Andover Town Council
Grants Committee
Minutes

Time and date	6.00pm on Tuesday 27 October 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	**P**	
Cllr J Goodwin	**P**		Cllr L Gregori	**P**		Cllr A Horsnell	**P**	
Cllr R Kidd	**P**		Cllr M Farren	**P**				

Officers Present:	Tor Warburton (Town Clerk) Kellie Mabey (Community & Events Assistant)
Members of the Public present:	3
Press:	0
HCC/TVBC Cllrs:	0

PUBLIC SESSION	
G 048/10/26	There was no comments from the members of the public.
APOLOGIES	
G 049/09/26	There was no apologies received.
PECUNIARY INTERESTS	
G 050/10/26	Non-pecuniary declarations were received from: • Councillor E Reynolds, as a member of The Drove Allotment Association and a plot holder at The Drove allotment site. • Councillor R Hughes declared a personal interest in the grant application for King Arthurs Way Community Association, and confirmed that he would not participate in the vote, and stated that he would leave the room during the discussion.
MINUTES	
G 051/10/26	It was proposed by Councillor R Kidd and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** that the Grant Committee minutes of 29 September 2026 be approved.

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END OF GRANTS REPORTS	
G 052/10/26	Councillor M Farren queried whether unspent funds were required to be returned. Members reiterated that this was very rare and that the new process provided greater clarity. It was confirmed that the Committee would make a decision on the return of the funds if the situation arose.
G 053/10/26	Members received and noted the end of grant report from Augusta Park Community Association who received £2,755 for a one-off event. *Cllr K Bird arrived at 6.02pm*
G 054/10/26	Members received and noted the end of grant report from Andover Methodist Church who received £500 through the Warm Hub 2025/2026 scheme.
G 055/10/26	Members received and noted the end of grant report from Andover Community Engage who received £500 through the Warm Hub 2025/2026 scheme.
G 056/10/26	Members discussed the feedback received in the report regarding the Warm Hub. It was requested that the minutes reflect that the Warm Hub grant was only introduced in January 2026 and, therefore, could not be paid out before the start of the 2025/2026 winter period.
G 057/10/26	Members received and noted the end of grant report from Heritage and Hope who received £2,500 for a one-off event.
EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC	
G 058/10/26	Prior to consideration of the grant applications, the Clerk advised Members that, following changes to the format of the accompanying officer reports, the reports no longer contained confidential information. The Clerk further advised that there did not appear to be any other special reason for excluding the press and public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and reminded Members that the decision whether to pass a resolution to exclude the press and public rests with the Committee. Having considered the advice received, the Chair did not put a motion to exclude the press and public, and no Member moved such a motion. The item was therefore considered in open session. The Chair reminded Members to avoid disclosing any personal data or commercially sensitive information relating to individual applicants during the debate.
GRANTS APPLICATIONS	
G 059/10/26	Grants information ***All grant applications have fulfilled the required criteria before coming to this Committee. More details are included in the confidential reports sent to members. Where necessary these will be discussed in closed session***. budgetary information (A) ***for consideration when making awards***. Members received and considered the following **Warm Hub Grant Application** from: Andover Community Engage for £500. It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the amount of £500 toward the Andover Community Engage Warm Hub grant application be approved.

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G 060/10/26	Members received and considered the following **Small Grant Application** from: Picket Piece Social Club and Village Hall for £150 for a one-off event. It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor K Bird and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the amount of £150 toward Picket Piece social club and village hall one-off event be approved.
G 061/10/26	*Cllr R Hughes left the room at 6.20 and Cllr R Kidd left the room at 6.21pm* Members received and considered the following **Medium Grant Application** from: King Arthurs Community Association for £750 for equipment. It was proposed by Councillor L Gregori and seconded by Councillor A Horsnell and **RESOLVED: FOR: 5, AGAINST: 0** ,**ABSTENTION: 1**, that the amount of £750 toward Picket Piece social club and village hall one-off event be approved. *Cllrs R Hughes and R Kidd returned to the room at 6.27pm*
NEXT MEETING	
G 062/10/26	It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be on the **17 November 2026** at 6:00pm in the Incuhive, Andover.
MEETING CLOSURE	
G 063/10/26	The Chairman closed the meeting at **6.30pm.**

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