



ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL

Community and Events Committee Meeting

The Lights, Andover

25 February 2026 - 6:30 PM

To the Members of the Community & Events Committee - Cllrs K Bird, M Farren, E Reynolds, R Hughes, J Hughes, A Horsnell, J Cockaday, L Gregori, J Goodwin, H Neate.

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting when it is proposed to transact the business on the agenda.

Please note that there are members of the Council who are neurodiverse and those with physical disabilities (e.g. hearing loss), reasonable adjustments will be made to accommodate this. Please be mindful of this and adjust your behaviour if necessary.

AGENDA

ITEM	DETAIL	Item Lead	Enc
1. Public session	To receive questions from members of the public and to respond if appropriate or to direct officers to respond in writing after the meeting.	Chair	
2. Apologies	To note apologies for absence.	Chair	
3. Interests	To receive pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interests for agenda items or dispensation requests.	Chair	
4. Minutes	To approve the minutes from the previous committee meetings held on 29th January 2026	Chair	✓
5. Financial Comparison	To receive and note the financial comparison for this Committee to date	Chair	✓
6. Small Grants Sub-Committee	To approve four members of the C&E Committee to the Grant Sub-Committee as per Full Council on 18 February 2026	Chair	
7. Grant applications	To consider and approve, in line with the Grants Policy: Grants Funding Policy 2025 FINAL APPROVED 22 Oct 2025.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm Hub Andover Methodist Church £500 • Andover Choral Society • To receive an end of grant report from Youth Options (a) and (b) 	Chair	✓
8. Community Chef	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Cookery Project. Officers have met with Munch and are currently liaising with King Arthur's Way Hall to identify suitable dates. Local schools have also been contacted. Further updates will be brought to the next meeting. 	Chair	
9. U-Choose Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The U-Choose Project. Officers have met with Riverside Bowl and Andover Leisure Centre, and will be meeting with the three secondary schools at the end of February. The programme dates have now been confirmed for 30 March to 10 April 2026. Cards have been designed and will be printed at the beginning of March (attached for reference). Service access agreements have been drawn up and will be signed at the beginning of March. 	Chair	
10. Road Warden Scheme	To review this preliminary report and consider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if this is something of value for ATC to undertake on behalf of the residents • instructing Officers to further investigate the scheme and to speak to partner organisations to see if it is viable. • approving Cllr J Hughes as lead on this scheme and to work with 	Chair	✓

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	<p>Officers to gather more information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bringing a more detailed report to Full Council. 		
11. Working Groups	<p>To receive updates from the following Working Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pride 2026 – To note update report and approve Terms of Reference for 2026 (attached) Andover Charter – a suitable date is still being sought for members to meet up with Erica Tinsley. Right to Bid – to receive a written report on progress. Building Working Group – nothing further to report Youth Engagement Working Group – to note that Cllr Goodwin is standing down from Chair of this Working Group and to decide on the continuance of the Working Group. 	Chair	✓
12. Acorn Bioenergy Community Fund	<p>To note that, following approval of the new Biomethane Plant on Cowdown Lane, Acorn Bioenergy will establish a Community Fund to support local community initiatives. The fund will operate independently of the planning process and will provide up to £500,000 over the lifetime of the project. Further information is available via the ACORN COMMUNITY FUND OFFER — Acorn Bioenergy</p> <p>Acorn will form a Working Group comprising local stakeholder representatives, including landowners, parish and town councils, and other identified stakeholders. The Working Group will be responsible for considering funding applications submitted by the local community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider if the Community and Events Committee wish to propose a member to seek acceptance onto this Working Group and to approve a member for this purpose. 	Chair	
13. Future items	To receive verbal requests from Councillors for items to be considered at the next Community and Events Committee meeting.	Chair	
14. Next meeting	To note the date of the next meeting is Wednesday 25 March 2026 to be held at The Lights Andover, at 6.30pm.	Chair	
	<i>As per ATC standing orders , if you wish to submit a motion, please note that it must be received by 12 March 2026.</i>		

Signed: Tor Warburton.

Proper Officer, 19 February 2026

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