

## **Clerk's Report 21/02/25**

**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.

**(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.

**(c) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project;**

The Clerk offered the following update to the Environment Meeting;

- The Hedge line along the length of the park along with two planting benches had now been agreed to be installed by Carmarthenshire County Council at no cost to our budget.
- The hard surface area has been discussed with Carmarthenshire County Council and they have offered to break up the surface and return it to meadow grass under their budget. This was welcomed by Councillors as was the offer to provide another planting bench. The Clerk confirmed there was now budget to put a gate in the closest point to the main road to offer a walk through the proposed meadow area.
- He was also working with the council on managing the meadow and scrub areas with sympathetic cutting and planting schemes.
- He ask councillors if they had any amendments to the detailed ecology survey and the recommendations document that had been circulated. There was a positive acceptance of the documents with the following reservation;

*In reference to the planning of an estate of 19 houses under planning application PL/06641 at land off Bryn Dreinog, it was stated in the report that the Banc Y Ddraenen would offset the effect on the ecology that the development if passed.*

*The Councillors wanted it noted that Banc Y Ddraenen and the nature reserve proposal should stand on its own merits and that any ecology loss at other sites should be minimal and this project at Banc Y Ddraenen should not be used as mitigation.*

**(e) Llandybie Tennis Courts;**

As an update to the previous meeting, the Clerk has met with representatives of the Memorial Hall and the Contractors and a final draft Access Plan has been proposed by the contractor and is currently with the Memorial Hall Committee to discuss at their monthly meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of February. It is the Clerks intention once correspondence is received from the Memorial Hall of the outcome of their discussion, to arrange a meeting of Llandybie Councillors to Discuss the proposal.

The contractor has indicated that they can start the project on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk will keep the Chair informed of progress in the interim period.

**(f) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion;**

The Clerk has now received the three quotes all from local contractors for the project with the cheapest quote at £39,950, the Clerk has secured a Green Voucher Grant of £7,500 against this and has submitted a Betws Wind Farm Fund application for a further £9,000.

This would have a budget impact of £23,450 on a budget of £26,000.

The Clerk will update Councillors once the outcome of the Betws Windfarm Fund meeting has decided on the application in around late April.

**(g) Community Grants Awards Evening;**

The presentation night is on Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> at Penygroes Memorial Hall, all Councillors are welcome to attend.

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

The Clerk has now paid this amount after receiving post installation inspection reports on the Children's Play Area and Manufacturers Guarantees.

**(i) Dog Fouling Project;**

The Clerk reporting his Action Plan to the Environment Committee where discussed the action plan he had circulated prior to the meeting and went through in detail his positive dealing with Police, Dog Wardens and the offer of a free trail of mobile CCTV Cameras to target hot spots, he had he explained looked at the legal implications.

The Action Plan will be circulated prior to the Ordinary Meeting for further discussion

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

February 22<sup>th</sup> 2025