Andover Town Council

Council Minutes

Time and date 6.30pm on Wednesday **9 September 2026**

Place Upper Guildhall, Andover

Councillors Present:								
	Arrival time noted if after meeting start							
Cllr T Burley (Town Mayor)	**P**		Cllr J Hughes (Deputy Mayor)	**P**		Cllr S Hardstaff	**P**	
Cllr K Bird	**P**		Cllr J Cockaday	**P**		Cllr K Hughes	**A**	
Cllr J Goodwin	**P**		Cllr L Gregori	**P**		Cllr R Meyer	**X**	
Cllr A Horsnell	**P**		Cllr M Farren	**P**		Cllr T James	**P**	
Cllr R Hughes	**P**		Cllr R Kidd	**X**				
Cllr E Reynolds	**P**		Cllr G Walters	**A**				

Officers Present:	Tor Warburton (Town Clerk/RFO) Micha West (Deputy Town Clerk/RFO) Leah Walsh (Committee & GDPR Officer) Started at 6.30pm

Members of the Public:	39
County/Borough Councillors:	TVBC Deputy Mayor Cllr I Anderson TVBC/HCC Councillor Z Brooks and Councillor C Donnelly
Members of the Press:	2

PUBLIC SESSION	
C 158/09/26	Several members of the public addressed the Council. Representatives, volunteers and supporters of Andover Community Engage (ACE) spoke in support of ACE and its youth provision. Members heard that ACE provides a safe and welcoming environment for young people, offering practical and emotional support as well as somewhere for them to socialise and feel part of the community.

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	Examples were given of young people approaching ACE for assistance with matters including illness, food, water, clothing, sanitary products and contacting family members. It was explained that the youth provision also provides support outside school hours and that young people surveyed had overwhelmingly reported feeling safe at ACE. Speakers highlighted the wider benefits of providing positive activities and support for young people, including reducing anti-social behaviour, encouraging positive engagement and strengthening community cohesion. Concern was expressed that a lack of suitable provision for young people could contribute to increased anti-social behaviour and associated costs within the community. A volunteer spoke about the relationships that had developed with young people attending ACE and the importance of providing a place where they could feel safe, supported and able to be themselves. Other members of the public spoke about their own experiences of ACE and the wider community activities provided there. Speakers highlighted its welcoming and inclusive environment, opportunities for social interaction and its role in reducing loneliness and isolation. One resident spoke personally about living with dementia and explained how attending ACE provided a familiar and supportive environment which had positively contributed to their wellbeing.
C 159/09/26	A representative of Andover Carnival thanked the Town Council for its support, cooperation and partnership with the Carnival and reflected positively on the success of this year's event. They also welcomed the Council's newly elected Councillor T James and wished them well in their new role.
C 160/09/26	A representative of Yellow Brick Road Projects addressed the Council and spoke about the organisation's work with young people, particularly those who may be furthest away from other forms of support and at risk of issues such as homelessness or criminal exploitation. It was explained that Yellow Brick Road Projects provides a targeted service through a structured mentoring programme rather than a drop-in provision. Young people are generally identified as requiring additional support and are provided with individual mentoring alongside an accredited learning programme designed to develop practical life skills. The programme supports young people in areas including managing finances, housing, relationships and preparing CVs, with the organisation working in partnership with a range of other services and organisations. The speaker emphasised the importance of organisations across Andover working collaboratively to support young people and help them achieve positive outcomes. They also acknowledged the valuable work undertaken by ACE, noting that although the organisations provide different types of support, both contribute to improving opportunities and outcomes for young people within the town.

