



**Time and date**

6.30pm on Wednesday **7 May 2026**

**Place**

Incuhive, Andover

<b>Councillors Present:</b>		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	A		Cllr A Horsnell	P		Cllr J Hughes	P	6.36pm
Cllr R Hughes	A		Cllr H Neate	P		Cllr E Reynolds	P	
Cllr J Goodwin	P							

<b>Officers Present:</b>	Michelle West (Deputy Town Clerk) <i>Started at 6.30pm</i>
<b>Members of the Public:</b>	2
<b>County/Borough Councillors:</b>	0
<b>Members of the Press:</b>	0

<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b>	
<b>CE 260/05/26</b>	There were no comments received from Members of the Public present at the meeting.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
<b>CE 261/05/26</b>	Apologies were received from Councillors L Gregori and R Hughes.
<b>INTERESTS</b>	
<b>CE 262/05/26</b>	<p>Non-pecuniary declarations were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillor E Reynolds, as a member of The Drove Allotment Association and a plot holder at The Drove allotment site.</li> <li>Councillor H Neate declared a personal interest in items 7a and 7c as a Unity Trustee.</li> <li>Councillor K Bird declared a potential personal interest in item 7b.</li> </ul> <p>(Councillor J Hughes arrived at 6.36pm)</p>
<b>MINUTES</b>	
<b>CE 263/05/26</b>	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor H Neate and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the Minutes of the Community and Events Committee meeting held on <a href="#">25 March 2026</a> , be signed as a correct record.

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<b>FINANCIAL COMPARISON</b>	
<b>CE 264/05/26</b>	Members received and noted the <a href="#">Financial Comparison to date</a> for this Committee.
<b>Christmas Lights Extension 2026</b>	
<b>CE 265/05/26</b>	Members reviewed <a href="#">quote a</a> for the Christmas Lights Extension for the Town mills Pocket Park and went into questions. Councillor H Neate requested that the wording in the report be amended to say that the matter would go to Full Council "to note" rather than for ratification, as the revised quotation was now within the Committee's delegated financial authority. The previous quotation had included an additional item which caused the total cost to exceed the Committee's budgetary limit.
<b>CE 266/05/26</b>	Councillor H Neate asked whether officers had investigated the possibility of installing lighting within the existing trees in the Pocket Park. Officers were requested to clarify this point and provide a response to the Committee.
<b>CE 267/05/26</b>	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor A Horsnell and it was <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that quote A for the Christmas Lights Extension for the Town mills Pocket Park be approved.
<b>CE 268/05/26</b>	Members reviewed <a href="#">quote b</a> for the fencing around the High Street Christmas Tree and went into questions.
<b>CE 269/05/26</b>	An amendment was proposed by Councillor J Goodwin and seconded by Councillor M Farren. 'That officers look into cheaper alternatives like bunting or airport security stands to put around the tree.' Following a vote, the results were: <b>FOR – 1, AGAINST – 7, ABSTENTIONS – 0.</b> <b>Motion Failed.</b>
<b>CE 270/05/26</b>	Members returned to the substantive motion. It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor H Neate and it was <b>RESOLVED: FOR – 7, AGAINST – 1, ABSTENTIONS - 0</b> , that quote B for the fencing around the High Street Christmas Tree be approved.
<b>GRANT APPLICATIONS</b>	
<b>CE 271/05/26</b>	<b>(7b)</b> Large grant application from Augusta Park Community Association for <b>£2,555</b> towards <a href="#">APCA Summer Fayre 2026</a> . <i>*Large grants – <a href="#">Grant Policy</a></i> As a representative from the organisation was present at the meeting to speak in support of the grant application. It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor J Goodwin and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that Standing Orders be suspended.
<b>CE 272/05/26</b>	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor M Farren and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that Standing Orders be reinstated.
<b>CE 273/05/26</b>	In order to formally consider the grant application, it was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds that the application be tabled. <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously.</b> Members then entered into debate on the application.

