

Clerk's Report 25/09/24

To: Chair and Members of Council.

(a) Parks;

(i) Penygroes Parks; The swings at Spien Road and Gors Ddu have now been installed with the further upgrade to a park climbing frame at Spien Road. The Table Tennis Table is being installed on the 26th and 27th of September.

(ii) 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.

- **Penygroes 51/34 and, 51/33;** the Clerk will investigate and update on these at the meeting. 51/33 is to get the landowner to cut the overhanging branches.
- **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. Clerk to update councillors at the meeting.
- **Bonllwyn 51/75;** Overgrown footpath shared with Ammanford area at Bonllwyn to Nantlais, the Clerk will be investigating this during the coming week.

(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.

Update; the Clerk as of writing this report has not received 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.

Update; the Clerk has arranged to meet Carmarthenshire County Council officer Matthew Collinson week beginning 30th of September, he will then organise a Environment Committee during October/November.

(e) Job Evaluation/'time and motion';

Paul Egan of One Voice Wales has now been asked to undertake the exercise as per the agreement in the Employment Committee of the 4th of September.

(f) Community Grant Awards Evening.

The Administrative Officer will send out letters to all successful recipient groups and after ratification of the awards proposed at the Ordinary Meeting and they will be invited to a presentation evening with buffet at Llandybie RFC on Friday 18th of October.

(g) Green energy grant opportunity;

The Clerk attended a seminar early in September with Welsh Government where he has identified an opportunity to upgrade the Bowls & Tennis Pavilion at Llandybie with Solar Panels, Air Source Heat Pump and new indoor heaters with a data control box to control energy usage.

The Clerk is constantly under pressure to look at energy costs with an outdated and expensive heating system, this will also monitor the floodlights at the Tennis Courts. The grant on offer can be 100% of the cost, but they favour applicants who offer something towards the costs. The deadline is the 18th of October and the Clerk would like Councillors to discuss him at least going to contractors to ascertain quotes and then have a short special meeting the next two weeks to see if a Finance Committee can discuss his findings.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

September 25th 2024