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APOLOGIES	
C 161/09/26	Apologies were received from Councillors K Hughes and G Walters.
MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	
C 162/09/26	On Friday, 10 July, I had the great pleasure of attending Rookwood School, where I attended their assembly, the first assembly I had been to for a great number of years, and I was privileged to present some of the end of term awards. Afterwards, I helped judged their first Soapbox Derby, which was an honour. On Friday, 10 July, I had the great pleasure of attending Rookwood School's assembly. It was the first school assembly I had attended for a great many years, and I was privileged to present some of the end-of-term awards. I also helped to judge their first Soapbox Derby, which was an honour. On Tuesday, 14 July, I was invited by the Mayor of Romsey to observe a Romsey Town Council meeting, where I was warmly welcomed by all Councillors, their Clerk and Officers. It was interesting to observe how their Full Council meeting was conducted. On Monday, 20 July, accompanied by the Mayor's Consort, Mrs Burley, I officially opened the new Day View Food Centre World Food Market in Black Swan Yard. This was my very first ribbon-cutting experience. On Saturday, 29 August, I attended a fundraising event at the Andover Tennis Club in Upper Clatford. The event was raising much-needed funds for the local charity Finding Freedom From Abuse. On Sunday, 6 September, I once again attended Andover Tennis Club, this time to present their annual awards. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Upper Clatford Parish Council and its Clerk for allowing me to attend these events as Town Mayor and wear my chain of office.
EXTERNAL REPORTS	
C 163/09/26	**TVBC/HCC Councillor Z Brooks:** TVBC/HCC Councillor Z Brooks highlighted a number of items from Hampshire County Council. Following the very wet winter and rapidly rising groundwater levels, Southern Water had announced significant investment across North Hampshire to address groundwater

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	infiltration and improve the capacity and resilience of the wastewater network. A number of areas were identified as benefiting from the investment. Members were also advised that Hampshire County Council's Councillor Grant Fund had reopened on 1 July. Each County Councillor has an annual budget of £5,000 to support projects within their division. Grants are generally available from £100 to £1,000 and can support not-for-profit organisations and community projects, including activities relating to social support, connectivity, the environment and equipment. An update was also provided on funding available for improvements to bus shelters. The grant scheme is intended to support councils that own and maintain bus shelters, with improvements potentially including structural upgrades, new seating and lighting. A further update was provided on issues being progressed across Andover. Work was continuing with local schools and the Cabinet Member for Transport to explore ways of addressing parking issues, including inappropriate parking and road markings, with the aim of identifying longer-term solutions. Highway maintenance and disabled parking provision were also raised, including requests for improvements to road markings and parking bays. An update was provided regarding the area around Andover Railway Station, where improvement works were taking place. Further clarification was being sought regarding responsibility for maintaining the surrounding area and the respective responsibilities of Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council. TVBC/HCC Councillor Z Brooks emphasised the importance of residents continuing to raise issues affecting their communities and expressed an intention to work closely with Andover Town Council, Test Valley Borough Council, Hampshire County Council and community organisations to identify practical solutions. It was acknowledged that all three councils were facing financial pressures, making partnership working, identifying priorities and making the best use of available resources increasingly important.
C 164/09/26	**TVBC Deputy Mayor Councillor I Anderson:** TVBC Deputy Mayor Councillor I Anderson advised that, having heard the presentations and comments made during the Public Session, she wished to highlight the importance of supporting young people within Andover. TVBC Deputy Mayor Councillor I Anderson praised the work being undertaken by ACE and Yellow Brick Road Projects and recognised the different forms of support they provided to young people and the positive impact this has within the town.

