

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting held on 23rd March 2026 at 6.30pm in the Lyric Theatre, Laughton Road, Dinnington

Present: Cllr D Booth, Cllr J Hall, Cllr Z Lowé, Cllr D Smith, Cllr F Walden, Cllr K Smallwood

Apologies: Cllr L Clarke

In attendance: A Wright (Clerk)

Cllr W Hall, Cllr T Mulholland, Cllr G Cruickshanks, 1 member of the public

The meeting began at 6.45pm due to the Lyric Committee meeting finishing after 6.30pm. In the absence of the Chair, it proposed that Cllr D Smith chair the meeting

Resolved:- Members resolved that Cllr D Smith be appointed a Chair for the meeting.

C23/26 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.

C24/26 Members are asked to receive and consider any reasons for absence.

Resolved: That the Council received and accepted reasons for absence from Cllr L Clarke.

C25/26 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

C26/26 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.

C27/26 Members are asked to approve the minutes from the Community Committee meeting held on Monday 23rd February 2026.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on Monday 23rd February 2026 be approved as true record and to be signed by the Chair and kept on file.

C28/26 Members are asked to discuss Christmas Festival 2026 and consider any further action:

- Location of small rides and provider of small rides
- Involvement of shop owners

It was suggested that the land outside Aldi and Aroma café would be a good place to site rides and the clerk will contact RMBC to request permission. The Methodist church land was also suggested but it was not known whether that would be available.

It was suggested that the Town Council work with business owners, particularly now that the road is not being closed and there will not be food provided from the funfair.

Councillors will talk to shop owners about putting up small Christmas trees with lights on.

Chairman Signature:



C29/26 Members are asked to:

- **To review Community Club events for the next 6 months**

The tickets for the Easter event were not selling well so far.

An Easter bonnet competition would be held and would need advertising on social media.

It was suggested that a tea dance/ballroom dancing/country dancing should be held in August and afternoon tea be provided in July.

The Halloween event on 29th October was discussed and equipment from the previous year would be used.

It was noted that Donna Bell had been booked for the December Community Club

- **To discuss community event on Saturday 23rd May**

The member of the public offered to organise the Open Mic event from 6pm to 10pm.

- **To discuss arrangements for a kids trip to a Zoo/Wildlife Park (Cllr Lowe)**

Cllr Smith would talk to school staff about selecting children to go on the trip.

C30/26 Members are asked to discuss and consider the:

- **Bonfire Night Event Saturday 7th November**
- **Remembrance Parade Sunday 8th November**

It was noted that no help from Councillors would be needed for the Bonfire Night event as it was organised by the Rugby Club.

The Remembrance Day Parade and event would be organised by the RBL with support from Councillors where needed.

C31/26 Members are asked to discuss and note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting.

National Year of Reading Community events – a book trolley was suggested to use for a book swap. Inviting an author to do a book signing was also suggested.

C32/26 Members are asked to note that the next scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held on Monday 27th April 2026 at 6.30p.m but an Extraordinary meeting is to be scheduled.

Meeting Closed 19.28hrs

Chairman Signature: 