

Clerk's Report 24/04/25

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. No further news to report.

(b) 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.
- £3,000 grant has now been received from the Rights of Way office.

(c) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project;

The Clerk offered the following extract from the Environment committee;

- The Hedge line along the length of the park along with two planting benches had now been completed and the Clerk was costing up a gate to allow access from Waterloo Road.
- The hard surface area has been discussed with Carmarthenshire County Council and there is an area where there was not enough top soil to cover the crushed concrete foundation, the Clerk confirmed he had a meeting with Matthew Collinson from the County to remedy this with soils and material from the site.
- He had also met with the council on managing the meadow and scrub areas with sympathetic cutting and planting schemes and is expecting a formal plan of annual works within the next week.
- The nature reserve area works had now been costed by the consultants pending a 106 grant of monies. The cost was circa £5,000 with a cost of £1,000 annually over 25 years to be deposited with Carmarthenshire County Council to be released yearly to cover the cost of the upkeep of the area in terms of cutting and mowing. The Clerk explained that he had questioned the initial cost and asked that an updated proposal be

submitted taking into account inflation over the 25 year period. He was expecting this revised proposal in the coming week.

(e) Llandybie Tennis Courts;

The Tarmac will be going down week commencing 28th of April, after a weeks delay due to not getting the right pressure foe washing dust and moss off the surface, painting the surface will be completed on May 15th after allowing the court to settle.

(f) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion;

The work is expected to start in June 2025, provided the Betws Wind Farm Fund application is successful.

(h) Dog Fouling Project;

The Clerk has now been successful in getting a press release in the S Wales Guardian which appeared in the paper version as well as online.

The Clerk met the local school in Llandybie and will be setting a competition based on littering and dog fouling to create posters and signs. A press release appeared also in the guardian.

The Clerk is now in the process of organising the mobile CCTV camera and had permission from Llandybie RFC, Penygroes RFC and our own park at Saron will be a third site.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

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