



**Time and date**

6.30pm on Wednesday **12 November 2025**

**Place**

The Lights, Andover

<b>Councillors Present:</b>		Arrival time noted if after meeting start						
Cllr K Bird (Chairman)	✓		Cllr M Farren (Vice Chairman)	✓		Cllr J Cockaday	✓	
Cllr L Gregori	X		Cllr A Horsnell	X		Cllr J Hughes	✓	
Cllr R Hughes	✓	6.31pm	Cllr H Neate	✓		Cllr E Reynolds	✓	
Cllr J Goodwin	✓							

<b>Officers Present:</b>	Tor Warburton (Town Clerk) Nikki Barber (Community & Events Officer)
<b>Members of the Public:</b>	1
<b>County/Borough Councillors:</b>	Councillor Z Brooks
<b>Members of the Press:</b>	0

<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b>	
<b>CE 143/11/25</b>	(Councillor R Hughes arrived at 6.31pm) Andover Town Council received thanks for its provision of sponsorship toward the Halloween event prizes and stall. It was very well attended and a good success with more prizes given out than in previous years.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
<b>CE 144/11/25</b>	Apologies were received by Councillors L Gregori and A Horsnell.
<b>INTERESTS</b>	
<b>CE 145/11/25</b>	Non-pecuniary declarations were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillor E. Reynolds, as a member of The Drove Allotment association and a plot holder at The Drove allotment site.</li> <li>Councillor J Hughes in item 10 of the agenda.</li> </ul>
<b>MINUTES</b>	
<b>CE 146/11/25</b>	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor J Goodwin and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the Minutes of the Community and Events Committee meeting held on 8 October 2025, with amendments, be brought back to the next committee meeting for approval and be signed as a correct record.
<b>FINANCIAL COMPARISON</b>	

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<b>CE 147/11/25</b>	Members received and noted the Financial Comparison to date for this Committee.
<b>BUDGET 2026/2027</b>	
<b>CE 148/11/25</b>	The Chair gave thanks to the Town Clerk for her hard work with the Budget. Members reviewed the Community and Events Committee budget for 2026/2027 for the second pass. A suggestion was made for future budget discussions, that an additional column be added, next to the 5% and 10% ones, which would show the actual net figure taken from the current Financial Comparison report. This would make for easier comparison.
<b>CE 149/11/25</b>	<b>Amendment one:</b> It was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor H Neate and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the Community Engagement budget line be £1,000.00 and that the Annual Electors meeting funds be taken from this budget line.
<b>CE 150/11/25</b>	<b>Amendment two:</b> It was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor M Farren and <b>RESOLVED: FOR - 5, AGAINST - 3, ABSTENTIONS - 0</b> , that the Miscellaneous Events budget line be zeroed.
<b>CE 151/11/25</b>	<b>Amendment three:</b> It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor K Bird and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the Andover Pride budget line be increased by 5% to £7875.00.
<b>CE 152/11/25</b>	<b>Amendment four:</b> It was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor K Bird and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the Youth Services budget line remain unchanged at £50,000.00
<b>CE 153/11/25</b>	<b>Amendment five:</b> It was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor M Farren and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the Plus 55's budget line remain unchanged at £20,000.00.
<b>CE 154/11/25</b>	<b>Amendment six:</b> It was proposed by Councillor H Neate and seconded by Councillor J Goodwin and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the Grants budget line be decreased to £35,000.00.
<b>CE 155/11/25</b>	<b>Amendment seven:</b> It was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and <b>RESOLVED: FOR - 6, AGAINST - 1, ABSTENTIONS - 1</b> , that the Poppy Trail budget line be reduced to £1,300.00.
<b>CE 156/11/25</b>	<b>Amendment eight:</b> It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor H Neate and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the Defibrillator Provision budget line be decreased to £1,000.00. (Councillor H Neate left at 7.33pm)
<b>CE 157/11/25</b>	<b>Amendment nine:</b> (Councillor H Neate returned at 7.35pm)

