

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of the Lyric Committee Meeting held on 2nd February 2026 at 5:30pm in The Lyric

Present: Cllr W Hall (Chair), Cllr L Clarke, Cllr J Hart, Cllr D Scriven, Cllr D Smith, Cllr J Hall

Apologies: No apologies were received. It was noted that Cllr Cruickshanks was not present.

In attendance: A Wright (Town Clerk), A Wilson (Locum Town Clerk), L Warne (Asst Clerk),
E Stanger (Lyric Manager)

L01/26 **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**

No questions asked during the public session.

L02/26 **Members are asked to receive and consider any reasons for absence**

None received

L03/26 **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**

None received.

L04/26 **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 considered with the exclusion of the press and public.

L05/26 **Members are asked to receive and approve the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on Monday 24th November 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.

L06/26 **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**

The Clerk advised that set-up and clean-up times needed to be booked on Scribe to better portray the length of time required for each booking.

Concern was raised about a recent booking that potentially would exceed the maximum numbers of people allowed in the Lyric, breaching both Health & Safety and insurance conditions. Members agreed that the customer needed to be contacted by the Clerk, regarding future bookings.

- **Consider any further action**

Cllr Scriven queried GDPR and requested that Councillors have more information about bookings than is currently provided. The Clerk outlined that Members did not need to know

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personal details from bookings, however she would check with Scribe on what information could be exported and would update Cllr Scriven.

Members asked for a Profit & Loss report on each event, so decisions can be made on which events are to be encouraged.

The Clerk asked Members to consider the staffing of the Lyric at events, including providing security staff in addition to bar staff and to consider whether booking fees should be increased to cover this.

L07/26

Members are asked to:

- **Review the New Year's Event**

Members were provided with the financial breakdown of the 2025 event

- **Consider whether an event should be arranged for New Year's Eve 2026**

Members were asked to consider whether staff should be expected to work every New Year's Eve and whether volunteers could help and therefore the volunteers policy needs to be in place.

Members agreed that a New Years Eve event should be provided, but further discussion is required on what the event will be like. Item to be taken to the next meeting so ideas can be fully explored.

L08/26

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

As the Clerk has only been in post for 3 weeks, this update could not be provided. Members agreed that they did not require historical data and that data can be provided from January 2026 onwards

L09/26

Members are asked to receive and note the financial budgeting report for Income and Expenditure up to September 2025. An update to be given at the meeting.

As in the previous item, this update could not be provided. Members agreed that they did not require historical data and that data can be provided from January 2026 onwards

L10/26

Members are asked to consider:

- **The painting of the Lyric to move away from the current purple colour noting that the colours chosen will need to compliment the purple curtains at this stage.**
- **Making the entrance to the Lyric more inviting including painting the metal shutter**
- **An update on the purchase of the Electric Cooker for the kitchen**

Members agreed that 4 or 5 ideas on the colour scheme should be considered and brought to a future meeting.

Members were provided with a professional report and quotation of £11,388 to bring the gas cooker back into use. Cllr Mulholland suggested that an electric cooker therefore be installed which would only be a fraction of the cost and that the gas cooker be sold to offset the cost further.

Resolved:- That an electric range cooker be installed and the gas cooker sold

L11/26

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

The Clerk would ensure the tree growing out of the façade is removed and the blocked drain in the alleyway is cleared.

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L12/26 **Members are asked to note the update with regard to the provision of tills within The Lyric bar and consider the next steps.**

As the original supplier of tills was no longer an option, Members discussed alternatives.

Resolved:- That the Clerk and the Bar Manager will meet with another possible supplier

L13/26 **Members are asked to discuss and note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting**

As discussed throughout the meeting: Decorating the Lyric, Tills and Oven.

L14/26 **Members are asked to note the date and time of the next meeting**

The next Lyric Committee meeting will be held Monday 23rd February at 5.30pm.

Meeting Closed 18:14 hrs

Chairman Signature:



