

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting held on 22nd June 2026 at 6.30pm in the Lyric Theatre, Laughton Road, Dinnington

Present: Cllr L Clarke (Chair), Cllr D Booth, Cllr J Hall, Cllr K Smallwood and Cllr D Smith

Apologies: Cllr Z Lowe, Cllr F Walden

In attendance: A Wright (Clerk & RFO), C Radford (Town Council Administrator)
6 members of the public

Due to the Lyric Committee meeting over running, this meeting started at 18.45pm

- C12/27** **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**

No questions from the last meeting.

A representative from Newman School asked for council support of the school. Councillors agreed that there are multiple different ways that the school and council could work together on community projects and requested a visit to the school.

- C13/27** **Members are asked to receive and consider any reasons for absence.**

Resolved: That the Council received and accepted reasons for absence from Cllr Z Lowe and Cllr F Walden.

- C14/27** **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

- C15/27** **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.

- C16/27** **Members are asked to approve the minutes from the Community Committee meeting held on Monday 18th May 2026.**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on Monday 18th May 2026 be approved as a true record and to be signed by the Chair and kept on file.

- C17/27** **Members are asked to discuss a Community Annual Achievements Event and the arrangements for this.**

Cllr Smallwood spoke to members about her idea to put on an event celebrating Dinnington residents and their achievements. It was discussed that a buffet could be provided with the bar open and that this could held around October time. The Clerk is to check the availability of the Lyric and update members with availability so it can be discussed further at the next committee meeting.

Chairman Signature: 

Members requested that the Clerk send an email to all Councillors asking who would like to be involved with organising the event.

At the next committee meeting, members are to discuss the hiring of the Lyric for Community Committee events in further detail and that the hire charges should come out of the committees budget.

C18/27 Members are asked to discuss the date for the Christmas Festival in 2028 and subsequent years due to booking enquiries for the Lyric.

The Clerk updated members that the Lyric Manager is receiving enquiries to book the venue for December 2028 so needs to know if the committee will be continuing to hold the event in November from 2027 onwards.

Resolved: Members resolved to hold the Christmas Festival in November annually from 2028.

C19/27 Members are asked to discuss Christmas Festival 2026 and consider any further action

Members discussed the installation of Christmas lights and that the council should do whatever is necessary in order to adhere to RMBC's requirements so that they can go ahead. This is to be discussed further at the next Town Council meeting.

The Clerk updated members that she has met with Peter Farmer from the Methodist Church, he has confirmed that the church would like to be involved in the Christmas Festival this year.

Members requested an update from the Clerk on the organisation of the event, the Clerk advised that it is hoped that the new Lyric Theatre and DSJTC Events Administrator will be able assist with this. Members are worried that this will leave things too late so requested the Clerk send out a copy of the spreadsheet and guidance notes made by the Assistant Clerk before she left so that they can see what needs to be done and when.

C20/27 Members are asked to:

- **To review Community Club events for the next 12 months**
The Chair talked members through the scheduled list. Updated that June's event was well attended and confirmed that July's event is a Beetledrive to be organised by Cllr Walden. Cllr Smith will try to confirm the October event with Morris Baker ASAP.
- **To discuss arrangements for October Halloween event on Thursday 29th October**
Cllr Smallwood to contact a children's entertainer.
- **To confirm the date and arrangements for the kids trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park (Cllr Lowe)**
As Cllr Lowe was not at the meeting it was unknown by the committee if she had booked the coach for August and on what date. Cllr J Hall to pick up on this with Cllr Lowe and will also attend the event on the day.
Once the date and coach are confirmed, Cllr Smith will let the schools know so that they can allocate the tickets to the selected families. It was discussed that if no fee is charged to attend the event then contact details will be needed in order to send out reminders to ensure numbers turn up on the day.
- **To discuss the Book Chat on 24th June and 'book-swap' trolley for the National Year of Reading**
The Clerk explained to members that the representative from the National Literacy Trust recommended holding a 'Book Chat' event rather than starting a 'Book Club'. This way, readers do not all need to be reading the same books at the same time and can share recommendations. Donations of books are welcome.

C21/27 **Members are asked to discuss and note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting.**

As previously discussed:

- Community Annual Achievements Event
- Future Open Mic Night
- Christmas Festival

C22/27 **Members are asked to note that the next scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held on Monday 27th July 2026 at 6.30p.m.**

Meeting Closed 19.40hrs

Chairman Signature: 

