Andover Town Council

C&E Committee Minutes

Time and date 6.30pm on Wednesday **29 July 2026**

Place The Lights, Andover

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

Officers Present:	Micha West (Deputy Town Clerk and RFO) Leah Walsh (Committee Officer) *Started at 6.30pm*
Members of the Public:	1
County/Borough Councillors:	0
Members of the Press:	0

PUBLIC SESSION	
CE 025/07/26	There were no comments received from Members of the Public present at the meeting.
APOLOGIES	
CE 026/07/26	Apologies were received from Councillor R Kidd.
INTERESTS	
CE 027/07/26	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 028/07/26	It was proposed by Councillor A Horsnell and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** that the Minutes of the Community and Events Committee meeting held on 30 June 2026 be signed as a correct record.
FINANCIAL COMPARISON	
CE 029/07/26	Members received and noted the Financial Comparison to date for this Committee. Following a review of the Financial Comparison, the Committee noted that the **Andover Pride** project had incurred net expenditure of **£9,506.12** against an approved budget of **£7,875.00**, resulting in an apparent budget overspend of

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	£1,631.12. However, Members noted that the project had also received **£3,250.00** in sponsorship funding, which was recorded as income and more than offset the additional expenditure. Taking the sponsorship funding into account, the project remained **£1,618.88** within the overall available funding. It was requested that future budget monitoring reports present this information more clearly so that externally funded expenditure is readily distinguishable from genuine budget overspends.
CHRISTMAS FENCING	
CE 030/07/26	Councillor E Reynolds spoke to the item. It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor M Farren and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that a recommendation to Full Council to remove the historic Christmas Tree Fencing from the Andover Town Council Asset Register, be approved.
PROJECTS UPDATE	
CE 031/07/26	**7A Community Cookery sessions** Members noted that the pilot programme had now been successfully completed, with positive feedback received from participants and that a full report from Munch would be presented to a future meeting with potential next steps.
CE 032/07/26	**7B** The U-Choose Holiday Card Members noted the report and discussed the positive reception of the project by the families and schools that benefited from it during the summer holidays. It was reiterated that, upon completion of the project, a Social Impact Report would be presented to the committee, together with the final financial figures and feedback received from participating schools, young people and parents.
ARMED FORCES DAY	
CE 033/07/26	Members discussed the Council's role in supporting Armed Forces Day 2027. Members agreed that the Council would be supportive in principle of an Armed Forces Day event. However, it was noted that until further details were available regarding the organisation of the event, including who would be leading it and the proposed plans, the Council was not in a position to make any formal commitment to its involvement or support.
WORKING GROUPS REPORT	
CE 034/07/26	Andover Charter Members noted the Andover Charter Working Group update report and discussed the range of events, celebrations and activities that would be explored to commemorate the Charter.
CE 035/07/26	**Right to Bid** It was noted that there were no further updates at this time.
CE 036/07/26	Youth Engagement working group amended Terms of Reference Members agreed to defer consideration of the updated Terms of Reference until the Working Group had met and had the opportunity to discuss the proposed amendments.

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CE 037/07/26	It was noted that Councillor K Bird and E Reynolds had requested to join the Youth Engagement Working Group.
NEXT MEETING	
CE 038/07/26	Members noted that the date of the next meeting would be on **Wednesday 30 September 2026 at 6.30pm, at the Lights.**
MEETING CLOSURE	
CE 039/07/26	The Chairman closed the meeting at **7:10pm.**

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