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	TVBC Deputy Mayor Councillor I Anderson also highlighted that young people and their families can face a wide range of circumstances and emphasised the importance of ensuring appropriate support and youth provision is available. Concern was expressed that, without adequate funding and support for such services, young people may have limited places to turn to. TVBC Deputy Mayor Councillor I Anderson encouraged Members to recognise the value of the work being undertaken and the need to support youth provision within the town.
C 165/09/26	**TVBC/HCC Councillor C Donnelly** TVBC/ HCC Councillor C Donnelly welcomed the comments made during the Public Session regarding support for young people in Andover. He praised the work of ACE and Yellow Brick Road Projects, which highlighted the value of early intervention and proactive support in helping to prevent issues before they arise. Speaking in his capacity as a Trustee of Hampshire Cultural Trust, the Councillor welcomed the inclusion of Andover Museum on the agenda for consideration later in the meeting. Although circumstances surrounding Local Government Reorganisation had recently changed, it was felt that discussions around protecting local cultural assets remained important. Continued collaboration was encouraged between local councils and partner organisations to ensure that local priorities and valued community assets were supported. TVBC/ HCC Councillor C Donnelly thanked the Town Council and Mayor for their leadership regarding Andover Museum and expressed support for working collaboratively over the coming months and years to develop and strengthen the museum and its future.
INTERESTS	
C 166/09/26	Non-pecuniary declarations were received from: 1. Councillor E Reynolds, as a member of the Drove Association and as an allotment plot holder. 2. Councillor M Farren, as a non-pecuniary personal interest in item 24, Andover Community Engage of the Agenda. 3. Councillor T James, as a non-pecuniary interest in item 24, for both Yellow Brick Road and Andover Community Engage of the Agenda and therefore would abstain from voting. 4. Councillor J Hughes, as a non-pecuniary interest in item 24, for both Yellow Brick Road and Andover Community Engage of the Agenda and therefore would abstain from voting.
MINUTES	
C 167/09/26	It was proposed by Councillor T Burley and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and **RESOLVED: FOR: 10 , AGAINST: 0, ABSTENTIONS: 2** , that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8 July 2026 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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C 168/09/26	The following Committee Minutes were received and noted: • Planning Committee – 22.06.2026, 13.07.2026 and 03.08.2026 • Community & Events Committee – 30.06.2026 • Allotments Committee – 17.06.2026
CONTRACTUAL & DELEGATED PAYMENTS	
C 169/09/26	Members received and noted the contractual and delegated payments that had been made in the period of: From: 1 August 2026 To: 31 August 2026
PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL	
C 170/09/26	It was noted that there were no payments made above the RFO's delegated authority.
CREDIT CARD	
C 171/09/26	Members noted the credit card payments up to 3 August 2026
FINANCE	
C 172/09/26	The following items were proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor L Gregori and **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** that the following reports be approved: **A.** Bank Statements & Bank Reconciliation **B.** Cashbook **C.** Earmarked Reserves **D.** Financial Comparison to date
COUNCILLOR MOTIONS - MOTION ON ENHANCED BUS PROVISION WITHIN THE PARISH OF ANDOVER	
C 173/09/26	**Proposer: Cllr Mark Farren** **Seconder: Cllr Jack Goodwin** **Questions and Debate** Councillor M Farren introduced the motion and explained that concerns had been raised by residents regarding the reduction and withdrawal of bus services across Andover. It was clarified that the motion was not asking the Town Council to restore or subsidise bus routes, but to write to Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) seeking information on any plans it may have to support or enhance local public transport provision. He highlighted the social and economic importance of accessible public transport, including enabling residents to travel to work, education and medical appointments, reducing social isolation and supporting vulnerable residents. It was also noted that good public transport links would help residents access current and future town centre facilities and regeneration projects, while potentially contributing towards environmental and traffic-management objectives.

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<tr><td></td><td>Members generally supported raising the matter with TVBC, although some concern was expressed that the motion was broad in scope. It was suggested that identifying specific routes, areas and issues could make any request more effective and provide greater accountability. Particular concerns included changes to services in the south of Andover, accessibility for disabled residents and the loss of bus services previously provided to new housing developments.

Members also highlighted that reductions in public transport can disproportionately affect those without access to alternative transport, including young people, families and people with caring responsibilities. It was suggested that any relevant surveys or evidence identifying those most affected by reductions in services could help inform future discussions.

It was acknowledged that responsibility for bus services primarily rests with Hampshire County Council and that replacing withdrawn subsidies could have significant financial implications. Members recognised the financial pressures faced by local authorities and that any future proposal involving financial support would require separate consideration.</td></tr>
<tr><td>C 174/09/26</td><td>During debate, an amendment was proposed by Councillor J Goodwin that the Town Council also investigated what support it could provide itself, including the potential costs of contributing towards local bus provision. There was no seconder and the amendment therefore fell.</td></tr>
<tr><td>C 175/09/26</td><td>Returning to the substantive motion, Councillor M Farren reiterated that the purpose at this stage was simply to seek information from TVBC. Once a response had been received, Members could consider whether any further action was appropriate.

Councillor M Farren requested a recorded vote.
Upon a show of hands, the votes were recorded as follows:

