

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting held on 18th May 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 F Walden

Apologies: Cllr K Smallwood and Cllr D Smith

In attendance: C Radford (Town Council Administrator) E Stanger (Lyric Manager)
3 members of the public

- C01/27 To elect a Chair for the Community Committee for 2026-2027**
Cllr L Clarke invited nominations for the Chair for the ensuing year. One nomination was proposed and seconded for Cllr L Clarke.
Resolved: Members resolved to elect Cllr L Clarke as Chair to the Community Committee for 2026/2027
- C02/27 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.

At this point in the meeting, Cllr J Hall asked the Chair if the invited members from a local Drug and Alcohol Service could speak to members as per agenda item no: C09/27. They explained that they currently hold drop in sessions within other areas of Rotherham but are looking for a small venue within Dinnington to meet and chat with local service users and the council office has been brought up as a possible venue. The sessions will be ideally for weekly meetings and between the hours of 11am – 3pm.

Resolved: Members resolved that the service can make use of the downstairs office space providing that the Clerk has carried out the relevant insurance checks and arranges the logistics.
- C03/27 Members are asked to receive and consider any reasons for absence.**

Resolved: That the Council received and accepted reasons for absence from Cllr D Smith and Cllr K Smallwood.
- C04/27 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
- C05/27 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.

C06/27 **Members are asked to approve the minutes from the Community Committee meeting held on Monday 27th April 2026.**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on Monday 27th April 2026 be approved as a true record and to be signed by the Chair and kept on file.

C07/27 **Members are asked to review the Community Committee Terms of Reference and put forward any suggested amendments to be considered at the next Town Council meeting**

Resolved: Members made no recommendations for change and resolved that the current Terms of Reference are passed to full council for approval.

C08/27 **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**

Members request that the Clerk contact Aldi regarding the placement of small rides on their land outside the florists and cafe.

Cllr Walden and Cllr Lowe confirmed that they have done an initial check of premises along the high street to see how many have brackets already installed for small Christmas trees. As the council would like to look into the provision of small, pre lit trees for shop keepers they were requested count how many are already installed, speak with shop keepers to check on their interest in taking part and see if others would be interested in taking part. It was discussed that these could be installed by Council staff on the same day that equipment is hired to install the Christmas lights at Coronation Park.

Resolved: Members resolved to fund small, pre lit Christmas trees for shops on the high street. Tree's and additional brackets will need to be quoted for.

C09/27 **Members are asked to:**

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

It was decided to change the event on 8th July to a Beetledrive. Cllr F Walden is to lead on this.

Members need confirmation from Cllr D Smith if the historical talk is booked for 7th October and from Cllr K Smallwood if the children's entertainer is booked for the Halloween event on 29th October.

Members discussed that due to the Community Club events predominantly being held during school hours they seem to attract only a specific generation but younger people should have provision to engage too. A possibility for this would be to hold a separate event between 3pm – 5pm for local residents wishing to participate in games such as Warhammer, Pokémon etc. Councillors are to engage with local shop keepers that may be interested in take part and this event could be run by councillors in conjunction with volunteers.

Resolved: Members resolved for Cllr Clarke to discuss holding a gaming event with local shop keepers and bring information to the next committee meeting.

A ticket price of £2 is to be charged for the Afternoon Tea, Barmy Bella, Halloween and Valentine's crafts community events.

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

Details of the upcoming event were discussed between the Lyric Manager and members.

Chairman Signature: 

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

Cllr Smallwood is still to confirm Kimmo's availability for the event. Tickets are to be sold at £2pp.

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

Members requested Cllr Lowe contact bus providers for up to date travel quotes on Wed 19th and Wed 26th August as this does need to be booked as soon as possible.

- **To discuss establishing a 'book-swap' trolley for the National Year of Reading**

Members discussed the provision of a book trolley but access to the Lyric would be very ad hoc and difficult to manage. Setting up a 'Book Club' would still be a good way to support the National Year of Reading. Advertising is to go out, inviting interested residents to take part and to identify anyone interested in volunteering to assist with setting up and running the group. The group could meet in the downstairs room of the offices.

Resolved: Members resolved to form a Book Club to support the National Year of Reading.

- **To discuss use of downstairs reception by the drug and alcohol service (Cllr J Hall)**

Previously discussed.

C10/27 Members are asked to discuss and note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting.

Members would like to discuss another evening event such as a 'Pride of Dinnington' Awards or a Business Awards evening which residents nominate local businesses for.

Members would also like to invite the Royal British Legion to the next meeting to discuss upcoming Remembrance events and how new support for the events could be developed.

C11/27 Members are asked to note that the next scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held on Monday 22nd June 2026 at 6.30p.m.

Meeting Closed 19.46hrs

Chairman Signature: 

