookings. It is understood by Council that it is difficult to interpret these figures due to the nature of the figures for rolling stock etc. A discussion took place regarding the regular Bingo event and how well attended the event is. The Clerk is to find out further information regarding the income and outgoings for this.

Chairman Signature:



L39/25 To receive and update regarding competitor visits and consider any further action

Councillors had a discussion about the information that they have found out regarding venues in Doncaster and Worksop. Some elements of these venues are similar to The Lyric but not really comparable either due to their set up on a charitable basis and use of being completely staffed by Trustees and volunteers or due to their size.

Resolved:- That Cllr L Clarke be delegated to contact the theatre in Doncaster to arrange a visit to look round and meet with the Manager.

L40/25 To discuss the feedback from the customer journey documents completed by Committee members and consider any further action

Councillors discussed ideas raised during the meeting and feedback from members of the public previously spoken to. It was raised that improved signage needs to start at the back of the Lyric from the car park to highlight where the Lyric entrance is. Constable Lane and the archway need some maintenance carrying out and improvements made. The Clerk is to find out from RMBC if they are still responsible for maintaining the archway and can carry out some re painting work or happy for DSJTC to carry this out. A suggestion was made to consider the benefits of consulting an interior designer for the project.

Resolved:-

- (1) That more information be provided regarding the legislation for smoking and to get a price for a smoking shelter
- (2) That contact be made with RMBC to understand who owns the archway on Constable Lane and to enquire about painting the structure
- (3) To remove the old faded boards from Constable Lane on the side of The Lyric
- (4) To re-felt the bin store roof at the end of Constable Lane
- (5) To remove the weeds from downside of Constable Lane
- (6) That a consultation be drawn up to consult on improvements that residents would like to see in The Lyric

L41/25 To receive an update on the quotations requested in respect of sound and lighting for the Lyric and consider any further action

No further quotes were presented to Councillors. Councillors wished to take forward a recommendation to improve the lighting with the one quote provided by 4 Front Events for £11,500 without a sound desk upgrade, or £12,250 with the desk upgrade.

Resolved: That the Committee recommend the approval of a quote from 4 Front Events to improve The Lyric sound and lighting; to the value of £11,500 without a sound desk upgrade, or £12,250 with the desk upgrade

L42/25 To discuss and note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting

No items identified for inclusion.

L43/25 To note the date and time of the next meeting

The next Lyric Committee meeting will be held Monday 30th June at 5.30pm.

Meeting Closed 18.27pm

Chairman Signature:

