Andover Town Council

C&E Committee Minutes

Time and date 6.30pm on Thursday **27 February 2025**

Place The Lights, Andover

Councillors Present:			Arrival time noted if after meeting start					
Cllr K Bird (Chairman)	✔		Cllr M Farren (Vice Chairman)	✔		Cllr J Cockaday	✔	
Cllr L Gregori	x		Cllr A Horsnell	✔	6:36pm	Cllr J Hughes	✔	
Cllr R Hughes	✔	7:21pm	Cllr H Neate	✔		Cllr E Reynolds	✔	

Officers Present:	Tor Warburton – Deputy Town Clerk Nikki Barber – Community and Events Manager
Members of the Public:	4
County/Borough Councillors:	0
Members of the Press:	1 – arrived 6:46pm

PUBLIC SESSION

CE 099/02/25 There were no comments received from the Members of Public present.

APOLOGIES

CE 100/02/25 Apologies were received for lateness and noted from Councillors L Gregori and J Hughes.

INTERESTS

CE 101/02/25 Non-pecuniary declarations were received from:

1. Councillor H Neate, as a plot holder at Ox Drove allotment site.
2. Councillor E Reynolds, as a plot holder at The Drove allotment site.
3. Councillor J Hughes declared an interest in Yellow Brick Road and would not participate in any vote.
4. Councillor M Farren declared an interest in Yellow Brick Road and would not participate in any vote.
5. Councillor K Bird declared an interest in Afest and would not participate in any vote.

MINUTES	
CE 102/02/25	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor M Farren and **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** that the Minutes of the Community and Events

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	Committee meeting held on 30 January 2025 be signed and accepted as a correct record.
CE 103/02/25	It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** that the Minutes of the Community and Events Committee meeting held on 1 August 2024 be signed and accepted as a correct record.
CE 104/02/25	Councillor K Bird read out a comment from Councillor Hughes which was taken into consideration.
CE 105/02/25	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor H Neate and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that delegation is given to the acting Town Clerk to liaise with the auditor and if anything comes up to report back. Councillor M Farren did not vote.
WWII EVENT	
CE 106/02/25	Members received an updated report from the WWII Working Group. Councillor K Bird spoke to the report.
CE 107/02/25	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** that the form of the day be accepted as is and delegated to the Working Group to action as long as it was within budget.
PRIDE 2025 EVENT	
CE 108/02/25	Members received an updated report from the Pride 2025 Working Group. Councillor A Horsnell spoke to the report regarding spare gazebos. Councillor M Farren also spoke to the report.
CE 109/02/25	It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the quote for security services at £771.00 + VAT, be accepted for Andover Pride 2025.
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP	
CE 110/02/25	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor M Farren and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that this item be deferred to the next committee meeting, to enable Councillors more opportunity to investigate and a report to be produced.
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	
CE 111/02/25	Members received and considered a report on Christmas Lights provision extension schedule. The Acting Town Clerk spoke to the report.
CE 112/02/25	It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor K Bird and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the Christmas Light provision extension schedule be accepted, on the understanding that an accompanying report which fully explained the origins of £10K and any implications on the Operational Reserves, be included and recommended to Full Council for approval.