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<tr><td>Cllr K Bird</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
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It was RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Mayor and Town Clerk write to the Leader and Chief Executive of Test Valley Borough Council to seek an update on any plans to enhance public transport within the Parish of Andover, including through the potential</td></tr>
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	subsidisation of former routes or partnership working to provide additional services. It was further proposed that any response received be shared with residents to keep them informed of developments. **MOTION PASSED**
COUNCILLOR MOTIONS - MOTION ON THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANEL CANOPIES IN ANDOVER CARPARKS	
C 176/09/26	**Proposer: Cllr Mark Farren** **Seconder: Cllr Jack Goodwin** **Questions and Debate** Councillor M Farren introduced the motion and explained that solar panel canopies had been installed in car parks elsewhere in the UK and internationally and could provide a number of benefits. It was clarified that the motion was not asking Andover Town Council to undertake or fund such a project, but simply to seek information from Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) regarding any plans it may have for solar panel canopies within its Andover car parks. Potential benefits highlighted included the generation of renewable energy, providing shelter and shade for vehicles and users, opportunities to support electric vehicle charging, making productive use of existing developed land and contributing towards environmental objectives. The proposer also suggested that such infrastructure could complement future regeneration within the town. During questions, Members discussed whether enquiries had already been made with TVBC. It was reported that TVBC had previously considered solar energy projects and undertaken feasibility work, including in relation to the Chantry Centre. Members discussed potential practical considerations including structural requirements, installation and infrastructure costs, financial viability, the use or onward supply of electricity generated, lighting and personal safety within covered car parks. Differing views were expressed regarding the need for the proposed correspondence. Some Members considered that information could be obtained directly from TVBC and noted that renewable energy and carbon reduction already formed part of its wider work. Other Members felt that a formal approach from the Town Council would encourage greater transparency and provide residents with a clear update on what had been considered and any conclusions reached.

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Members also discussed the wider potential for solar panels on buildings, industrial premises and new developments. It was clarified that these matters fell outside the scope of the motion, which related specifically to solar panel canopies in TVBC-owned car parks within Andover.

In summing up, the proposer reiterated that the purpose of the motion was to establish whether TVBC had considered solar panel canopies for its Andover car parks and if so, to understand the outcome. If there were currently no plans, the intention was to encourage TVBC to consider the proposal. It was noted that technology and financial viability can change over time and that the correspondence could provide an opportunity for further dialogue between the councils.

C 177/09/26

Councillor M Farren requested a recorded vote.
Upon a show of hands, the votes were recorded as follows:

FOR: 11	**AGAINST: 1**	**ABSTENTIONS: 0**
Cllr T Burley	Cllr K Bird	
Cllr J Cockaday		
Cllr M Farren		
Cllr J Goodwin		
Cllr L Gregori		
Cllr S Hardstaff		
Cllr A Horsnell		
Cllr J Hughes		
Cllr R Hughes		
Cllr T James		
Cllr E Reynolds		

It was **RESOLVED: FOR: 11, AGAINST: 1, ABSTENTIONS: 0,** that Andover Town Council write to the relevant representatives of Test Valley Borough Council to seek an update on any plans to install solar panel canopies in TVBC-owned car parks within Andover and, if there were no such plans, to ask that the proposal be given consideration.

MOTION PASSED

COUNCILLOR MOTIONS - MOTION ON TREE PLANTING ON THE ANDOVER HIGH STREET.

C 178/09/26

Proposer: Cllr Mark Farren
Seconder: Cllr Jack Goodwin

Questions and Debate

Councillor M Farren introduced the motion, highlighting the environmental and community benefits associated with urban tree planting. These included providing shade and helping to reduce temperatures, improving air quality, supporting surface-water management, improving the appearance of town centres and contributing towards residents' wellbeing.

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<tr><td></td><td>It was clarified that the motion was not asking Andover Town Council to undertake or fund tree planting, but to seek information from Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) regarding any existing plans to plant trees within Andover High Street and if there were none, to ask that this be considered.</td></tr>
<tr><td>C 179/09/26</td><td>During questions, it was noted that Hampshire County Council (HCC) also had responsibilities relating to the High Street. An amendment was therefore proposed by Councillor L Gregori and seconded by Councillor M Farren and RESOLVED: FOR: 11, AGAINST: 0 , ABSTENTIONS: 1, that Hampshire County Council be included in the correspondence.
The amendment was carried and became part of the substantive motion.</td></tr>
<tr><td>C 180/09/26</td><td>During the wider debate, Members discussed previous investigations into tree planting within the High Street. It was reported that underground utilities and services, together with restrictions on available planting depth and appropriate distances from those services, had previously presented significant practical difficulties in identifying suitable locations for trees.

Reference was also made to previous attempts to introduce greenery through above-ground planters and the associated need to consider ongoing maintenance.

Differing views were expressed as to whether further correspondence was necessary given the previous investigations. Some Members considered that the practical limitations were already known and felt that further correspondence would be unlikely to provide new information. Other Members considered that writing to the relevant authorities would provide an up-to-date position, improve communication with residents and potentially open discussions about alternative opportunities for increasing greenery within Andover.

