



Time and date

6.30pm on Wednesday **29 January 2026**

Place

The Lights, Andover

Councillors Present:		Arrival time noted if after meeting start						
Cllr K Bird (Chairman)	P		Cllr M Farren (Vice Chairman)	P		Cllr J Cockaday	P	
Cllr L Gregori	P		Cllr A Horsnell	A		Cllr J Hughes	P	
Cllr R Hughes	P		Cllr H Neate	P		Cllr E Reynolds	P	
Cllr J Goodwin	A							

Officers Present:	Tor Warburton (Town Clerk) Leah Walsh (Admin Assistant) <i>Started at 6.30pm</i>
Members of the Public:	1
County/Borough Councillors:	0
Members of the Press:	0

PUBLIC SESSION	
CE 183/01/26	There were no comments received from the Member of Public present.
APOLOGIES	
CE 184/01/26	Apologies were received by Councillors J Goodwin and A Horsnell.
INTERESTS	
CE 185/01/26	Non-pecuniary declarations were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor E Reynolds, as a member of The Drove Allotment association and a plot holder at The Drove allotment site. Councillor K Bird declared an interest in agenda item 8 as a named member of A-Fest.
MINUTES	
CE 186/01/26	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor K Bird and RESOLVED: Unanimously , that the Minutes of the Community and Events Committee meetings held on 8 October 2025 and 12 November 2025 , be signed as a correct record.

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FINANCIAL COMPARISON	
CE 187/01/26	Members received and noted the Financial Comparison to date for this Committee.
CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE	
CE 188/01/26	Members received a report on the carols around the Christmas tree 2025 .
CE 189/01/26	The overall feedback was that it was a really great event, with some suggestions around performer timings and possibly offering free hot drinks at the next event.
CE 190/01/26	It was noted that a budget of £1,000 had been approved for 2026/2027; however, based on the feedback, it was suggested that the budget may need to be increased.
CE 191/01/26	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and RESOLVED: Unanimously , that the date of 11 December 2026, for Carols Around the Christmas Tree, be approved.
CE 192/01/26	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor R Hughes and RESOLVED: FOR - 6, AGAINST - 2, ABSTENTIONS - 0 , that the Christmas Around the Christmas Tree start time of 4.30pm to 6.30pm be agreed and approved.
CE 193/01/26	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor H Neate and RESOLVED: FOR - 7, AGAINST - 0, ABSTENTIONS - 1 , that the delegation of Officers to engage in discussions with Andover Community Events for a possible collaboration be approved and that a report be brought back to the Community and Events Committee.
PROJECTS – COMMUNITY CHEF	
CE 194/01/26	Members noted the Community and Events Committee Terms of Reference and Clause 5, (5.15) of the Financial Regulations and went into discussion. It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and RESOLVED: Unanimously , that the Community Chef project be approved.
CE 195/01/26	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and RESOLVED: FOR – 7, AGAINST – 1, ABSTENTIONS – 0 , that funding of £4,952 from the Youth Services budget line be approved on this occasion, to cover the costs of the pilot project aimed at families with children.
CE 196/01/26	It was proposed by Councillor L Gregori and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and RESOLVED: FOR – 7, AGAINST – 0, ABSTENTIONS – 1 , that the delegation of Officers to organise the delivery of the pilot project, in collaboration with MUNCH C.I.C. be approved and that a progress report be brought back to the Community and Events Committee. That a progress report be presented to Full Council.
PROJECTS – U - CHOOSE	

