Andover Town Council
Grants Committee
Minutes

Time and date	6.00pm on Tuesday 4 August 2026
Place	Incuhive, Andover

Grant Committee – QUORUM = 3 (as per TERMS OF REFERENCE)								
Councillors Present:		Arrival time noted if after meeting start						
Cllr R Hughes (Chairman)	**P**		Cllr E Reynolds (Vice Chairman)	**P**		Cllr K Bird	**X**	
Cllr M Farren	**P**		Cllr J Goodwin	**P**		Cllr L Gregori	**P**	
Cllr A Horsnell	**P**		Cllr R Kidd	**P**		Cllr G Walters	**P**	

Officers Present:	Micha West (Deputy RFO) Kellie Mabey (Community Events & Allotments Assistant (with Grants.)
Members of the Public present:	5

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN	
G 001/08/26	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor G Walters and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that Councillor R Hughes be appointed Chairman of the Grants Committee for the civic year 2026/2027.
ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN	
G 002/08/26	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor M Farren and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that Councillor E Reynolds be appointed Vice Chairman of the Grants Committee for the civic year 2026/2027.
PUBLIC SESSION	
G 003/08/26	A member asked about the committee's limited female representation and what, if any, policies or actions were in place to address diversity. It was explained that the committee's membership was determined through the democratic election process and was not self-selected.
G 004/08/026	A member asked whether the grant funding guidelines and policy were publicly available on the Council's website, noting they had struggled to locate the relevant documents and found the website difficult to navigate. It was confirmed that a Revenue Funding Policy and Procedure is in place and that the application form sets out the required supporting documentation. Officers confirmed that the policy was

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	published on the Council's website and agreed to review the website to ensure that the documents were easy to find and that all links were functioning correctly.
APOLOGIES	
G 005/08/26	There were no apologies received.
PECUNIARY INTERESTS	
G 006/08/26	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, Councillor G Walters and Councillor L Gregori, declared personal interests in an applicant's organisation due to being acquaintances with the individuals associated with the organisation. It was confirmed that these interests were personal only, with no direct involvement in the organisation and no financial or other gain would arise from the matter under consideration.
GRANTS APPLICATIONS	
G 007/08/26	Kids on Track Summer Activity Camp. It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and members went into discussion.
G 008/08/26	An amendment was proposed by Councillor J Goodwin and seconded by Councillor M Farren and RESOLVED: **FOR: 4, AGAINST: 4**, **ABSTENTIONS: 0,** that **Option A** - to defer the application, be approved. The Chairman used his casting vote and voted against the amendment. **MOTION FAILED**
G 009/08/26	Members then returned to the sub-stantive motion. It was **RESOLVED: FOR: 1, AGAINST: 5, ABSTENTIONS: 2**, that the grant application be denied due to the level of reserve funds held in the charity's bank account.
EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC	
G 010/08/26	It was proposed by Councillor A Horsnell and seconded by Councillor L Gregori and **RESOLVED: FOR: 6**, **AGAINST: 2**, **ABSTENTIONS: 0**, that in accordance with section 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Members of the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting due to the confidential nature of item 6 be approved.
GRANTS APPLICATIONS	
G 011/08/26	Yellow Brick Road and **A.C.E Youth** It was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds to defer the two Grant applications.
G 012/08/26	An amendment was proposed by Councillor G Walters that a Councillor from Andover Town Council be appointed as a trustee on ACE's Board of Trustees. The amendment was not seconded and, therefore fell.
G 013/08/26	Members returned to the sub-stantive motion.

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	It was **RESOLVED: FOR: 6, AGAINST: 2, ABSTENTIONS: 0**, that the Yellow Brick Road and A.C.E Revenue grant applications be deferred.
NEXT MEETING	
G 014/08/26	It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be on the **25 August 2026** at 6:00pm in the Incuhive, Andover.
MEETING CLOSURE	
G 015/08/26	The Chairman closed the meeting at **6.42pm.**

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