Andover Town Council

C&E Committee Minutes

Time and date 6.00pm on Tuesday **30 June 2026**

Place ACE, Andover

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

Officers Present:	Tor Warburton (Town Clerk) Leah Walsh (Committee Officer) *Started at 6.00pm*
Members of the Public:	2
County/Borough Councillors:	0
Members of the Press:	0

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN	
CE 001/06/26	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor R Hughes that Councillor K Bird be nominated as Chairman. Councillor M Farren proposed himself; however, there was no seconder. In the absence of a seconder, there was only one valid nomination before the Committee and it therefore fell to Councillor K Bird, who was duly appointed Community and Events Chairman for the 2026/27 Civic Year.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN	
CE 002/06/26	It was proposed by Councillor L Gregori and seconded by Councillor R Hughes that Councillor E Reynolds be nominated as Vice chairman. Councillor M Farren proposed himself; however, there was no seconder. In the absence of a seconder, there was only one valid nomination before the Committee and it therefore fell to Councillor E Reynolds, who was duly appointed Community and Events Vice chairman for the 2026/27 Civic Year.

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PUBLIC SESSION	
CE 003/06/26	There were no comments received from Members of the Public present at the meeting.
APOLOGIES	
CE 004/06/26	Apologies were received from Councillor J Cockaday.
INTERESTS	
CE 005/06/26	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 006/06/26	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor A Horsnell and **RESOLVED: FOR: 6, AGAINST: 0, ABSTENTIONS: 1,** that the Minutes of the Community and Events Committee meeting held on 7 May 2026, be signed as a correct record.
FINANCIAL COMPARISON	
CE 007/06/26	Members received and noted the Financial Comparison to date for this Committee.
ANDOVER MUSIC AWARDS SPONSORSHIP	
CE 008/06/26	Andover Music Awards Members reviewed the report and went into discussion.
CE 009/06/26	It was proposed by councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor K Bird and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that £500 be awarded to the Andover Music Awards and that the Community and Events Officer be delegated authority to liaise with the organisers regarding sponsorship arrangements and any associated publicity, be approved.
CE 010/06/26	It was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor M Farren and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the funding be allocated from the operational reserves budget line and recommended to Full Council for approval.
CE 011/06/26	It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor K Bird and **RESOVLED; Unanimously**, that the "Best Music Event of the Year" category for the inaugural Andover Music Awards be approved.
PROJECTS UPDATE	
CE 012/06/26	9a Community Cookery sessions Members received and noted the update on the Community Cookery Sessions. Councillors J Hughes and E Reynolds commented that the initiative was excellent and had been receiving very positive feedback from participants. Councillor L Gregori requested the social impact of the sessions be measured and captured.
CE 013/06/26	9b The U-Choose Holiday Card

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	Members received and noted the update on the U-Choose Holiday card. Councillor K Bird requested that thanks to the officers involved in delivering the two projects supporting young people—the U-Chose Card and the Community Cookery Sessions—be formally recorded in the minutes. Councillor K Bird added that it was great to see what can be achieved when the Council follows its established procedures, with officers engaging with the Young People's Forum to understand what young people actually need, researching the available options, and then successfully delivering projects that meet those needs. Councillor L Gregori requested the social impact of the sessions be measured and captured. He also requested that the Youth Engagement Working Group met with officers to discuss the project in greater detail and to consider opportunities for future delivery.
ACORN BIOENERGY COMMUNITY FUND	
CE 014/06/26	Acorn Bioenergy Community Fund It was proposed by Councillor A Horsnell and seconded by Councillor R Hughes and **RESOLVED: FOR: 6, AGAINST: 0, ABSTENTIONS: 1**, that Councillor L Gregori as Lead and Councillor K Bird as Deputy be approved, to sit on the Acorn Working Group.
ANDOVER PRIDE 2027	
CE 015/06/26	Andover Pride 2026 report It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor M Farren and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the date for next year's PRIDE be held on Saturday 19 June 2027. Councillor K Bird requested that thanks to the officers involved in delivering PRIDE 2026 be formally recorded in the minutes. Councillor E Reynolds asked that it be noted that there were no incidents on the day and that the event was a great success, which provided a positive experience for those who attended.
POPPY TRAIL	
CE 016/06/26	Poppy Trail report Members noted the Poppy Trail report. It was proposed by Councillor L Gregori and seconded Councillor M Farren and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the delivery of the Poppy Trail for 2026 be approved.
REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AND EVENTS WORKING GROUPS INCLUDING REPORTS	

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CE 017/06/26	Councillor L Gregori requested for item 13 and 14 to be discussed as a whole.
	Members reviewed the current Working Groups that operated under the Community and Events Committee and went into discussion on the ongoing relevance and effectiveness of each group and whether each group should be continued, restructured, or dissolved.
CE 018/06/26	**Andover Charter:** Councillor K Bird provided a verbal update on the Charter Working Group and advocated for its continuation. Officers were asked to circulate a poll to identify a suitable date for the next Working Group meeting. Members discussed a number of ways to engage with the public, including seeking residents' views through a QR code linked to a questionnaire, placing information in the *Andover Advertiser* and undertaking a wider media campaign. Members expressed their support for the continuation of the Charter Working Group. It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and **RESOLVED: FOR: 6, AGAINST: 0, ABSTENTIONS: 1**, that the continuation of the Andover Charter Working Group be approved.
CE 019/06/26	**Right to Bid:** Councillor K Bird provided a verbal update on the Community Right to Bid Working Group. Members were advised that the working group is awaiting feedback and confirmation from TVBC regarding the agreed list of items, before the remaining matters could be concluded. It was therefore recommended that the working group continued until this confirmation had been received. It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor L Gregori and **RESOLVED: FOR: 6, AGAINST: 0, ABSTENTIONS: 1**, that the continuation of the Andover Community Right to Bid Working Group be approved.
CE 020/06/26	**Building Working Group:** Members agreed that the purpose of this group had been met and therefore it was recommended that this group now be closed. It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and **RESOLVED: FOR: 6, AGAINST: 0, ABSTENTIONS: 1,** that the disbandment of the Building Working Group be approved.
CE 021/06/26	**Youth Engagement:** Councillor L Gregori provided a verbal update on the Youth Engagement Working Group and advocated for its continuation. It was also recommended that the Terms of Reference be reviewed and that an invitation be be extended to all Councillors interested in joining the Working Group.

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	It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor A Horsnell and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the continuation of the Youth Engagement Working group be approved.
FUTURE ITEMS	
CE 022/06/26	The following items were requested to be put on the next Agenda: • Councillors K Bird and J Hughes along with the Town Clerk, to bring a report on the King of Grime to the next meeting. • Councillor L Gregori asked that Suzzanne Hassleman be invited to speak on the Cultural Strategy at a future meeting.
NEXT MEETING	
CE 023/06/26	Members noted that the date of the next meeting would be on **Wednesday 29 July 2026 at 6.30pm, at the Lights.**
MEETING CLOSURE	
CE 024/06/26	The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:02pm**.**

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