Andover Town Council

C&E Committee Minutes

Time and date 6.30pm on Wednesday **25 February 2026**

Place The Lights, Andover

Councillors Present:		Arrival time noted if after meeting start						
Cllr K Bird (Chairman)	**P**	*6.33pm*	Cllr M Farren (Vice Chairman)	**P**		Cllr J Cockaday	**P**	
Cllr L Gregori	**P**		Cllr A Horsnell	**A**		Cllr J Hughes	**P**	
Cllr R Hughes	**P**		Cllr H Neate	**P**		Cllr E Reynolds	**P**	
Cllr J Goodwin	**P**							

Officers Present:	Tor Warburton (Town Clerk) Leah Walsh (Admin Assistant) *Started at 6.30pm*
Members of the Public:	0
County/Borough Councillors:	0
Members of the Press:	1

PUBLIC SESSION	
CE 214/02/26	There were no Members of the Public present at the meeting.
APOLOGIES	
CE 215/02/26	Apologies were received by Councillor A Horsnell.
INTERESTS	
CE 216/02/26	Non-pecuniary declarations were received from: • Councillor E Reynolds, as a member of The Drove Allotment association and a plot holder at The Drove allotment site.
MINUTES	
CE 217/02/26	Councillor H Neate requested that "for the budget year 2026/2027" be inserted after "£1000" for clarity, in Minute No. CE190/01/26. It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor H Neate and **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** that the Minutes of the Community and Events Committee meeting held on 29 January 2026, incorporating the above amendment, be signed as a correct record.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting

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	(*Cllr K Bird arrived at 6.33pm and did not participate in the vote*)
FINANCIAL COMPARISON	
CE 218/02/26	Members received and noted the Financial Comparison to date for this Committee.
SMALL GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE	
CE 219/02/26	It was proposed by Councillor L Gregori and seconded by Councillor R Hughes and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the appointment of Councillors K Bird, E Reynolds, L Gregori and R Hughes as members of the Small Grants Sub-Committee, in addition to the Town Mayor, be approved.
GRANT APPLICATIONS	
CE 220/02/26	Warm Hub Andover Methodist Church £500 It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor L Gregori and **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** that the £500 Warm Hub grant be awarded to the Andover Methodist Church.
CE 221/02/26	Andover Choral Society It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and **RESOLVED: FOR - 7, AGAINST - 0, ABSTENTIONS – 2,** that the £500 grant be awarded to the Andover Choral Society War and Peace Concert.
CE 222/02/26	Members received and noted the end of Grant report from Youth Options (A) and (B)
COMMUNITY CHEF	
CE 223/02/26	Members noted that a meeting had taken place with Munch regarding the Community Cookery Project and that officers were currently liaising with King Arthur's Way Hall to identify suitable dates. Local schools had also been contacted. Further updates would be brought to the next meeting.
U-CHOOSE CARD	
CE 224/02/26	Members noted that officers had met with Riverside Bowl and Andover Leisure Centre and would be meeting with the three secondary schools at the end of February. The programme dates had been confirmed for 30 March to 10 April 2026. The U-Choose Cards had been designed and would be printed at the beginning of March. Service access agreements had been drawn up and would be signed at the beginning of March. It was requested that appreciation for the excellent work undertaken by officers in delivering this project be minuted.
ROAD WARDEN SCHEME	
CE 225/02/26	Preliminary report Members reviewed the preliminary report and considered whether this was a project of value for Andover Town Council (ATC) to undertake on behalf of residents. A number of questions and concerns were raised.

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<tr><td>CE 226/02/26</td><td>An amendment was proposed by Councillor M Farren that a working group be formed. There was no seconder: therefore, the MOTION FAILED.</td></tr>
<tr><td>CE 227/02/26</td><td>Members returned to the substantive motion.
It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that Councillor J Hughes further investigate the scheme, liaise with the relevant partner organisations and work with officers to gather additional information, with a more detailed report to be brought to a future Community and Events Committee meeting and or Full Council, whichever comes first.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">WORKING GROUPS</td></tr>
<tr><td>CE 228/02/26</td><td>Pride 2026:
Members received and noted an update report.</td></tr>
<tr><td>CE 229/02/26</td><td>Pride 2026 Terms of Reference
It was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor M Farren and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Pride 2026 Terms of Reference be approved.</td></tr>
<tr><td>CE 230/02/26</td><td>Andover Charter:
It was noted that a suitable date to meet up was still being sought.</td></tr>
<tr><td>CE 231/02/26</td><td>Right To Bid:
Members received and noted a written report on the current progress.

The following amendments were requested to be made on the list:
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<tr><th>ADD</th><th>REMOVE</th><th>AMEND</th></tr>
<tr><td>Picket Piece sports hall</td><td>Wyke Down</td><td>Saxon fields – clarity on what</td></tr>
<tr><td>Play parks</td><td></td><td>Walworth road recreational facilities – rename plot 90</td></tr>
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It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor M Farren and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the first list with the amendments be approved.
It was noted that Councillor K Bird would send an email out asking for any further contributions from members.</td></tr>
<tr><td>CE 232/02/26</td><td>Building Working Group:
Members noted there was nothing further to report at this stage.</td></tr>
<tr><td>CE 233/02/26</td><td>Youth Engagement Working Group:
It was noted that Councillor J Goodwin was standing down from the role of Chair of the Working Group but would remain a member.
It was noted that the working group would continue and that a new Chair would be agreed at the next meeting.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">ACORN BIOENERGY COMMUNITY FUND</td></tr>
<tr><td>CE 234/02/26</td><td>Acorn Community Fund Offer – Acorn Bioenergy
Members considered the proposal to approve the appointment of a member to the Acorn Community Fund Working Group.</td></tr>
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	It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor J Goodwin and **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** that a member be approved to sit on this working group.
CE 235/02/26	Councillor H Neate proposed herself as the person to represent and it was seconded by Councillor L Gregori. A vote was taken to approve both members and it was **RESOLVED: FOR - 8, AGAINST - 0, ABSTENTIONS – 1** that Councillor H Neate and Councillor K Bird as Deputy would seek to sit on the Acorn Community Fund Working Group.
FUTURE ITEMS	
CE 236/02/26	The following items were requested to be added to the next agenda: • Road Scheme. • Acorn Bioenergy Community Fund.
NEXT MEETING	
CE 237/02/26	Members noted that the date of the next meeting would be on **Wednesday 25 March 2026,** at **The Lights at 6.30pm.**
MEETING CLOSURE	
CE 238/02/26	The Chairman closed the meeting at **7.40pm.**

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