Members also discussed whether the proposal could be broadened to consider tree planting and green infrastructure elsewhere in the town. It was clarified that the motion before Council related specifically to tree planting within Andover High Street.

In summing up, Councillor M Farren acknowledged that previous discussions and investigations may have taken place but emphasised that many residents may not be aware of the outcome. It was considered important to obtain an up-to-date response and communicate this to residents, while potentially encouraging further dialogue about opportunities for urban greening.</td></tr>
<tr><td>C 181/09/26</td><td>Councillor M Farren requested a recorded vote.
Upon a show of hands, the votes were recorded as follows:

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	Cllr E Reynolds		

It was **RESOLVED: FOR: 11, AGAINST: 1, ABSTENTIONS: 0**, that the substantive motion, as amended, was that Andover Town Council write to Test Valley Borough Council and Hampshire County Council seeking an update on any plans to plant trees within Andover High Street and, if there were no such plans, to ask that the proposal be given consideration.

MOTION PASSED

DOWNLANDS ELECTION

C 182/09/26

It was noted that Councillor Thomas James had signed his Acceptance of Office on Thursday 13 August 2026, in the presence of the Town Clerk, as per section 83(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

It was proposed by Councillor A Horsnell and seconded by Councillor K Bird and **RESOLVED: Unanimously** that Councillor T James be approved to join the following committees:

- Planning
- Community and Events
- Allotments

ANDOVER MUSUEM

C 183/09/26

Report

Members considered the proposal to provide financial support to Hampshire Cultural Trust (HCT) to assist in keeping Andover Museum and the Museum of the Iron Age open until at least March 2029. In doing so, Members discussed the proposed joint funding arrangement with Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC), HCT's financial position and the importance of developing a sustainable long-term operating model for the Andover site. Members also considered the need for appropriate safeguards, monitoring and accountability in respect of any Town Council funding.

It was proposed by Councillor T Burley and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** that the Council agree, in principle, to contribute £50,000 over three financial years (2026/27 to 2028/29) towards a joint £150,000 bridging package, subject to TVBC formally agreeing its proposed £100,000 contribution; satisfactory assurance regarding HCT's financial position and long-term sustainability plans; and a formal grant agreement incorporating appropriate milestones, reporting, review and clawback provisions.

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	It was further agreed that the funding would be linked to the continued operation of the Andover site for the funding period and that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, to confirm whether the required conditions had been satisfied. Full Council would then consider the release of funding in staged tranches. Should the conditions not be satisfied within 12 months, the delegation would lapse and the matter would return to Council for further consideration. It was noted that the contribution would be a one-off, time-limited bridging contribution and would not commit the Council to ongoing funding beyond the three-year period or establish a precedent for other sites or organisations.
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS	
POLICY AND RESOURCES	
C 184/09/26	It was noted that there had been no recommendations from the Policy and Resources Committee since the last Full Council meeting.
ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE	
C 185/09/26	Allotment Rents It was proposed by Councillor T Burley and seconded by Councillor M Farren and **RESOLVED: FOR: 10, AGAINST: 1, ABSTENTIONS: 1**, that the 10% annual allotment rent increase from the 2028 rental year, for a period of four years, as recommended by the Allotments Committee be approved. *(Cllr E Reynolds did not participate in the vote)*
C 186/09/26	The financial impact and rationale set out in the report were noted.
C 187/09/26	Officers were authorised to include formal notification of the approved increase within the October 2026 tenant correspondence, to ensure compliance with the 12-month notice requirement.
C 188/09/26	Rules and Regulations It was proposed by Councillor T Burley and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the amended Rules and Regulations recommended by the Allotment Committee be adopted. *(Cllr E Reynolds did not participate in the vote)*
COMMUNITY AND EVENTS COMMITTEE	
C 189/09/26	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor K Bird and **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** that the Town Clerk be authorised to remove the Christmas fencing from the asset register and dispose of the fences.
GRANTS COMMITTEE	
C 190/09/26	Grants Policy and Process and online form. Councillor K Bird requested that thanks to the Officers be formally recorded for all the work undertaken in bringing this piece of work into operation.

