

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ASSETS/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2025 AT 4.30PM

In attendance:

Cllr Teresa Webster (Chair)	Cllr John Akker	Cllr David Baker
Cllr Nigel Hinderwell	Cllr Bob Jenkins	Cllr Carl Powling
Cllr Maxine Williams	Kirsty Wadsworth (Town Clerk)	

25/51 To receive apologies for absence and a vote of acceptance to be taken

Apologies were received from Cllr Boylan. All in favour.

25/52 To record declarations of interests

Members are invited to declare any relevant interests. Notwithstanding this item, Members may subsequently declare an interest at any point during the meeting.

Cllr Powling declared he was a Colchester City Councillor and Cllr Hinderwell declared he was a member of the Tennis and Croquet club.

25/53 Public session (15 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker)

Priority will be given to those members of the public wishing to share information relating to items on the agenda. Once the public session is closed, members of the public are not permitted to speak.

No public in attendance.

25/54 To confirm minutes of the Community Assets/Facilities Committee meeting of 12th August 2025

It was resolved to accept the minutes of 12th August 2025.

Proposed: Cllr Baker, Seconded: Cllr Hinderwell. All in favour.

25/55 To agree a proposal for the 2026 allotment rent payable to landlord

It was resolved unanimously to defer agenda item 25/55

Proposed: Cllr Webster, Seconded: Cllr Hinderwell. All in favour.

Cllr Powling joined the meeting at 5.40pm.

25/56 To review the MIALGA agreement and make any changes considered necessary

The MIALGA agreement was *reviewed*, and ***it was resolved*** unanimously to make the necessary changes to the agreement, which is to be approved at full council.

Proposed: Cllr Webster, Seconded: Cllr Akker. All in favour.

25/57 To provide an update and agree the next steps with the bridge between Glebe 2 and the farmer's field

It was resolved unanimously for the groundsman to repair the bridge with a nonslip decking.

Proposed: Cllr Webster, Seconded: Cllr Powling. All in favour.

25/58 To consider the response from the bike humps informal consultation and agree next steps

It was resolved unanimously to obtain three quotes to reduce or remove the bike humps.

Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, Seconded: Cllr Webster. All in favour.

25/59 To provide an update and agree the next steps for skatepark repairs

It was resolved unanimously to obtain three quotes for the skate park repairs and a possible half pipe extension.

Proposed: Cllr Williams, Seconded: Cllr Powling. All in favour.

25/60 To consider the request for a padel court in West Mersea

The request for a padel court in West Mersea was considered. The Council will keep this in mind for future consideration if an opportunity arises.

25/61 To consider and agree the quote to install the new French drain to address flooding from the School Gardens play area onto the Youth Field

It was resolved unanimously to obtain two further quotes and to bring all quotes back to full council for consideration.

Proposed: Cllr Webster, Seconded: Cllr Akker. All in favour.

25/62 To agree the quotation to install a new picnic bench for School Gardens

It ***was resolved*** unanimously to accept option 2 – round inclusive bench at a cost of £625.

Proposed: Cllr Webster, Seconded: Cllr Williams. All in favour.

25/63 To note that under the delegated powers of the Town Clerk the decision was made to pay for the additional expenditure of £40 for the exterior render in Willoughby ladies' toilet

The above agenda item was noted.

Meeting closed at 5.55pm.