

Clerk's Report 24/05/25

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. **The Clerk will now asked our successful Footpath Contractor to cut the branches from the footpath side.**
- **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. See comments below.

Update on other paths;

Clerk has now worked with Betws Ramblers who are volunteers appointed by the Carmarthenshire County Council Rights of Way Team, he walked several walks around Bonllwyn, Glynhir, Pentregwenlais and Dyffryn Road over the last month, he has now organised a meeting with the Rights of Way Team to discuss a schedule of works.

(c) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project;

The Clerk offered the following update;

- 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 is now waiting for notification after the planning on a nearby site was granted to see when the 106 monies to cover the work is forthcoming to begin the project. It's worth noting that this may have implications regarding Saron Park.

(d) Llandybie Tennis Courts;

The markings are going on 30th of May to complete the project and the Clerk met contractors on site on the 27th of May to check the tarmac surface before the paint layer goes on. The courts will be playable on the 6th of June 2025.

(e) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion;

The Betws Wind Farm Fund meeting was held on the 28th of May and the Clerk will update councillors at the Ordinary Meeting on the evening of the 28th of May.

(f) Dog Fouling Project;

The mobile CCTV cameras with Ai recognition has been onsite at Saron Park for two weeks and is currently onsite at the lower end of Penygroes Park, another Press Release will go out in the papers this week.

The Administrative Officer has now written to all Primary Schools in our area to offer them the opportunity to compete in the Littering/Dog Fouling poster competition.

The Clerk is regularly in touch with the Environment Enforcement Officer and our PCSO and regular walkabouts are taking place to monitor progress.

(g) Saron Junior Football Club;

The Clerk has met the club and they have requested a new longer term lease so that they can apply for grants from the Football Association of Wales, currently they want spend circa £50k updating facilities including drainage. The Clerk would discussion and debate and the Ordinary Meeting on the 28th of May to allow this option to be explored, they envisage a 7 year lease to be paid for annually.

(h) Rights of Way Tender;

Formal Tenders were sent out and replies received by Carmarthenshire County Council (£7271.32) and Dynefor Tree Services (£3,745), at the time of writing the report he is awaiting a 3rd quote after going to 5 contractors in total, one of those has declined to quote.

(i) Saron CCTV;

Two contractors have now quoted with a 3rd due the week of 26th of May, the Clerk having met the contractor onsite.

(j) Dog Fouling and tree planting spreadsheet;

The Clerk will circulate a spreadsheet for discussion at the meeting, its for councillors to update him of Dog Fouling Hot Spots and Tree Planting opportunities.

(k) Tree or plaque request for Llandybie Square;

The family of the late Chris Davies have asked for a small plaque to be placed on the square, or a small tree planted in his memory, the Clerk would like discussion at the meeting.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

May 24th 2025

