

Clerk's Report 21/09/25

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.

51/75 Bonllwyn; Reported by Cllr A. W. Jones and the Clerk has now investigated, photographed the timbers of the bridges and ask the Rights of Way Team at the County Council to include the repairs needed to address broken and rotting timbers and resolve the issue.

51/23 Cwmfferws: Cllr C. R. Thomas reported horses being ridden on the RoW, although there is a Bridleway linking to the path horse riding is not permitted, the Clerk is investigating putting up signage to warn horse riders.

51/17 Capel Hendre: Reported by Cllr N. C. Davies, the path is overgrown and blocked, the Clerk is arranging to meet our contractor on site to get it included in the contract cuts and reopen the path.

51/23 Cwmfferws to Saron: An outstanding item reported by Cllr N. C. Davies, the Clerk will now establish who the landowner is and meet with them to discuss repairing a fence overlooking the river.

(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 is monitoring the situation.

(d) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion.

The Clerk has been informed by the grant officers at Carmarthenshire County Council that the forms for a community green grant scheme are being released at the end of September with the details of the intervention rate and the timescales for dealing with

applications. The Clerk will apply for the grant and seek any updates on quotes received from contractors.

(e) Quotes received for the Public Convenience contract.

The Clerk has now received and gone through three quotes received with the Chair, and they are from the current contractor K. D. Landscaping Services, Clean Sweep and Castle Cleaning Services, The Chair will present the quotes in the meeting for discussion.

(f) Saron CCTV.

The system has now been installed and is operational.

(g) Saron Park Upgrade.

The Clerk has now gone through 3 tenders with the Chair from Sovereign Play, Komplan with the best proposal at £18,443 plus vat from Wicksteed. The Clerk will go through the project at the meeting with his recommendation and ask Councillors to resolve to allow him to issue an order to begin the project as soon as the contractors can commit.

(h) Gate locking at Penygroes Park.

A resident is still locking the gate at 6.30am and closing at 8pm, this will continue until a decision is made to release budget to install gates at the park. Quotes received ranged from £9,000 to a quote for £4,500. This discussion will be had on Matters arising in the Ordinary Meeting of the 24th of September in which the Clerk will ask that Councillors consider the recommendations made at the Finance Committee on the 17th of September.

(i) Chamber and office move update:

The Clerk will update Councillors on the recent correspondence from the landlords of the current chamber and the position of ongoing process of getting three quotes for works at the Llandybie Bowls Pavilion and the shed to accommodate an office and a meeting area.

(j) Draft budget for 2026 – 2027.

The Clerk will meet with the Chair and Vice Chair to discuss his Draft Budget Proposal for the financial year 2026 – 2027, this will be presented for discussion at the October Finance Meeting to be scheduled for October 15th 2025.

(k) Social Media and Newsletter for the Community Council.

The Clerk will distribute the Newsletter created by him before the meeting; the Welsh translation is currently being completed. The Facebook Social Media page has also been completed, and the Clerk will adopt the following content action plan for both items.

- Newsletter; Quarterly
- Facebook Page; Updated weekly with news and a ‘day in the life’ of ongoing projects and the work of the Council.

- Content will be bilingual as per the council policy and the content will be monitored by the Clerk for misuse or derogatory comments on posts with the Clerk only allowing followers to comment (identified people) and deleted any abusive or illegal content.
- The Clerk will liaise with each sitting Chair of council over the upcoming stories to be posted.

The Clerk would like to ask all Councillors to submit ideas for stories. This will also allow the Council to broadcast video content and tenders and contracts opportunities along with advert notices in a cost-effective manner.

The key strategy will be to get as many followers on the page and get the messages of the Community Council spread as wide as possible inviting people to like and follow the page.

(l) Tree Planting for Morgan Marine's 60th Year Celebration.

The Clerk has met once again with Rhydian Jones, MD at Morgan Marine and agreement has been reached on tree planting at Llandybie, Derwydd, Blaeanau, Penygroes and Caerbryn as these have a link to the company in terms of location and employees.

A timetable is to be being agreed with the business and will be reported in Octobers Ordinary Meeting.

(m) Quarry Clock.

The clock has stopped and the normal attention by the Clerk to keep it on time has failed, he is now awaiting a date and cost to instructed Smiths of Derby to look at the problem.

(n) Dog Fouling Bins at Cwmfferws.

The Clerk is arranging to meet with the Carmarthenshire County Council Groundwork Team who undertake of parks tenders to discuss having bins at either end of Saron and Cwmfferws emptied more regularly and also to ascertain if more bins can be provided.

(o) Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.

The annual procession will take place and arrive at the church at 11am, the Clerk will meet the Chair at 10.15 am at our Council Offices at Llandybie to arrange the Chain handover. The wreathes are being supplied by the Church of Wales to be laid by the Chair whilst we as a Community Council will honour our commitment to supply a wreath for the service at Saron.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

September 21st, 2025