



Andover Town Council

Item No.

- Pride 2026
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1. Overview

The Pride 2026 planning meeting focused on operational roles, volunteer coordination, entertainment scheduling, security procurement, and event layout preparation. Several actions were agreed to ensure progress ahead of the next committee meeting.

2. Key Updates

2.1 Stage Management

- Approaches have been made to potential stage managers.
- Action: If initial contacts are unavailable, AMTC or Andover College will be approached as alternatives.

2.2 Volunteers

- Volunteer requirements for the event day were discussed in detail.
- SH and KB have produced a matrix outlining roles and timings.
- Next Action: Public call for community volunteers.
- Action: SH and KB to draft job descriptions for each role.

2.3 Security

- Security needs reviewed.
- To ensure best value, two additional quotes will be obtained before finalising a supplier.

2.4 Event Layout & Documentation

- Layout and infrastructure requirements discussed.
- Action: Create a shared OneDrive folder containing site maps and all layout-related documents.

2.5 Acts & Entertainment

- The acts timetable is still in draft form.
- Action: Finalise timetable as soon as remaining performers confirm availability.
- PJ Taylor has been contacted (London-based).

2.6 TENS Licence

- Confirmation required on who currently holds the TENS licence for the event.
- Action: Identify or assign responsibility.

2.7 Selfie Wall

- Artist options reviewed.
- KB has relevant contacts who can be approached for artwork design.

2.8 Stalls

- Stalls list discussed.
- Action: Confirm the total number of stall spaces to be offered for 2026.

3. To-Do List (Summary)

Immediate Actions

- Identify availability of approached Stage Managers.
- If needed, contact AMTC / Andover College for Stage Manager support.
- Launch public call for community volunteers.
- SH & KB to finalise job descriptions for all event-day roles.
- Request two additional security quotes.
- Create shared OneDrive folder for site maps and layouts.
- Finalise timetable for acts and performers.
- Confirm who holds responsibility for the TENS licence.
- KB to contact potential Selfie Wall artists.
- Confirm number of stall spaces available.

4. Budget Notes (as per last year's format)

A detailed 2026 budget will be developed once final quotes and supplier confirmations are received. The following budget sections will mirror last year's structure:

- Security Costs – awaiting 3 quotes
- Stage Management & Technical Support
- Entertainment & Acts Fees
- Infrastructure & Layout (marquees, barriers, PA, etc.)
- Volunteer Support (refreshments, equipment)
- Selfie Wall Artist Fees & Materials
- Licensing (including TENS)
- Stalls Income Projection – dependent on number of spaces offered

Considerations:

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