



Time and date

6.30pm on Wednesday **18 September 2024**

Place

The Lights, Andover

Councillors Present:		Arrival time noted if after meeting start					
Cllr H Neate (Town Mayor)	✓		Cllr K Bird (Deputy Town Mayor)	✓			
Cllr J Cockaday	✓		Cllr M Farren	✓		Cllr L Gregori	✓
Cllr T Gregory	✓		Cllr S Hardstaff	✓		Cllr J Hughes	✓ 6.32pm
Cllr K Hughes	✓	6.30pm	Cllr R Hughes	✓	6.48pm	Cllr R Kidd	✓
Cllr R Meyer	✓		Cllr E Reynolds	✓		Cllr J Sangster	✓

Officers Present:	Tor Warburton (Deputy Town Clerk) Leah Walsh (ATC Staff) Started at 6:30pm
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Members of the Public:	7
County/Borough Councillors:	Councillor I Anderson (apologies)
Members of the Press:	0

PUBLIC SESSION

- C 229/09/24** (Councillor Kevin Hughes arrived 6:30pm after the meeting had started.)
A member of the Andover Carnival Committee gave thanks to Andover Town Council for the support given, by the Council, to Andover Carnival. He explained that it was, probably, the most successful Carnival to date. He commended the Council and stated that he thought Andover Town Council is moving in the right direction (Councillor Joe Hughes arrived at 6:32pm)
There were no questions.

APOLOGIES

- C 230/09/24** Apologies had been received from Councillor R Hughes, as he would be late and Test Valley Borough Councillor I Anderson.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FULL COUNCIL ONLY)

- C 231/09/24** The Town Mayor stated that an update would come at item 15.

EXTERNAL REPORTS (FULL COUNCIL ONLY)

- C 232/09/24** A written report was circulated before the meeting from Cllr Chris Donnelly.
C 233/09/24 Councillor L Gregori stated his concern that the TVBC Local Plan may be derailed by The Government's commitment to build more houses. Comments were sent in on National Planning Framework consultation and he invited any other

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Councillor to respond to the consultation by the closing date of 24 September 2024, if they wished to.

INTERESTS

C 234/09/24

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 H Neate, as a plot holder at Ox Drove allotment site.

MINUTES

C 235/09/24

It was proposed by Councillor R Meyer and seconded by Councillor S Hardstaff and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on **10 July 2024**, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. **Action: Town Clerk.**

CONTRACTUAL & DELEGATED PAYMENTS

C 236/09/24

Councillors received and noted the contractual and delegated payments that had been made in the period of 1st July 2024 to 30 August 2024.
There were no comments.

PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

C 237/09/24

Councillors **noted** that there were no payments to be made above the RFO's delegated authority up to the 30th August 2024.

BANK RECONCILIATION

C 238/09/24

Councillors noted the Bank Account Reconciliations Summary.
There were no comments.

CASHBOOK

C 239/09/24

It was proposed by Councillor L Gregori and seconded by Councillor K Bird and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the Cashbook presented be approved.
There were no comments.

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

C 240/09/24

Councillors noted the Councillor vacancies of Councillor Stu Waue and Councillor Michael McGarry and that Notices of Casual Vacancies had been published.
There were no comments.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

C 241/09/24

Councillors **received** and **noted** an update on the [Christmas Lights provision](#).

CAROLS ROUND THE CHRISITMAS TREE

C 242/09/24

Councillors **received** and **noted** an update on the [Carols Round the Christmas Tree](#) event on 12 December 2024.
Cllr Farren asked if the Council could look at raising money for charity via a collection in future years.
Cllr Bird asked that the BID be notified. The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Councillors that an email had already been sent.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

C 243/09/24 Councillor L Gregori reminded Councillors that the Planning Committee had approved the removal of the Planning Policy. It was proposed by Councillor L Gregori and seconded by Councillor H Neate and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the [Terms of Reference for the Andover Town Council's Planning Committee](#) be accepted with the Planning Policy removed (line 2(o)).

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

C 244/09/24 Councillor M Farren reported that he was working with TVBC Cllrs to address residents' issues on Floral Way and Clarendon Road. He said that there is a possibility that the Council could work with an organisation who has approached him on a street art project. He will bring more information to the Community and Events Committee for review.

C 245/09/24 Councillor J Cockaday asked if the Town Council had been invited to the presentation of the statue of the Queen, which is being installed in the Town Mills Park. The Town Mayor confirmed that she and the Deputy Mayor would be representing Andover Town Council at the event.

C 246/09/24 Councillor K Bird had been approached by an organisation that was keen to work with the Town Council, to approve the area around the skate park in Roman Way. Councillor K Bird will bring further information to the Community and Events Committee for review.

C 247/09/24 Councillor J Hughes reported that Lady's Walk was now a dedicated nature walk thanks to TARKA. He attended TARKA's 15 year anniversary and following discussions with Southern Water's representative, ascertained that there were lots of upcoming potential projects that the Town Council could get involved with. He will bring further information to the Community and Events Committee for review.

C 248/09/24 Councillor L Gregori noted that he was receiving lots of complaints regarding trees and vegetation. Councillors noted that it was a big problem. Cllr Gregori asked that if other Councillors have problems regarding trees or vegetation reported to them, could they please let Cllr Gregori know and make sure that the complaints are reported.

C 249/09/24 Town Mayor informed the Councillors that she had attended the JerkJam event at Vigo Recreation Ground and that she had participated in a community litter pick and had collected significant rubbish from around a local estate.

FUTURE ITEMS

C 250/09/24 Councillors requested that the following items be brought to the next Full Council Meeting:

- **Halloween Event:** Andover Town Council have been given a pitch. The Andover Town Council gazebo will be taken but will need manning. Councillor K Bird would welcome volunteers. There was potential for greater involvement by sponsoring the prize giving by £150 and this would be brought to the next Full Council meeting for approval.
- **The Macmillan Coffee Morning:** Will be held at the Upper Guildhall on the 27 September 2024. Councillors were asked to bring a cake to sell. A reminder advising the BID to put this information on their website, would be sent.

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(Councillor R Hughes arrived at 6.48pm)

- **Andover Town Council's Working Group Protocol:** This would be circulated prior to the next meeting for Councillors to review.
- **Civility and Respect project/pledge:** Councillors R Hughes, M Farren and H Neate would bring information to the next Full Council meeting for review. Ideas on how to reduce red tape (e.g. no Planning Policy).
- **Transparency:** sub-groups and panels. The Town Mayor asked that this be considered at the next Policy and Resources meeting.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

NEXT MEETING

C 251/09/24 Members noted that the date of the next Full Council meeting would be **Wednesday 23 October 2024**, to be held at **The Upper Guildhall, Andover, at 6.30pm.**

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

C 252/09/24 It was proposed by Councillor K Hughes and seconded by Councillor L Gregori and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that in accordance with Section 1 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Members of the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting, due to the confidential nature of items 19 and 20, to comply with GDPR.

ALLOTMENT APPEALS

C 253/09/24 It was proposed by Councillor L Gregori and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that both appeals be dismissed.

STAFFING UPDATE

C 254/09/24 Councillors received an update on Staffing issues. No resolutions were made.

MEETING CLOSURE

C 255/09/24 The Town Mayor closed the meeting at **7.36pm.**

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