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	Members who had the opportunity to test the online form commented positively on its functionality and ease of use.
C 191/09/26	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor K Bird and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the updated Grants Policy and Process, including the new online application form, as recommended by the Grants Committee, be approved.
C 192/09/26	It was noted that the Grants Committee awarded a grant of £4,999 (paid in one sum but for a 3 year period) to Valley Leisure for their "I Can Get Up" project (G 022/08/26).
PLANNING COMMITTEE	
C 193/09/26	It was noted that there had been no recommendations from the planning committee since the last Full Council meeting.
SPEAKER SYSTEM	
C 194/09/26	Report The proposal was initially put forward by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds to open the discussion. Members received an update on the proposed speaker system and considered the quotations received, the number of microphones required and the offer from Supplier A to provide the equipment on a free trial basis prior to purchase. Members highlighted the importance of improving accessibility for those with hearing difficulties and noted that the provision of a suitable speaker system had been under consideration for some time. It was also noted that the proposed system represented a considerably lower cost than other systems previously considered. Councillor K Bird requested that thanks to the Officers, particularly Leah, be formally minuted for the work undertaken in progressing the project.
C 195/09/26	Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor T Burley and seconded by Councillor M Farren and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to proceed with the speaker system offered by Supplier A, subject to the system first being trialled to ensure that it met the Council's requirements before committing to the purchase.
COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
C 196/09/26	**Councillor M Farren:** Firstly, I would like to congratulate my fellow Councillor T James on his recent election. Over the past month, I have been heavily engaged in preparing motions for consideration by the Council, with a further motion recently submitted. I have also been working with TVBC Councillor Z Brooks on matters relating to Millway ward, with the hope of expanding this work across the wider Andover South area. Having lived in various parts of Andover South, I have a good understanding of the area and the issues affecting local residents.

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I attended Kids on Track again with Councillor J Cockaday for their Fun Day. It is a very well-run organisation and it was lovely to see so many children enjoying themselves with smiles on their faces.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</td></tr>
<tr><td>C 198/09/26</td><td>It was proposed by Councillor T Burley and seconded by Councillor K Bird and RESOLVED: FOR: 11, AGAINST: 1, ABSTENTION: 0, under the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A that the press and public were excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 24, as exempt information is likely to be disclosed. The information relates to grant applicants and may include confidential financial, business and personal information, including information provided in confidence or subject to contractual confidentiality arrangements. Disclosure may also engage the Council's obligations under the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018. The exclusion shall apply to item 24.</td></tr>
<tr><td>C 199/09/26</td><td>It was proposed by Councillor T Burley and seconded by Councillor K Bird and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that a 10 minute comfort break be had.
(Comfort break 8.00pm – 8.10pm)</td></tr>
<tr><td>C 200/09/26</td><td>Andover Community Engage – ACE Youth for £32,128.

It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor L Gregori that a revenue grant of £32,128 be awarded towards the costs of running ACE Youth and providing free open-access youth provision.

Following consideration, Councillor M Farren requested a recorded vote.
Upon a show of hands, the votes were recorded as follows:
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It was RESOLVED: FOR: 4, AGAINST: 6, ABSTENTIONS: 2.
The motion to award a revenue grant of £32,128 to ACE Youth was not carried.</td></tr>
<tr><td>C 201/09/26</td><td>It was proposed by Councillor T Burley and seconded by Councillor R Hughes and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the meeting be extended by 30 minutes, be approved.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>C 202/09/26</td><td>Yellow Brick Road Projects – for £10,000 of the £36,000 applied for.

It was proposed by Councillor A Horsnell and seconded by Councillor M Farren.

Councillor M Farren requested a recorded vote.
Upon a show of hands, the votes were recorded as follows:
<table><tr><th>FOR: 9</th><th>AGAINST: 0</th><th>ABSTENTIONS: 3</th></tr><tr><td>Cllr K Bird</td><td></td><td>Cllr J Goodwin</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr T Burley</td><td></td><td>Cllr J Hughes</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr J Cockaday</td><td></td><td>Cllr T James</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr M Farren</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Cllr L Gregori</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Cllr S Hardstaff</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Cllr A Horsnell</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Cllr R Hughes</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Cllr E Reynolds</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>
It was RESOLVED: FOR: 9, AGAINST: 0, ABSTENTIONS: 3, that a revenue grant of £10,000 be awarded to Yellow Brick Road Projects.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">NEXT MEETING</td></tr>
<tr><td>C 203/09/26</td><td>Members noted that the date of the next Full Council meeting would be Thursday 8 October 2026 at The Guildhall, Andover, at 6.30pm.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>C 204/09/26</td><td>The Town Mayor closed the meeting at 8:59pm.</td></tr>
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