Andover Town Council
Grants Committee
Minutes

Time and date	6.00pm on Tuesday 25 August 2026
Place	Incuhive, Andover

Grant Committee – QUORUM = 3
(as per TERMS OF REFERENCE)

Councillors Present:		Arrival time noted if after meeting start						
Cllr K Bird	**P**		Cllr M Farren	**P**		Cllr J Goodwin	**P**	
Cllr L Gregori	**P**		Cllr A Horsnell	**P**		Cllr R Hughes	**P**	
Cllr R Kidd	**X**		Cllr E Reynolds	**P**		Cllr G Walters	**A**	

Officers Present:	Tor Warburton (Town Clerk) Kellie Mabey (Community Events & Allotments Assistant (with Grants.)
Members of the Public present:	4

PUBLIC SESSION	
G 014/08/26	A representative from ACE provided an update on the youth provision and outlined the reasons for the funding request. Members were advised that the youth centre had welcomed 317 young people across 10 sessions, including 22 new young people, despite the service not currently being actively advertised. It was explained that ACE's longer-term aim was for the charity and its services to become self-sustaining rather than reliant on grant funding. However, delays to anticipated external funding streams had resulted in the charity using its reserves and had affected its ability to retain staff and maintain the youth provision. ACE was therefore seeking funding to help secure the youth provision during the transition to its sustainable education programme, which was expected to begin generating income during the following year and progressively contribute towards the charity's overheads. The representative explained that ACE continued to generate income through community fundraising and donations, providing examples of recent fundraising activities and contributions received from local businesses and organisations. Members asked questions regarding ACE's current fundraising and donations, the anticipated timescale for becoming self-sustaining, and the impact that delays to external grant funding had had on the charity's reserves and eligibility for other funding opportunities.

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	The representative confirmed that delays to a number of grant funding streams had created difficulties for the charity and referred specifically to funding previously available through the Household Support Fund, now the Crisis and Resilience Fund, for which further information was expected following a meeting in September. Members were invited to visit the youth centre to see the provision and its work firsthand.
G 015/08/026	A representative from Valley Leisure gave a presentation on the "I Can Get Up" initiative, a two-hour information workshop designed to help people learn techniques to get themselves up safely following a non-injurious fall. The representative explained that the initiative had been developed following a personal experience of assisting an individual who had fallen and had faced a lengthy wait for an ambulance. Four workshops had subsequently been delivered at the Therapy Centre in Union Street, supporting approximately 40 people. Members were advised that feedback from participants had demonstrated an increase in knowledge and confidence following the workshops, with reported confidence in recovering from a fall increasing from approximately 4 out of 10 to 8 out of 10. Some previous participants had since experienced falls and had successfully used techniques learned during the sessions. It was explained that the workshops aimed to empower individuals to manage non-injurious falls where appropriate, potentially reducing the need to contact family and friends, NHS 111 or emergency services, as well as reducing the risk of a prolonged period on the floor. Funding was sought to expand the programme and reach people across Andover who were not already accessing Valley Leisure's services. The proposal was to deliver four workshops per year for three years, accommodating up to 15 participants per workshop, with the potential to reach approximately 180 people directly. Members asked questions regarding Valley Leisure's organisational structure and whether similar falls-related services were already provided by the NHS or Hampshire County Council. The representative explained that existing services were primarily clinically led and focused on falls prevention and assessment, whereas the proposed workshops focused specifically on fall recovery techniques. Members also discussed the costs associated with delivering the programme, with the representative confirming that securing suitable premises remained a significant element of the cost. The representative was thanked for attending and presenting the application.
APOLOGIES	
G 016/08/26	Apologies were received from Councillor G Walters.
PECUNIARY INTERESTS	
G 017/08/26	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 and Councillor L Gregori, declared personal interests in the applicant 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 arising from the matter under consideration.
MINUTES	
G 018/08/26	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor A Horsnell and **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** that the Grant Committee minutes of 4 August 2026 be approved.
GRANT POLICY AND ONLINE APPLICATION FORM	
G 019/08/26	Revised Grant Policy Members reviewed the revised grant policy and went into discussion. It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor K Bird and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the revised grants policy be recommended to Full Council for discussion and approval.
EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC	
G 020/08/26	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor L Gregori and **RESOLVED: FOR: 6, AGAINST: 0, ABSTENTIONS: 1,** that under the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 7, 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 6.
GRANTS APPLICATIONS	
G 021/08/26	**REVENUE: Valley Leisure – "I Can Get Up" – £5,274.00** Members reviewed the application and entered into discussion. An amendment was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor A Horsnell to reduce the grant award to **£4,999**, in order to avoid any delay to the funding. It was **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the amendment to reduce the grant award to **£4,999** be approved.
G 022/08/26	Members then returned to the substantive motion**.** It was proposed by Councillor A Horsnell and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the Valley Leisure "I Can Get Up" grant of **£4,999.00,** payable over three years**,** be approved.
G 023/08/26	Prior to entering into discussion regarding the next two grant applications, the Clerk drew members' attention to the budgetary information at (A) and (B) accompanying the agenda. It was noted that, were the full amounts requested by the applicants for the next two grant applications to be awarded, the relevant budget lines and Earmarked Reserves would be almost entirely exhausted, leaving no capacity for further Revenue Grant applications within this financial year. Members were advised that this would inevitably have an effect on Precept requirements for the next financial year, and that this should be borne in mind before reaching a decision. **REVENUE: Andover Community Engage (ACE) – ACE Youth – £32,128**

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	Members reviewed the application and entered into discussion. It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor M Farren that the grant application for **£32,128** be recommended to Full Council for consideration and approval. **RESOLVED: FOR: 4, AGAINST: 3, ABSTENTIONS: 0,** that the amount of **£32,128** be recommended to Full Council for consideration and approval. The Clerk advised that, prior to consideration by Full Council, **ACE would be required to provide the 2025/26 financial breakdown for the project**, as referenced within the application paperwork. This information had not been provided with the application, but ACE had confirmed that it would be supplied for consideration by Full Council.
G 024/08/26	**REVENUE: Yellow Brick Road Projects – £36,000** Members reviewed the application and entered into discussion. An amendment was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor M Farren to reduce the grant award from to £10,000**.** **RESOLVED: FOR: 3, AGAINST**: **3, ABSTENTIONS: 1**. The vote being tied, the Chair exercised their **casting vote in favour of the amendment**. The amendment to reduce the grant award to **£10,000** was therefore **carried**.
G 025/08/26	Members then returned to the **substantive motion**. It was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and **RESOLVED: FOR: 4**, **AGAINST: 3**, **ABSTENTIONS**: **0,** that the Yellow Brick Road Projects grant application for **£10,000** be recommended to Full Council for consideration and approval. **MOTION PASSED**
NEXT MEETING	
G 026/08/26	It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be on the **15 September 2026** at 6:00pm in the Incuhive, Andover.
MEETING CLOSURE	
G 027/08/26	The Chairman closed the meeting at **7.23pm**.

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