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CAROLS ROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE	
CE 113/02/25	Members received and considered a report on Carols around the Tree 2025.
CE 114/02/25	It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** that the ideas for the Carols around the Tree, to be held on 12 December 2025, be approved. That it be noted that further information would be brought to the next Committee meeting.
CE 115/02/25	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor M Farren and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the choosing of a charity be deferred until after the Annual Mayor Making in May 2025, whereby the newly elected Mayor will lead on the choosing of mayoral charities.
GRANT REPORTS	
CE 116/02/25	Members received and noted the following End of grant reports. • Unity – Midas Training • Bringing Andover Together CIC - Test Valley Young Entrepreneurs Contest • A-Fest Andover CIC – A-Fest 2024 • More Education – Koala Hub office furniture • Spotlight UK - Bowling sessions • Andover Community Engage – Weekend Provision
GRANT COMPARISON REPORT	
CE 117/02/25	Members received and noted the Grant comparison report.
GRANT APPLICATION	
CE 118/02/25	Members received and considered the following grant applications: • AFest 2025 • Yellow Brick Road Projects • Spotlight UK • Unity It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that Standing Orders be suspended to enable questions to be asked regarding the applications.
CE 119/02/25	**Afest:** Councillor K Bird did not speak or vote on the grant application. It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor J Hughes that the Afest grant application be approved and the amount of £2,500 be awarded. An amendment to the proposal was made by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor R Hughes and **RESOLVED: FOR – 2, AGAINST – 4, ABSTENTIONS – 2**, that ATC matched the amount offered by TVBC of £1,300. **Motion failed.** Members returned to the substantive motion.

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	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and **RESOLVED: FOR – 5, AGAINST – 2, ABSTENTIONS – 1**, that the Afest grant application be approved and the amount of £2,500 be awarded.
CE 120/02/25	**Yellow Brick Road Projects:** It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor R Hughes and **RESOLVED: FOR – 6, AGAINST _ 0, ABSTENTIONS – 2**, that the Yellow Brick Road Projects grant application be approved and the amount of £1,680.00 be awarded.
CE 121/02/25	**Spotlight UK:** It was proposed by Councillor J Hughes and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the Spotlight UK grant application be approved and the amount of £1,000.00 be awarded.
CE 122/02/25	**Unity:** Councillor K Bird spoke to the application. The Acting Town Clerk gave advice that although the Council's policy or Financial Regulations prohibits but it is not clear that this falls under s137. This was made clear, as the wording of s137 was read out to all Councillors. Councillors could then decide if this application fell within it. The Acting Town Clerk asked for it to minuted that she had advised the Committee accordingly. It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and **RESOLVED: FOR – 6, AGAINST – 0, ABSTENTIONS – 2,** that the Unity grant application be approved and the amount of £2,000.00 be awarded.
CE 123/02/25	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor M Farren and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that Standing Orders be reinstated.
DEFIBRILATOR FUNDING APPLICATION	
CE 124/02/25	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds that Burghclere Down Community Centre's funding request of £500.00, be approved. Members went into debate. An amendment was requested. It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that Burghclere Down Community Centre's funding request of £500.00, be recommended to Full Council for approval. Members returned to the substantive motion, which was **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** that Burghclere Down Community Centre's funding request of £500.00, towards the purchase of a new defibrillator, be accepted and recommended to Full Council for approval.
MOCKUMENTARY	
CE 125/02/25	Members received and reviewed a report on Mockumentaries.
CE 126/02/25	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor M Farren and **RESOLVED: FOR – 6, AGAINST – 1, ABSTENTIONS - 1**, that the conditions set at

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	Full Council (**C 223/02/24a-e)** had not been met.
CE 127/02/25	Members discussed the next steps. It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by M Farren and **RESOLVED: FOR – 2, AGAINST – 5, ABSTENTIONS – 1,** that a viewing of the mockumentaries be arranged for Councillors only, prior to a discussion regarding next steps. **Motion failed**.
CE 128/02/25	It was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor A Horsnell and **RESOLVED: FOR – 5, AGAINST – 0, ABSTENTIONS – 3**, that it be recommended to Full Council, that the Mockumentary project be handed back to Councillor J Hughes, as an individual and not as a Councillor to manage, for approval.
FUTURE ITEMS	
CE 129/02/25	The following items were requested to be considered at the next committee meeting: • Community – buying microphones and cameras for viewing meetings. • Report – business plan meeting. • Look up international months – business plan meeting.
NEXT MEETING	
CE 130/02/25	Members noted that the date of the next meeting would be **Thursday 27 March 2025 at The Lights at 6.30pm.**
MEETING CLOSURE	
CE 131/02/25	The Chairman closed the meeting at **8.27pm**

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