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CE 197/01/26	<p>It was noted that the U-Chose card had been previously agreed at this Committee (CE161/11/25) and members were asked to vote to confirm that this was the case.</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and RESOLVED: FOR – 7, AGAINST – 0, ABSTENTIONS – 1, that it was confirmed that the U-Chose card had been previously agreed by the Community and Events Committee in November 2025.</p>
CE 198/01/26	<p>It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor L Gregori and RESOLVED: FOR – 7, AGAINST – 0, ABSTENTIONS – 1, that the allocation of £3009.79 from the Youth Services budget line be approved to cover the costs.</p>
CE 199/01/26	<p>It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and RESOLVED: FOR – 7, AGAINST – 0, ABSTENTIONS – 1, that the delegation of Officers to organise the delivery of the pilot project in collaboration with Andover Leisure Centre and Riverside Bowl be approved. That regular updates be reported back to the Community and Events Committee and to report approval to Full Council.</p>
GRANTS – A - FEST	
CE 200/01/26	<p>It was noted as per the Grants Policy, that any grant up to £3000 can be approved by the Community and Events Committee assuming all requirements were considered to be met.</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and RESOLVED: FOR – 7, AGAINST – 1, ABSTENTIONS – 0, that the Standing Orders be suspended to allow questions to be asked.</p>
CE 201/01/26	<p>It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor M Farren and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Standing Orders be reinstated.</p>
CE 202/01/26	<p>Councillor K Bird did not participate in the vote.</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor L Gregori and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the grant of £2,500 for Andover A-Fest 2026 toward the cost of a one-off event, be approved.</p>
GRANTS - WARM HUB - KING ARTHURS WAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	
CE 203/01/26	<p>Councillor R Hughes did not participate in the vote.</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor K Bird and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the grant of £500 for the King Arthur's Way Community Association Warm Hub project be approved.</p>
GRANTS – WARM HUB - ANDOVER COMMUNITY ENGAGE	
CE 204/01/26	<p>It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the grant of £500 for the Andover Community Engage Warm Hub project be approved.</p>

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PRIDE WORKING GROUP	
CE 205/01/26	<p>It was proposed by Councillor J Hughes and seconded by Councillor L Gregori and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the following members be approved for the Pride Working Group: Councillors S Hardstaff, M Farren, J Hughes, E Reynolds and K Bird.</p> <p>It was noted that an invitation to the working group had already been sent to all members of the Council and that the Town Clerk would circulate a date for the first working group meeting to the approved members.</p>
ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING	
CE 206/01/26	<p>It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor M Farren and RESOLVED: FOR – 1, AGAINST – 7, ABSTENTIONS – 0, that an Annual Electors' Meeting Working Group be set up.</p> <p>MOTION FAILED.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Town Mayor and Town Clerk worked on this together and that anyone else who wished to get involved and provide support may do so.</p>
WORKING GROUPS	
CE 207/01/26	<p>Andover Charter:</p> <p>Members received a verbal report from Councillor K Bird:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further conversations have been held with Erica Tinsley and a list of events had been received. • The next steps would be to convene the working group and to invite Erica Tinsley to attend for further discussions. • Officers were asked to send out an invitation to the working group to set a date. • A written report would be brought to the next Committee meeting.
CE 208/01/26	<p>Right To Bid:</p> <p>Members received a verbal report from Councillor K Bird:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that Councillor S Hardstaff had done a significant amount of work on filling the spreadsheet. • A written report would be brought back to the next Committee meeting.
CE 209/01/26	<p>Building Working Group:</p> <p>Members received an updated written report from Councillor J Hughes.</p>
CE 210/01/26	<p>Youth Engagement Working Group:</p> <p>Members had not received any feedback or reports. It was noted that no meeting had taken place to date; therefore, members imposed a deadline that if no written report or progress was provided by the next committee meeting, this working group would be dissolved.</p>
FUTURE ITEMS	
CE 211/01/26	<p>The following item was requested to be added to the next agenda:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Council consider hosting an event to coincide with the National Pothole Day, that took place on 15 January 2026.
NEXT MEETING	
CE 212/01/26	Members noted that the date of the next meeting would be on Wednesday 25 February 2026, at The Lights at 6.30pm.
MEETING CLOSURE	
CE 213/01/26	The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

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