



Time and date

6.30pm on Wednesday **12 November 2025**

Place

The Lights, Andover

Councillors Present:		Arrival time noted if after meeting start					
Cllr K Bird (Chairman)	✓		Cllr M Farren (Vice Chairman)	✓		Cllr J Cockaday	✓
Cllr L Gregori	x		Cllr A Horsnell	x		Cllr J Hughes	✓
Cllr R Hughes	✓	6.31pm	Cllr H Neate	✓		Cllr E Reynolds	✓
Cllr J Goodwin	✓						

Officers Present:	Tor Warburton (Town Clerk) Nikki Barber (Community & Events Officer)
Members of the Public:	1
County/Borough Councillors:	Councillor Z Brooks
Members of the Press:	0

PUBLIC SESSION	
CE 143/11/25	(Councillor R Hughes arrived at 6.31pm) Andover Town Council received thanks for its provision of sponsorship toward the Halloween event prizes and stall. It was very well attended and a good success with more prizes given out than in previous years.
APOLOGIES	
CE 144/11/25	Apologies were received by Councillors L Gregori and A Horsnell.
INTERESTS	
CE 145/11/25	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 J Hughes in item 10 of the agenda.
MINUTES	
CE 146/11/25	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor J Goodwin and RESOLVED: Unanimously , that the Minutes of the Community and Events Committee meeting held on 8 October 2025, with amendments, be brought back to the next committee meeting for approval and be signed as a correct record.
FINANCIAL COMPARISON	

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CE 147/11/25	Members received and noted the Financial Comparison to date for this Committee.
BUDGET 2026/2027	
CE 148/11/25	<p>The Chair gave thanks to the Town Clerk for her hard work with the Budget. Members reviewed the Community and Events Committee budget for 2026/2027 for the second pass.</p> <p>A suggestion was made for future budget discussions, that an additional column be added, next to the 5% and 10% ones, which would show the actual net figure taken from the current Financial Comparison report. This would make for easier comparison.</p>
CE 149/11/25	<p>Amendment one: It was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor H Neate and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Community Engagement budget line be £1,000.00 and that the Annual Electors meeting funds be taken from this budget line.</p>
CE 150/11/25	<p>Amendment two: It was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor M Farren and RESOLVED: FOR - 5, AGAINST - 3, ABSTENTIONS - 0, that the Miscellaneous Events budget line be zeroed.</p>
CE 151/11/25	<p>Amendment three: It was proposed by Councillor M Farren and seconded by Councillor K Bird and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Andover Pride budget line be increased by 5% to £7875.00.</p>
CE 152/11/25	<p>Amendment four: It was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor K Bird and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Youth Services budget line remain unchanged at £50,000.00</p>
CE 153/11/25	<p>Amendment five: It was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor M Farren and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Plus 55's budget line remain unchanged at £20,000.00.</p>
CE 154/11/25	<p>Amendment six: It was proposed by Councillor H Neate and seconded by Councillor J Goodwin and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Grants budget line be decreased to £35,000.00.</p>
CE 155/11/25	<p>Amendment seven: It was proposed by Councillor R Hughes and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and RESOLVED: FOR - 6, AGAINST - 1, ABSTENTIONS - 1, that the Poppy Trail budget line be reduced to £1,300.00.</p>
CE 156/11/25	<p>Amendment eight: It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor H Neate and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Defibrillator Provision budget line be decreased to £1,000.00. (Councillor H Neate left at 7.33pm)</p>
CE 157/11/25	<p>Amendment nine: (Councillor H Neate returned at 7.35pm)</p>

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	<p>It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Community and Events Budget 2026/2027, with amendments, be agreed and recommended to Policy and Resources Committee in January 2026.</p> <p>Councillor H Neate did not participate in the vote.</p>
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DRAFT COMMUNITY FUND POLICY

CE 158/11/25	Members received a draft Community Fund Policy and Councillor H Neate spoke to it. Thanks were given to Councillor Neate for her hard work on the policy.
CE 159/11/25	It was proposed by Councillor H Neate and seconded by Councillor K Bird that the draft Community Fund Policy be accepted and recommended to Full Council for approval. Members went into debate. The Town Clerk advised that she was still in discussions with the Town Council's legal team, to ascertain whether the Town Council were able to provide services or procure services on its behalf outside of a current term.
CE 160/11/25	It was proposed by Councillor H Neate and seconded by Councillor K Bird and RESOLVED: FOR - 7, AGAINST -1, ABSTENTIONS - 0 , that the draft Community Fund Policy be accepted and recommended to Full Council for approval, pending advice from the Town Clerk and comparison to the Test Valley Borough Council's Revenue Grant Policy.

U-CHOOSE HOLIDAY CARD

CE 161/11/25	<p>Members received a report on U-Choose Holiday Card.</p> <p>Thanks were given to the Community and Events Officer for her hard work, research into the project and a very well presented report.</p> <p>Councillor K Bird proposed and Councillor M Farren seconded the motion and Members went into debate.</p>
CE 162/11/25	<p>It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor M Farren and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A budget be approved to enable the Community and Events Officer to progress with the initiative. • The funding be taken from the Youth Provision budget line. • Officers be instructed to proceed with the initiative and a progress report be brought back to the next meeting.

WARM HUB

CE 163/11/25	<p>Members received and reviewed a report and draft agreement on creating a one off "Warm Hub" grant.</p> <p>Councillor J Hughes proposed and Councillor K Bird seconded the motion and Members went into debate.</p>
CE 164/11/25	A point of order was made as Councillor J Hughes proposed the Committee moved straight to a vote.
CE 165/11/25	<p>It was RESOLVED: Unanimously, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed Warm Hub agreement and application be recommended to Full Council for approval. • Officers be instructed to conduct further research if required. • The funding to be taken from the 55+ funding provision.

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GRANT	
CE 166/11/25	Members received and considered a grant application from Yellow Brick Road Project "Youth Uplift."
CE 167/11/25	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor J Hughes and RESOLVED: FOR - 7, AGAINST - 0, ABSTENTIONS - 1 that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the Yellow Brick Road representative respond to Members' questions.
CE 168/11/25	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor H Neate and RESOLVED: Unanimously , that Standing Orders be reinstated.
CE 169/11/25	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and RESOLVED: Unanimously , that the Yellow Brick Road Projects grant application be approved and the sum of £3,000.00 be awarded. Councillor J Hughes did not participate in the vote.
CONFERENCE SYSTEM INFORMATION	
CE 170/11/25	Members noted that the agreed company had been contacted and a presentation of the conference system had been organised for February 2026. A report would be brought back to the committee following the presentation. An invitation to attend the presentation would also be sent to all Members.
END OF GRANT REPORTS	
CE 171/11/25	Members received an End of Grant Report from Me and My Dad's club.
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS UPDATE	
CE 172/11/25	Members received and noted the Christmas Lights Update report. Thanks were given to Councillor E Reynolds for his support with the delivery and installation of the Christmas Lights.
STREET ART	
CE 173/11/25	Members received a verbal report on the potential collaboration with other organisations which provide Street Art in Andover.
YOUTH FORUM	
CE 174/11/25	Members received an update report on Community Initiative.
WORKING GROUPS	
CE 175/11/25	Members received updates from the working groups.
CE 176/11/25	Andover Charter: There was no progress to report at this stage and Members were reminded of the pending presentation by Erica Tinsley, in January 2026.
CE 177/11/25	Right To Bid: An amendment to the end date was requested.

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	<p>It was proposed by Councillor J Hughes and seconded by Councillor K Bird and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Right To Bid Working Group Terms of Reference, with the amendment, be approved.</p>
CE 178/11/25	<p>Building Working Group: Members received and considered an update report. It included an action that was to be taken by Councillor A Horsnell, to contact the former organisers of the "Fusion" Youth Group at Enham Arch and ascertain why the initiative ceased to be in the building. Councillor R Hughes was able to advise that the building had been deemed unsafe due to a collapsing roof. A suggestion was also made that the Building Working Group look into and explore other existing community centers.</p>
CE 179/11/25	<p>Youth Engagement Working Group: Councillor J Goodwin reported that Councillor A Horsnell had joined the working group. It was commented on about the work that Officers had put in regarding the Autism training, Community Chef and Graffiti Wall. The Town Clerk was asked to circulate a report written by Councillor L Gregori to the Members.</p>
FUTURE ITEMS	
CE 180/11/25	<p>The following items were requested to be added to the next committee agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pride Working Group – Membership.
NEXT MEETING	
CE 181/11/25	<p>Members noted that the date of the next meeting would be on Thursday 29 January 2026, at The Lights at 6.30pm.</p>
MEETING CLOSURE	
CE 182/11/25	<p>The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:22pm.</p>

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