

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting held on 2nd February 2026 at 7.00pm in the Lyric Theatre, Laughton Road, Dinnington

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

Apologies: Cllr K Smallwood

In attendance: A Wright (Clerk), A. Wilson (Locum Town Clerk), L. Warne (Asst Clerk), E Stanger (Lyric Manager), Cllr W Hall, Cllr J Hart, Cllr T Mulholland.

C01/26 **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**

None received.

C02/26 **Members are asked to receive and consider any reasons for absence.**

Resolved: That the Council received and accepted reasons for absence from Cllr K Smallwood.

C03/26 **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**

No declarations

C04/26 **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 identified for the exclusion of the press and public.

C05/26 **Members are asked to approve the minutes from the Community Committee meeting held on Monday 24th November 2025**

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

C06/26 **Members are asked to consider any feedback about the Christmas Festival 2025 from the consultation and discuss any matters related to the event.**

The Assistant Clerk gave a summary of the consultation responses. It was suggested that an online consultation be held to gather more responses than the 17 paper responses.

C07/26 **Members are asked to discuss Christmas Festival 2026 and consider any further action:**

- Confirm the date for the Christmas Festival 2026 at Saturday 5th December 2026
- Report and update from the Assistant Town Clerk on the arrangements for the Christmas Festival

The Chair noted that a volunteer had asked if a Santa was needed at the Christmas Festival and the Assistant Clerk will contact the volunteer to make appropriate arrangements. A discussion was held regarding the date of the Christmas Festival and whether it would be possible to move it into

Chairman Signature:



November. The bookings in the Lyric would be looked at for alternatives and options emailed to Councillors.

The security for the event was discussed and would be booked for the whole time of the event.

The Councillors considered how to support shop owners and discussed the road closure and the funfair.

Resolved: That there would not be a funfair this year, the road closure would not be requested and some small rides for children would be arranged.

Other suggestions were made regarding choirs being invited to sing in the church, working with the Resource Centre and arranging for the Christmas lights to come on earlier each day.

Resolved: VMS Medical will again be asked to provide first aid cover

Resolved: Rotherprint, will be used to produce the leaflets to advertise the event

Christmas trees were discussed and Councillors will ask for businesses to sponsor trees and a request will be put on Facebook for donations. Cllr Mulholland will approach the local MP to ask if he will sponsor a tree.

The Lions were not available to join the Christmas Festival in 2025 so will be asked to join this year and take their sleigh round Dinnington on the same day.

C08/26 Members are asked to:

- **To discuss Community Club dates and events for 2026**

The February Community Club will have a Valentines theme. Councillors discussed the programme for the year and a list of previous events over the past year will be available at the February Community club for those present to select which they would like to do again over the next 12 months. A singer will be arranged for the March Community Club and a separate children's event for April.

C09/26 Members are asked to consider and confirm the Volunteer Policy.

The Clerk is to arrange a meeting of the Working group to discuss and formulate a policy and procedure for volunteers.

C10/26 Members are asked to discuss and consider the:

- **Finances for Community Club**
- **Summer Carnival Event**

The finances for the Community Club would form part of the discussions for the precept at the Town Council meeting.

C11/26 Members are asked to discuss and note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting.

As discussed including:
Summer Carnival
Community Club event schedule

C12/26 Members are asked to note that the next meeting of this Committee will be held on Monday 23rd February 2026 at 6.30p.m.

Meeting Closed 20:17hrs

Chairman Signature:

