

# Dinnington St John's Town Council

## Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 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 D Smith and Cllr K Smallwood

**In attendance:** A Wright (Clerk & RFO), C Radford (Town Council Assistant Clerk), E Stanger (Lyric Manager)  
1 member of the public

Due to the Lyric Committee meeting over running, this meeting started at 18.48pm

**C23/27**      **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 public.

**C24/27**      **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.

**C25/27**      **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

**C26/27**      **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.

**C27/27**      **Members are asked to approve the minutes from the Community Committee meeting held on Monday 22nd June 2026.**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 be approved as a true record and to be signed by the Chair and kept on file.

**C28/27**      **Members are asked to discuss the arrangements for the Community Annual Achievements event on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026.**

The Clerk updated members that Cllr Cruickshanks has agreed to host the event as Master of Ceremonies. Members discussed the pro's and con's of having an overall winner for the event and it was felt that this would detract from other winners and would be hard to judge on a like for like basis. It was discussed that each recipient will receive a certificate and a rose. Due to the short timescale ahead it is agreed that the event does need to be put out to the public as soon as possible so that nominations can be received and discussed. The Lyric Manager is to contact Eliot Kennedy to see if he would be available to hand out the awards.

A meeting for Cllr Smallwood, Cllr Hall, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Walden and Cllr Lowe is to be arranged so that further plans can be discussed.

**C29/27      Members are asked to discuss Christmas Festival 2026 and consider any further action**

The Clerk updated members that interviews are being held for the role of Lyric Theatre & Events Administrator tomorrow. Once in post, it is hoped that the new staff member will be able to pick up on the arrangements.

**C30/27      Members are asked to:**

- **To review Community Club events for the next 12 months**  
September's Community Club dancing event has been confirmed as Ballroom & Latin. No tickets have been sold for next week's children's event so more posters were requested and for it to be pushed on Facebook. The Lyric Manager is to approach Barmy Bella to see if she can provide a short video that can be shared to promote the event. Going live on Facebook to promote events was discussed and Cllr Hall and Cllr Walden are happy to do this on behalf of the council. The suggestion of creating another committee to discuss the use of social media and marketing was discussed as a possibility for full council to discuss.
- **To discuss arrangements for August, September and October Community Club events on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
Discussed previously.
- **To confirm the arrangements for the kids trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park (Cllr Lowe)**  
Cllr Lowe updated members that she has been in contact with Yorkshire Wildlife Park and they will require the number of Adult, Carers, Children and Under 2's two weeks before the date. Members discussed that Cllr Smith was liaising with Dinnington Primary and St Joseph's School to identify suitable families for the event. It is unknown if Cllr Smith has a list of names or contact information for confirmed families from the schools. Cllr Clarke is unable to arrange for other families that he is working with to fill up spaces without knowing numbers of those already given places. Members are unclear if families will have been charged £5 deposit per person that was previously discussed and who is in receipt of this money. The Clerk is to contact Cllr Smith tomorrow to find out if he knows the numbers confirmed.
- **To discuss the Book Chat on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month and 'book-swap' trolley for the National Year of Reading**  
The Clerk updated members that two sessions of the Book Chat have now taken place and appear to be enjoyed by those attending. It is hoped that numbers will increase over coming months. Books are now available in the downstairs office for attendees to swap. It was suggested that Mo Morris and Steve Greaves be invited to future events that are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month to share their new books with local residents at a 'Meet the Author' event.

**C31/27      Members are asked to discuss and note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting.**

As previously discussed and feedback on the Open Mic Night.

Cllr Hall asked the Clerk if she had followed up on Volunteer applications received. The Clerk updated members that she has managed to speak with 2 of the 3 applicants but they were not interested in the duties on offer at this stage and will be contacted again in future if anything else becomes available.

**C32/27      Members are asked to note that the next scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held on Monday 28th September 2026 at 6.30p.m.**

**Meeting Closed 19.28hrs**

Chairman Signature: