

Clerk's Report 25/07/24

To: Chair and Members of Council.

(a) Parks;

(i) Saron and Capel Hendre 106. Still on the list of follow up with Carmarthenshire County Council.

There is no further update on the two amounts of £22,320.00 for future education provision at Saron and £17,680.00 for Cwmgwili park. The Clerk is pressing for news before the September Budget Meeting.

(b) Footpaths. There are no further updates on the below Footpaths.

The Clerk and Administrative assistant continue to press the County Council team of the following footpaths and will keep these in the Clerk's Report until they are resolved.

- **Caerbryn 51/56;** The Clerk has asked for a reply to his email of 4 weeks ago from the County Rights of Way team to look at removing some soils and from the top of the approach path.
- **Penygroes 51/34 and 51/35, 51/33;** Whilst 51/34 is now being looked at by our contractor, the legal team at Carmarthenshire County Council are looking at 51/13 to get the landowner to cut the overhanging branches, the Clerk has written to the Legal Dept at Carmarthenshire Country Council for an update. 51/35 is being looked at as part of the Gilfach Iago development. The Administration Officer has followed up to ask for an update.
- **51/51;** This is still being dealt with by Carmarthenshire County Council's legal team as a resident has built a garage base over the right of way and another resident has put play equipment across it.

(c) Penygroes RFC and Gate locking at night.

The Clerk as per the agreement in the May meeting has written to Carmarthenshire County Council and asked them that offer responsibility if Community Council property is damaged overnight. He is still waiting for a reply.

(d) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project;

A smaller project is now being looked at due to the poor response to the public consultation. The Clerk has met with Carmarthenshire County Council who have offered to fund further tree planting, two more planting benches and the hedgerow along the perimeter, a full list is expected soon via email. The County are also offering to organise a Bat Box and Bird Box workshop with local schools and advise of meadow planting and to further advise on improvement to the seasonal grass cutting to better suit nesting seasons and flowering seasons.

(e) The Asset Management Business Plan.

The Clerk is now collating suggestions from Councillors in each ward ready to complete the plan and the Clerk will discuss this report in detail at the September Finance Committee.

(f) Our archives.

The Administrative Officer is in the process of arranging to agree a plan of action to put* before Councillors to get our archives safely stored for future generations.

(g) Saron Park CCTV.

The Clerk is currently checking on the location of the CCTV tower in conjunction with planning officers at Carmarthenshire County Council.

(h) Job Evaluation.

The Staff Job Evaluation requested to be undertaken via the Employment Committee and ratified by Full Council is now in its final stages with the Clerk and Administrative Officer having completed the detailed evaluation forms and sent them to Paul Egan at One Voice Wales.

(i) Community Grant Update.

The Administrative Officer has sent out letters to all previous recipient groups and interested parties and is currently collating requests, the closing date is mid-August 2024 and will be presented at the September Finance Committee and once ratified by Full Council there will be an awards cheque presentation evening, venue to be decided. It is the turn of the Llandybie Ward.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

July 25th 2024