

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of the Lyric Committee Meeting held on 23rd March 2026 at 5:30pm in The Lyric

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

Apologies: Apologies had been received from Cllr L Clarke and Cllr J Hart.

In attendance: A Wright (Town Clerk), Cllr Z Lowe, Cllr T Mulholland, Cllr F Walden, 1 member of the public

L30/26 **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.

L31/26 **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 and Cllr J Hart

L32/26 **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.

L33/26 **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.

L34/26 **Members are asked to receive and approve the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on Monday 23rd February 2026.**

A query was raised regarding L25/26 regarding the fire doors in the Lyric Theatre. The Clerk confirmed that the health and safety inspector had confirmed that repairs could be carried out by the Town Council maintenance team.

A query was raise regarding L27/26 regarding the provision of tills for the Lyric. The Clerk confirmed that the issue would be discussed at item number L42/26

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

L35/26 **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**

Members received and noted the schedule of confirmed Lyric bookings for the next 6 months which had been forwarded with the agenda.

Chairman Signature:



A Councillor raised a concern that there were only 8 Facebook posts in the last month and the Clerk confirmed that there were three Facebook pages, one for the Town Council, one for the Community Club and one for the Lyric Theatre. The Facebook page for the Lyric Theatre was the one which had the most posts and the 8 posts would have been on the Town Council page.

A request was made for a Facebook post to be published every day.

The Clerk confirmed that the social media for the Town Council would be discussed at the forthcoming Staffing and Complaints Committee meeting.

A Councillor suggested using the Facebook go-live function to generate more interest in the posts.

It was further suggested that Tiktok and LinkedIn be used to promote the Lyric Theatre.

- **Consider any further action**

A discussion was held regarding the set up and clear up arrangements for the Lyric, the need for a SWOT analysis and the opportunity to use volunteers to support with moving furniture to clear up and prepare the Lyric for events.

L36/26

Members are asked to:

- **Consider arrangements for New Year's Eve (NYE) 2026**

Members were informed that the Lyric Manager was actively seeking acts to perform at the Lyric on New Year's Eve.

A Councillor suggested that something special was needed for New Year's Eve and a number of acts were suggested by a member of the public.

It was suggested that volunteers could be used to assist at the event.

L37/26

Members are asked to receive a breakdown for the profit and loss of events held in The Lyric within February 2026. An update to be given at the meeting.

The Clerk presented members with a breakdown of events held in February including income received and confirmed expenditure.

It was noted that the cost of utilities was not included but the Clerk hoped to obtain some costings as part of her review of utilities contracts and provision.

Councillors requested a breakdown of costs which showed the costs per hour and how many hours each group had used the Lyric for. A per month cost was needed for heating, electricity and water along with insurance and staff costs to establish accurate profit and loss figures.

A Councillor asked if decorating the venue would increase income and it was confirmed that was the expectation.

L38/26

Members are asked to receive and note the financial budgeting report for Income and Expenditure for February 2026. An update to be given at the meeting.

The Clerk provided a report showing income and expenditure relating to the Lyric Theatre for January and February 2026

L39/26

Members are asked to consider:

- **An update on 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.**
- **An update on making the entrance to the Lyric more inviting including painting the metal shutter**

Chairman Signature:



- **An update on the purchase of the Electric Cooker for the kitchen**

The Clerk advised that the new electric cooker was installed and had been used at an event on Saturday evening.

Cllr J Hall provided Councillors with a report detailing the suggestions of an interior designer who had met with Cllr J Hall, the Clerk and the Lyric Manager.

A Councillor asked if mock-up photos of the suggestions could be provided.

Cllr J Hall also provided a proposal for a community café for Councillors to consider.

L40/26 Members are asked to discuss any maintenance works and consider any further action.

It was noted that the guttering and drainage had been completed in the alley at the side of the Lyric and the fire doors would now be repaired by the maintenance team.

L41/26 Members are asked to consider a project to instal solar panels.

The Assistant Clerk was still in the process of applying for a grant to cover the cost of solar panels so no further work had been undertaken

L42/26 Members are asked to note the update with regard to the provision of tills within The Lyric bar and consider the next steps.

The Clerk updated members that a new contract was being pursued but there had been issues leaving the first contract. The new provider was the second choice provider from last year and the details would be emailed to Councillors.

L43/26 Members are asked to discuss and note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting

It was noted that most of the items discussed would be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

L44/26 Members are asked to note the date and time of the next meeting

The next Lyric Committee meeting will be held Monday 27th April at 5.30pm.

Meeting Closed 18.34hrs

Chairman Signature:



