

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting held on 27th April 2026 at 6.30pm 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, Cllr K Smallwood

Apologies: None

In attendance: A Wright (Clerk) C Radford (Town Council Administrator) E Stanger (Lyric Manager)
5 members of the public

The meeting began at 6.45pm due to the Lyric Committee meeting finishing after 6.30pm.

C33/26 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.

C34/26 Members are asked to receive and consider any reasons for absence.

All members present at the meeting.

C35/26 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

C36/26 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.

C37/26 Members are asked to approve the minutes from the Community Committee meeting held on Monday 23rd March 2026.

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

C38/26 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

The Clerk confirmed that she will contact RMBC re land ownership so that the Council can approach them regarding the placement of small rides.

Cllr Hall confirmed she is still in the process of talking to shop owners about putting up small Christmas trees with lights on.

Chairman Signature: 

C39/26 Members are asked to:

- **To review Community Club events for the next 12 months**

It was noted by the committee that Barmy Bella had been booked for the August event and Kimmo has been asked if they can attend the October Halloween event.

It was agreed that the Afternoon Tea and tea dance should be amalgamated into one event and this is scheduled for September.

Cllr Smallwood is to ask Morris Baker if he could do a memories/history of Dinnington talk for the Community Club on 7th October.

Cllr Smallwood to also check Rochelle's availability to provide entertainment at January 2027's event.

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

A member of the public assisting with organising the event confirmed that plans are well underway with lots of interested acts being asked to turn up on the night. A range of singers, performers, poets and comedians have shown interest so far.

Another member of the public mentioned the popularity of daytime clubbing could be something to explore as an event to hold at the Lyric on a weekend. Another suggestion made was hiring the Bluetooth headphones for a Silent Disco and sell tickets.

It was confirmed by the Clerk and the Chair that 4Front Media are to provide the sound & lighting engineer for the Open Mic night. Cllr Clarke confirmed that he can provide a couple of music stands.

Food provision was discussed and Cllr Lowe & Cllr Walden will sort hot dogs that can be purchased and sold on the night.

- **To confirm arrangements for October Halloween event on Thursday 29th October**

Cllr Smallwood is to confirm Kimmo's availability for the event. Tickets are to be sold at £2pp which will include a hot dog and a drink. Tickets need to be available one month before to allow plenty of time to sell.

Promotion for all Community Club events needs to begin as early as possible to gain as much interest as possible.

It was suggested that seeking attendee's permission may be needed in order to take promotional photos and videos that can then be used to promote further Community Club events.

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

Cllr Smith confirmed that school staff can assist with selecting children to go on the trip. Members agreed that the concern is non attendance on the day if tickets are issued for free and with park entrance at approx £20pp plus the coach cost of around £10pp it would be very costly and disappointing, further discussion is needed on how to avoid this situation.

C40/26 Members are asked to discuss and note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting.

As identified during this meeting.

C41/26 Members are asked to note that the next scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held on Monday 18th May 2026 at 6.30p.m.

Meeting Closed 19.18hrs

Chairman Signature:

