

**Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Management, Estates and Strategy (MES) Committee
held on Thursday 5 June 2025 at 6pm in the Old Wool Market**

Present	Cllr C Black Cllr P Lewis Cllr K Manikonda (joined 6.54pm) Cllr S Pearce Cllr T Moses (left 7.30pm) Cllr R Thomas-Turner Cllr S Thorley	(in the Chair)
In attendance	V Lewis Camacho E Gear D Lawrence Cllr P Lewis Cllr D Thomas-Turner Member of the public	Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk Facilities Manager

The Chair of Council (Cllr R Thomas) welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that in the absence of Cllr B Simister, the current MES Chair, the Committee needed to appoint a Chair to preside over the meeting.

Cllr R Thomas-Turner proposed that Cllr C Black preside over the meeting as Chair. This was seconded by Cllr S Thorley. All voted in favour.

Cllr C Black took the Chair.

1. Apologies for absence received from Cllr B Simister.

2. Declarations of interest from Members

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Nature of interest</i>
None			

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 3 April 2025 and recommendations made to Full Council had been approved at the Full Council meeting held on 17 April 2025.

4. Actions and updates from Clerk's report

The Committee discussed the updates set out in the Clerk's report. The following items were discussed:

Havergardd/Community Garden	A Young Laurels Award had been present to two young people at the Mayor Making Ceremony on 22 May.
Priory Saltings	The work had commenced on the steps and railing instal. Images provided. Cadw had requested a walk around the proposed Pubic Right of Way Consultation route. Clerk to notify Council when there was a date for this.
Sports Pavilion / Lower Racecourse Car Park	Instal of CCTV had been completed in May.
Picton Centre	Clerk noted that 2025-26 Rent invoice remained unpaid. Utilities recharged has been invoiced and were expected to be paid. Noted no indication of intentions from PCC. See Recommendation 1 below.

Old Wool Market	Energy consultant indication of saving of c£500 pa on electricity charges. Current arrangements via Crown legacy arrangements through PCC so need to be released from that. See Recommendation 2. Clerk noted relocation of Mayor's Parlour to downstairs which may also be used as a small Committee room in due course. See Recommendation 3.
Bridge Meadow (Maintenance)	PCC are sub-contracted for pest control in particular rats. Discussions to take place with Retail Park landlord about food waste issue. Lower training pitches at HCAFC not being used/maintained. Meanwhile HTC to cut grass area in Club car park. See Recommendation 4.
Haverfordwest Action Forum	Noted next meeting on 3 July 2025 at Haverhub at 6pm. This clashed with MES Committee. See Recommendation 5.
Events Committee Membership	Clerk noted expressions of interest from Cllr S Pearce, C Black, T Moses, and K Manikonda in addition to the Officers.

Recommendation 1	Cllr R Thomas-Turner proposed that the Clerk seek legal advice on recovery of rent for the Picton Centre and to inform next actions. Cllr Thorley seconded this. Majority votes in favour.
Recommendation 2	Clerks to pursue release from current arrangements and obtain better energy deal through Energy Consultant. Proposed by Cllr R Thomas-Thomas. Seconded by Cllr S Thorley. All voted in favour.
Recommendation 3	Former Mayor's Parlour upstairs at OWM to be occupied as the Clerk's office. Proposed by Cllr R Thomas-Turner and seconded by Cllr S Thorley. All voted in favour.
Recommendation 4	Proposal by Clerk and D Lawrence to be brought to Bridge Meadow Trust on lower training pitch maintenance. Proposed by Cllr R Thomas-Turner. Seconded by Cllr T Moses. All voted in favour.
Recommendation 5	Time of MES Committee meeting to be at the earlier time of 4pm. Proposed by Cllr R Thomas-Turner. Seconded by Cllr S Thorley. All voted in favour.

5. Items for next agenda

None.

6. Date of next meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 3 July 2025 – 4pm (subject to approval of Recommendation 5 above) at the Old Wool Market.

With no further business to consider, the meeting closed at 7.37pm