



Time and date

6.30pm on Wednesday **25 March 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	P		Cllr J Hughes	P
Cllr R Hughes	P		Cllr H Neate	P		Cllr E Reynolds	P
Cllr J Goodwin	P						

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

PUBLIC SESSION	
CE 239 /03/26	There were no Members of the Public present at the meeting.
APOLOGIES	
CE 240/03/26	There were no apologies received.
INTERESTS	
CE 241/03/26	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 A Horsnell declared an interest in item 7 (Andover Mind) as a volunteer of the organisation. • Councillor J Hughes declared in interest in item 7 (A.C.E) as a volunteer of the organisation.
MINUTES	
CE 242/03/26	Councillor H Neate requested that "in addition to the Town Mayor" be added after the wording 'the appointment of Councillors K Bird, E Reynolds, L Gregori and R Hughes as members of the Small Grants Sub-Committee.'

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	It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and RESOLVED: Unanimously , that the Minutes of the Community and Events Committee meeting held on 25 February 2026 , incorporating the above amendment, be signed as a correct record.
FINANCIAL COMPARISON	
CE 243/03/26	Members received and noted the Financial Comparison to date for this Committee.
SMALL GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE	
CE 244/03/26	It was noted that the Small Grants Sub-Committee met on Tuesday 10 March 2026 and that ACE was awarded £136 towards the cost of swimming pool hire during the Easter holidays for their young service users.
GRANT APPLICATIONS	
CE 245/03/26	Ignite Power CIC - Safe and Social: Personal Safety Coffee Mornings for 55yrs+ *Revenue Grant - Revenue Funding Policy Members received the grant application and went into discussion. It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor L Gregori and RESOLVED: Unanimously , that the grant amount of £2,750.00 for the 'Safe and Social: Personal Safety Coffee Mornings for 55yrs+' be approved.
CE 246/03/26	Andover Mind - Influence & Participation Project (I&P Project) *Revenue grant Members received the grant application and discussed the proposal. It was agreed that further information and clarification were required and that the matter be brought back to a future meeting.
CE 247/03/26	Spotlight UK - Scarlett's Smiles *Large grants - Grant Policy It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor H Neate and RESOLVED: FOR – 9, AGAINST – 0. ABSTENTIONS – 1 , that the grant amount of £2,880.00 for Scarlett's Smiles be approved. <i>* Cllr J Hughes did not participate in the vote</i>
CE 248/03/26	Andover Community Engage (ACE) – Rediscovering purpose *Medium grant <i>*Cllr A Horsnell chose to leave the room 7.05pm</i> Members received the grant application and discussed the proposal. It was agreed that further information and clarification were required and that the matter be brought back to a future meeting.
CE 249/03/26	Andover Community Engage (ACE) – Young Hearts, Body & Mind *small grant Members received the grant application and discussed the proposal. It was agreed that further information and clarification were required and that the matter be taken to the Small Grants Sub-Committee.

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PROJECTS UPDATE	
CE 250/03/26	<p><i>*Cllr A Horsnell returned to the room at 7.26pm</i> Update report</p> <p>The following projects were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Cookery sessions. • The U-Choose Holiday Card – Councillor K Bird requested that thanks to the Community and Events Officer be formally recorded in the minutes. • Autism Friendly Andover.
ROAD WARDEN SCHEME	
CE 251/03/26	<p><i>*Cllr H Neate left at 7.40pm and returned at 7.44pm</i> Lengthsman scheme report</p> <p>Members considered the report and following discussion, agreed that further investigation into the scheme be undertaken.</p>
WORKING GROUPS	
CE 252/03/26	<p>Pride 2026: Members noted an update report.</p>
CE 253/03/26	<p>Andover Charter: It was noted that due to various people being away a suitable date to meet up was still being sought.</p>
CE 254/03/26	<p>Right To Bid: Members received and noted that the information had been put into the Right To Bid spreadsheet, pulled into the Word documents and would be with the Town Clerk to send off this week.</p>
CE 255/03/26	<p>Building Working Group: Members noted there was nothing further to report at this stage.</p>
CE 256/03/26	<p>Youth Engagement Working Group: Councillor L Gregori advised that the Working Group had met earlier in the afternoon via a Zoom meeting and that a report would be forwarded to the Town Clerk to be shared with Members in due course.</p>
FUTURE ITEMS	
CE 257/03/26	<p>The were no items were requested to be added to the next agenda.</p>
NEXT MEETING	
CE 258/03/26	<p>Members noted that the date of the next meeting would be confirmed once the meeting schedule was approved.</p>
MEETING CLOSURE	
CE 259/03/26	<p>The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm.</p>

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