

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of the Lyric Committee Meeting held on 3rd November 2025 at 5:30pm in The Lyric, Laughton Road, Dinnington

Present: Cllr W Hall (Chair), Cllr L Clarke, Cllr G Cruickshanks, Cllr D Smith, Cllr D Scriven

Apologies: Cllr J Hall & Cllr J Hart

In attendance: A. Wilson (Locum Town Clerk), L. Warne (Asst Clerk), C. Radford (Administrator),
E Stanger (Lyric Manager)
3 members of public attended.

L90/25 **Members are asked 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.

L91/25 **Members are asked to receive and consider any reasons for absence**

Resolved: That the Council received and accepted reasons for absence from Cllr J Hall & Cllr J Hart

L92/25 **Members are asked 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.

L93/25 **Members are asked 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.

L94/25 **Members are asked to receive and approve the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on Monday 6th October 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.

L95/25 **Members are asked to receive:**

- **An update on the Lyric Consultation – more detailed analysis as requested at the last meeting**
- **How the results are going to be used to aid the future of the Lyric**

The Asst Clerk provided members with copies of the feedback forms received online and in person during the recent consultation period. Members were reminded that as well as being useful to receive feedback from the community this was also an essential requirement to enable the Council to apply for any grants going forward.

Members agreed to take away the provided information for review and then discuss further at the next meeting.

L96/25

Members are asked to:

- **receive and note upcoming events at The Lyric and look at ways in which we can continue to move forward and increase bookings**
- **consider any further action**

The Lyric Manager provided members with a list of scheduled events for November, December and January. Members were pleased to see how busy the Lyric is and that there are in some cases multiple booking on the same days. It was felt that no immediate action is to be taken in response to this at this point. Members look forward to receiving the financial breakdown after this period so that the profitability of these events can be scrutinised and evaluated.

L97/25

Members are asked to receive a breakdown for the profit and loss of events held in The Lyric within July, August and September 2025.

The Chair explained to the committee that he had received communication from the Locum Clerk advising that the finances are not yet upto date. Hopefully the breakdown will be ready in the coming weeks. Due to Committee members not receiving the profit and loss breakdown it was decided to defer the item until next month's meeting.

L98/25

Members are asked to receive and note the financial budgeting report for Income and Expenditure up to September 2025.

Due to Committee members not receiving the financial budgeting report it was decided to defer the item until the next month's meeting.

L99/25

Members are asked to consider the attendance of the Lyric staff at these committee meetings.

Members discussed that it is beneficial to have the Lyric Manager at the meetings and that it would also be helpful to invite the Lyric Bar Manager to the next meeting in order to discuss any issues and the provision of the tills face to face. The Bar Manager would also be given the opportunity to then give their opinion and preference regarding the tills.

Members agreed to schedule an Extraordinary meeting on Monday 10th November at 6.00pm in order to invite the Lyric Bar Manager to attend.

L100/25

Members are asked to discuss any maintenance works and consider any further action.

Members discussed and were shown the issue with the wooden floor near the bar area and it was agreed that this requires further investigation and then the committee to be updated with a suggested way forward.

Concerns were raised again regarding a tree and other foliage growing from the guttering on the front of the building. This will require a specialist with the necessary height equipment to be able to look at further and carry out the necessary work. There is also a damp issue in the Committee Room. The Locum Clerk agreed to investigate further.

The Lyric Manager is to look into the removal of the gas oven and hob in the kitchen and replace with a commercial electric oven and new ventilation. Over the last twelve months the oven/hob has been needed approx 32 times so it is agreed that this is still a facility that the venue should be providing. Due to the urgency of this, quotes are to be brought to the next meeting.

L101/25

Members are asked to discuss the provision of tills within The Lyric bar and consider any further action

Item deferred until Extraordinary meeting on 10/11/2025 when can discuss with the Bar Manager.

L102/25

Members are asked to discuss and note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting

As discussed throughout the meeting: Tills, oven and Lyric flooring.

L89/25

Members are asked to note the date and time of the next meeting

The next Lyric Committee meeting will be held Monday 10th November at 6.00pm.

Meeting Closed 18:08 hrs

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