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	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the Community and Events Budget 2026/2027, with amendments, be agreed and recommended to Policy and Resources Committee in January 2026. Councillor H Neate did not participate in the vote.
<b>DRAFT COMMUNITY FUND POLICY</b>	
<b>CE 158/11/25</b>	Members received a draft Community Fund Policy and Councillor H Neate spoke to it. Thanks were given to Councillor Neate for her hard work on the policy.
<b>CE 159/11/25</b>	It was proposed by Councillor H Neate and seconded by Councillor K Bird that the draft Community Fund Policy be accepted and recommended to Full Council for approval. Members went into debate. The Town Clerk advised that she was still in discussions with the Town Council's legal team, to ascertain whether the Town Council were able to provide services or procure services on its behalf outside of a current term.
<b>CE 160/11/25</b>	It was proposed by Councillor H Neate and seconded by Councillor K Bird and <b>RESOLVED: FOR – 7, AGAINST -1, ABSTENTIONS – 0</b> , that the draft Community Fund Policy be accepted and recommended to Full Council for approval, pending advice from the Town Clerk and comparison to the Test Valley Borough Council's Revenue Grant Policy.
<b>U-CHOOSE HOLIDAY CARD</b>	
<b>CE 161/11/25</b>	Members received a report on U-Choose Holiday Card. Thanks were given to the Community and Events Officer for her hard work, research into the project and a very well presented report. Councillor K Bird proposed and Councillor M Farren seconded the motion and Members went into debate.
<b>CE 162/11/25</b>	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor M Farren and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A budget be approved to enable the Community and Events Officer to progress with the initiative.</li> <li>• The funding be taken from the Youth Provision budget line.</li> <li>• Officers be instructed to proceed with the initiative and a progress report be brought back to the next meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>WARM HUB</b>	
<b>CE 163/11/25</b>	Members received and reviewed a report and draft agreement on creating a one off "Warm Hub" grant. Councillor J Hughes proposed and Councillor K Bird seconded the motion and Members went into debate.
<b>CE 164/11/25</b>	A point of order was made as Councillor J Hughes proposed the Committee moved straight to a vote.
<b>CE 165/11/25</b>	It was <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed Warm Hub agreement and application be recommended to Full Council for approval.</li> <li>• Officers be instructed to conduct further research if required.</li> <li>• The funding to be taken from the 55+ funding provision.</li> </ul>

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<b>GRANT</b>	
<b>CE 166/11/25</b>	Members received and considered a grant application from Yellow Brick Road Project "Youth Uplift."
<b>CE 167/11/25</b>	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and <b>RESOLVED: FOR - 7, AGAINST - 0, ABSTENTIONS - 1</b> that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the Yellow Brick Road representative respond to Members' questions.
<b>CE 168/11/25</b>	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor H Neate and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that Standing Orders be reinstated.
<b>CE 169/11/25</b>	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the Yellow Brick Road Projects grant application be approved and the sum of £3,000.00 be awarded. Councillor J Hughes did not participate in the vote.
<b>CONFERENCE SYSTEM INFORMATION</b>	
<b>CE 170/11/25</b>	Members noted that the agreed company had been contacted and a presentation of the conference system had been organised for February 2026. A report would be brought back to the committee following the presentation. An invitation to attend the presentation would also be sent to all Members.
<b>END OF GRANT REPORTS</b>	
<b>CE 171/11/25</b>	Members received an End of Grant Report from Me and My Dad's club.
<b>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS UPDATE</b>	
<b>CE 172/11/25</b>	Members received and noted the Christmas Lights Update report. Thanks were given to Councillor E Reynolds for his support with the delivery and installation of the Christmas Lights.
<b>STREET ART</b>	
<b>CE 173/11/25</b>	Members received a verbal report on the potential collaboration with other organisations which provide Street Art in Andover.
<b>YOUTH FORUM</b>	
<b>CE 174/11/25</b>	Members received an update report on Community Initiative.
<b>WORKING GROUPS</b>	
<b>CE 175/11/25</b>	Members received updates from the working groups.
<b>CE 176/11/25</b>	<b>Andover Charter:</b> There was no progress to report at this stage and Members were reminded of the pending presentation by Erica Tinsley, in January 2026.
<b>CE 177/11/25</b>	<b>Right To Bid:</b> An amendment to the end date was requested.

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	It was proposed by Councillor J Hughes and seconded by Councillor K Bird and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the Right To Bid Working Group Terms of Reference, with the amendment, be approved.
<b>CE 178/11/25</b>	<b>Building Working Group:</b> Members received and considered an update report. It included an action that was to be taken by Councillor A Horsnell, to contact the former organisers of the "Fusion" Youth Group at Enham Arch and ascertain why the initiative ceased to be in the building. Councillor R Hughes was able to advise that the building had been deemed unsafe due to a collapsing roof. A suggestion was also made that the Building Working Group look into and explore other existing community centers.
<b>CE 179/11/25</b>	<b>Youth Engagement Working Group:</b> Councillor J Goodwin reported that Councillor A Horsnell had joined the working group. It was commented on about the work that Officers had put in regarding the Autism training, Community Chef and Graffiti Wall. The Town Clerk was asked to circulate a report written by Councillor L Gregori to the Members.
<b>FUTURE ITEMS</b>	
<b>CE 180/11/25</b>	The following items were requested to be added to the next committee agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pride Working Group – Membership.</li> </ul>
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	
<b>CE 181/11/25</b>	Members noted that the date of the next meeting would be on <b>Thursday 29 January 2026, at The Lights at 6.30pm.</b>
<b>MEETING CLOSURE</b>	
<b>CE 182/11/25</b>	The Chairman closed the meeting at <b>8:22pm.</b>

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