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<b>CE 274/05/26</b>	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor M Farren and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the Large grant application from Augusta Park Community Association for <b>£2,555</b> towards APCA Summer Fayre 2026 be approved. <i>*Councillor K Bird did not participate in the vote due to a potential personal interest in this item.</i>
<b>CE 275/05/26</b>	<b>(7d)</b> Large grant application from Andover Carnival for <b>£3,000</b> towards <a href="#">Andover Carnival 2026</a> . As a representative from the organisation was present at the meeting to speak in support of the grant application. It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor J Goodwin and <b>RESOLVED: FOR – 7, ABSTENTIONS – 1, AGAINST – 0</b> , that Standing Orders be suspended.
<b>CE 276/05/26</b>	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor M Farren and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that Standing Orders be reinstated.
<b>CE 277/05/26</b>	It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the Large grant application from Andover Carnival for <b>£3,000</b> towards Andover Carnival 2026 be approved.
<b>CE 278/05/26</b>	<b>(7a)</b> Large grant application from Unity for <b>£2,997</b> for ' <a href="#">One Pot Wonders</a> '. It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds that the item be moved to debate. Following discussion, a vote was taken and it was <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the large grant application from Unity for <b>£2,997</b> for ' <a href="#">One Pot Wonders</a> ' be approved.
<b>CE 279/05/26</b>	<b>(7c)</b> Revenue grant application from Unity for <b>£13,780</b> to fund ' <a href="#">OP Isolation Project</a> ' from the 55+ provision. <i>*Revenue Grant - <a href="#">Revenue Funding Policy</a></i> Members reviewed the grant application and entered into debate It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and <b>RESOLVED: FOR – 7, AGAINST – 0. ABSTENTIONS – 1</b> , that the grant amount of <b>£13,780</b> for the ' <a href="#">OP Isolation Project</a> ' from the 55+ provision be approved and recommended to Full Council for final approval.
<b>CE 280/05/26</b>	<b>(7e)</b> Medium grant from <a href="#">Me and My Dad Club</a> for <b>£1,500</b> towards their Summer Family Supper Session and one-off equipment costs. <i>*Medium grant</i> Members reviewed the grant application and entered into debate. It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds, and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the medium grant of <b>£1,500</b> to Me and My Dad Club be approved.
<b>CE 281/05/26</b>	<b>(7f)</b> Small grant application from <a href="#">Roman Way FSA</a> for <b>£150</b> towards their Summer Fete. <i>*small grant</i> It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor M Farren, and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that this item be deferred and brought back to a future meeting, with clarification on whether this is a FSA, along with the relevant supporting documentation as proof.

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<p><b>CE 282/05/26</b></p>	<p><b>(7g)</b> Members reviewed the previously deferred revenue grant application for 'Influence and participation Project' (CE/246/03/26) from <a href="#">Andover Mind</a>.</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor J Goodwin and <b>RESOLVED: FOR – 0, AGAINST – 5, ABSTENTIONS – 1</b></p> <p><b>MOTION FAILED</b></p> <p>Following further discussion, it was agreed that additional clarification was required in order to ascertain how the funding would be utilised.</p> <p><i>(Councillor J Hughes did not participate in the vote due to being a volunteer at Andover Mind)</i></p>
<p><b>PROJECTS UPDATE</b></p>	
<p><b>CE 283/05/26</b></p>	<p>(8a) <a href="#">Community Cookery sessions + Autism Friendly Andover</a>. Members reviewed and noted the update report. Thanks were given to the Councillors who had already volunteered to pledge their time to some of the sessions and others were encouraged to get involved.</p>
<p><b>CE 284/05/26</b></p>	<p>(8b) <a href="#">The U-Choose holiday card</a> Members received and reviewed the U Choose Holiday card report. Councillor K Bird requested that thanks to the Community and Events Officer be formally recorded in the minutes. It was also requested that the budget line for this project be clarified.</p>
<p><b>CE 285/05/26</b></p>	<p>It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor A Horsnell and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b>, that the continuation for the U-Choose project into the school summer holidays be approved.</p>
<p><b>CE 286/05/26</b></p>	<p>It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b>, that the additional option of food and beverages to the holiday card be approved.</p>
<p><b>CE 287/05/26</b></p>	<p>It was proposed by Councillor J Hughes and seconded by Councillor A Horsnell and <b>RESOLVED: FOR – 7, AGAINST – 1, ABSTENTIONS – 0</b>, that the proposal to expand the project to benefit a wider group of young people, including year 6 leavers and home-schooled young people, be approved.</p>
<p><b>CE 288/05/26</b></p>	<p>It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b>, that a budget allocation of £4,500 from the Youth Services Budget for the continuation of the U-Choose project be approved.</p>
<p><b>CE 289/05/26</b></p>	<p>(8c) <a href="#">Kids on Track</a> holiday Easter Camp Members reviewed the feedback report and Councillors E Reynolds and J Cockaday reiterated, as reflected in their comments within the report, what an amazing event this had been.</p>
<p><b>ANDOVER PRIDE 2027</b></p>	
<p><b>CE 290/05/26</b></p>	<p>Members reviewed and discussed the proposed date for PRIDE 2027. It was noted that the location and budget would be considered and agreed at a later date.</p>

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	It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor K Bird and <b>RESOLVED: Unanimously</b> , that the date for PRIDE 2027, being 19 June 2027, be approved and recommended to Full Council for final approval.
<b>WORKING GROUPS</b>	
<b>CE 291/05/26</b>	<b><u>Pride 2026:</u></b> Members noted an update report.
<b>CE 292/05/26</b>	<b><u>Andover Charter:</u></b> Members noted an update report.
<b>CE 293/05/26</b>	<b>Right To Bid:</b> Councillor K Bird gave a verbal update. It was noted that the list was being worked on between herself, Test Valley Borough Council and the Town Clerk.
<b>CE 294/05/26</b>	<b>Building Working Group:</b> Members noted that there was nothing further to report at this stage.
<b>CE 295/05/26</b>	<b><u>Youth Engagement Working Group:</u></b> Members noted an update report.
<b>FUTURE ITEMS</b>	
<b>CE 296/05/26</b>	The were no items requested to be added to the next agenda.
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	
<b>CE 297/05/26</b>	Members noted that the date of the next meeting would be confirmed once the meeting schedule was approved.
<b>MEETING CLOSURE</b>	
<b>CE 298/05/26</b>	The Chairman closed the meeting at <b>8.11pm</b> .

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