

## **Clerk's Report 25/07/25**

**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 is met with Alan Warner of the County Council Rights of Way Team on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June with the following agreement and works to be carried out;

- 51/29 Locked gate on Track leading to Motor Cross area.

**Action;** A request is with Jason Lewday at Legal Dept and Carms CC team to agree gate be reopened.

- 51/107 Grass cutting needed.

**Action;** Llandybie Community Council have now cut this area.

- The Mill at Glynhir 51/ locked gate but you identified it as a byway

**Action;** You will investigate and ask the owner (The Mill) not to lock it

- 51/047/1; Clerk has walked and identified this as a key loop and found gates at the farm blocking the path, broken styles and a steel footbridge displaced

**Action;** Right of Way team will reinstate footbridge, styles and get farm gate removed to provide a proper access gate for walkers.

- 51/53 and 71; Blaenant Gwyn Farm Nr Pentregwenlais,

**Action;** Rights of Way team will speak to the farmer to see if a better gate can be installed with easier access through the farm yard and to protect animals from getting escaping.

- 51/64; Re-route passed the lake instead of going through farmyard,

**Action;** Rights of Way team have agreed with legal that this can be done, and a waymark finger post will be installed and styles introduced either end.

- 51/66; Two routes converging through Castell Y Graig Farm and two others farms before joining up at TY Rosser Farm, Pentregwenlais

**Action;** Whilst not closing the route 51/65 through three farms the Rights of Way team will put a finger post pointing to the preferred route bypassing the three farms but going passed Ty Rosser back on to 51/65.

- 51/92; Dog breeder maybe blocking foot path Nr Pistyll Quarry

**Action;** Rights of Way team to investigate the gate on the main A483 Nr Morgan Marine and Railway Crossing, the swing gate needs attention.

### **(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.

**Update ;** The Clerk received a communication from the developer who copied in Carmarthenshire County Council that they now will look to confirm the funds via 106 for the project, the Clerk has asked for clarification from Planning as to the challenge to the decision on what implications that might have on the 106 monies being available.

**Further update;** A gate is now being costed to access the meadow area from Waterloo Rd as per Asset Maintenance Budget for 2025/26.

### **(d) Llandybie Tennis Courts;**

The launch took place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of July and a Press Release and pictures will be released.

### **(e) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion;**

The Betws Wind Farm Fund meeting that was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May decided to defer the application to a more suitable Community Green Energy Scheme that opens in the next 4 to 6 weeks, the Clerk is working with the grants team at the County Council to secure match funds via this recommended scheme.

### **(f) Dog Fouling Project & Schools;**

The Schools Poster and Signage Competition was successfully complete, Clerk has circulated the Press Release and Pictures prior to this meeting.

**(g) Saron CCTV;**

Contractors will be on site to complete project in early August.

**(h) Saron Park Upgrade;**

The Clerk is in the process of completing the tenders and getting prices from three suitable contractors to upgrade the park in-line with agreed budget spend for 2025/26. It is hoped to start the project in September 2025 after the end of the School Holidays.

**(i) Gate locking at Penygroes Park;**

A resident is now locking the gate at 6.30am and closing at 8pm for the next 10 weeks.

**(j) Fence and Gates at Penygroes Park.**

As a result of the Traveler Community incident and after discussion at the Policy Meeting, minutes to be considered by this Ordinary Meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July. The gate locking as reported above is being looked at as a temporary measure and the Clerk is has put out a tender to four companies locally to provide costings for two sets of gate and two fences to offer prevention from caravans and other vehicles accessing the Rugby Field and surrounding land.

The Clerk will update on quotes received, but the closing date of the tender is 1<sup>st</sup> of August. The Clerk will recommend this request as is not a budgeted item, be included on the agenda for discussion at the next Finance Committee in September.

**(k) Defibrillators.**

The Clerk would like to have discussion with members of its defibrillators, all now are out of date and need addressing. It was agreed in 2023/24 that once the units were deemed out of date they would be slowly commissioned off. The Clerk would like discussion on this to agree whether this agreement was still the wish of council. The Clerk has circulated the previous report to aid members recollection of decisions and discussion regarding this item.

Current list and approximate cost of replacement over

**Locations**

**Current Llandybie Community Council Managed Units all 6 to 8 years old**

**(Caerbryn is less than 5 years)**

Llandybie Social Club	1
Llandybie Bowls Club	1
Red Lion Llandybie	1
Badgers Bar Blaenau	1
Caerbryn FC	1
Mermaid Fish Bar Llandybie	1
<b>Current possible liability for replacement</b>	<b>£11,724</b>

**Current annual cost for 6 units with pads consideration**

**£2,724**

**Decision of minutes March 2024;**

“Cllr S. Roberts asked the Chair if it could be put to the vote as the debate had been very thorough. The Chair agreed and asked Cllr S. Roberts for a proposal, and it was proposed the current six units managed by the Council be supported until the end of their life span and no further, and no adopting of units be pursued by the Council. A vote was taken with nine supporting the proposal, one against and two abstentions.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk observe this as a policy and keep Council updated on developments’.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

July 25<sup>th</sup> 2025