

Clerk's Report 29/01/25

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.

(ii) Damage to play equipment at Llandybie Park;

Clerk will report on the incident on the Trampoline that was reported to Police and falls within our warranty cover from the contractor that installed the equipment.

(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 is still chasing the County Council for an update. 51/33 is to get the landowner to cut the overhanging branches. The Clerk with as within our right get our Footpath Contractor to cut the branches that directly overhang the path.
- **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.
- **51/106;** This path is now being reopened after neglect and storm damage with the County Council having installed a new gate near on the edge of the wooded area concerned.
- **51/13;** This was reported by Cllr D. Thomas and will be investigated in the coming week.

(c) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project;

An update: This project is now actioned and will be undertaken over the coming months.

- The Hedge line along the length of the park along to the main road with two planting benches had now been agreed to be installed by Carmarthenshire County Council at no cost to our budget week beginning 27th of January.
- The wildlife and nature reserve area has taken a step forward with an Ecology Report completed in conjunction with the council's planning dept. This will be discussed the next Environment Committee.
- The Bird Box and Schools project was in hand and would be carried out in the coming months once the work on the nature reserve is realised in more detail.
- The two Apple Trees that failed to root are being replaced at no cost in early spring by the County Council.

- The Clerk has not yet looked the ‘Vision Sign’ for the park to inform residents, as the project is current ever changing with the nature reserve due to be confirmed.
- The concrete post and chain mail fence that was getting unsafe was removed earlier this month. This has opened up the area.
- The Clerk is also working with the council on managing the meadow and scrub areas with sympathetic cutting and planting schemes, this is being discussed within the 2025/26 cutting regime.
- Basically the only undeveloped area not yet decided on is the old hard surface foundation of the demolished Capel Hendre Hall. This will further be discussed at the Environment Committee.

(e) Llandybie Tennis Courts;

Work is now set to start in late February on the new surface, site visits by the successful contractor South Wales Sport Grounds having taken place and site-specific Risk Assessment & Method Statements along with the Site set up and Traffic Management Plan has now been received and is being reviewed by the Clerk in conjunction with the Memorial Hall to ensure no disruption to the hall and post office business.

The contractor is happy to invoice on completion of the project in late March and for the invoice to be paid out of the new budget in April, upon which time the Clerk will draw down £15,000 from the successful application from the Betws Wind Farm Fund.

(f) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion;

The Clerk has now met three specialist local contractors onsite who have surveyed the building and have quoted on the work with one quote left to be received, all three contractors have confirmed that we are eligible for a Green Voucher Grant of £7,500 towards the cost. The Clerk will further apply for to the Betws Wind Farm Fund for circa £8,000 to match fund our budget allocated of the £26,000 budget figure allocated.

The Clerk will meet with the Bowls and Tennis Clubs to explain the project and to try and tie in with the playing seasons.

(g) Community Grants Update;

We have now received circa 23 grant applications for consideration at our February Finance Committee thanks to the Administrative Officer putting reminder emails, letters and making phone calls.

(h) Caerbryn Community £20k contribution from reserves;

The Clerk has now informed that the completion of the children’s play area is now imminent and they will be requested the earmarked funds from our reserves to be paid. The Clerk on agreement of tonight’s meeting pay the amount once a letter with bank details have been received.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

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