

Clerk's Report 16/01/26

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.

- 106 Monies for Saron Park £37,226
- 106 Monies Ddol Y Derwen £25k (first of 3 payments)

(b) Footpaths. Outstanding items.

The Clerk had his quarterly meeting with Carmarthenshire County Council Rights of Way team (RoW).

51/23 Cwmfferws: Bridleway linking to the path horse riding is not permitted, the Clerk has Asked the County Council Team to investigating putting up signage to warn horse riders.

Update: The Clerk is monitoring.

51/17 Capel Hendre: Overgrown path, the contractor is clearing from April as part of the first cut of the season.

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.

Update: The Clerk is still to meet the landowner.

51/67D/1 Entrance RoW at Parc Pencae, The County Council have allowed some chippings to be laid to fill a waterlogged area, the Community Council will pay from the £3,000 budget given each year by the County Council for over and above work the Community Council does that falls outside clearing Rights of Way. The cost is £90.00.

Five Footpath enquiries around Wern Ddu and Heol Ddu: The County Council have now issued summonses to landowners concerned to unblock and clear necessary obstacles; the Clerk will monitor the progress.

Non-Rights of Way matters.

Land and hedge at Bonllwyn, there is land at Bonllwyn on Aberlash Road that we as a Community Council have traditionally cleared and a hedge, we have a legacy of cutting. Cllr A. W. Jones would like Councillors to debate carrying on the practice as a special case because of the legacy of cutting and clearing the site as a community benefit. The Clerk halted work at the end of last year when he discovered we do not lease or own the land as a Community Council. The cost of cutting the hedge is circa £130.00 and the land clearance has been quoted verbally by the contractor as about £1,500.00.

(c) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project.

The Clerk has met with Carmarthenshire County Council and the Planning Application to offer 106 money against the cost of the 'Nature Reserve Aspiration' is being challenge plus is subject to the hold of developments in the Llanelli Area on soil nutrients and leakage to water courses being damaged by building developments, the Clerk will be discussing alternative ways to get the Nature Reserve project started.

The Clerk has now looked at a fully funded scheme that has been offered by Coed Lleol and Carmarthenshire County Council to fund 6 days of Community Activity to do works on the Nature Reserve Area, the Clerk will use this opportunity to 'kick starting' the Nature Reserve project.

(d) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion.

The Clerk is still waiting for the energy report promised before Christmas on guidance to write a brief to supply to contractors. This is likely to be available week ending 23rd of January, he is further looking at the opportunity of solar panel funding via the Awel Aman Tawe green energy initiative.

(e) Park Upgrades: Subject to confirmation these will be part paid by the 106 funds of £37,226 towards the cost all three projects.

- **Penygroes Park Zip Wire Project**

The project will start at the end of January to council has now been offered 106 monies to cover 100% the cost of £18,443 plus vat.

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The Clerk is waiting for the County Council to confirm eligibility of the same 106 pot for Penygroes, the project will however start at the end of March at a cost circa £12k plus vat.

- **Blaenau Park Zip Wire Project**

The Clerk is also waiting for 106 confirmations of 50% of the cost, however this project will start at the beginning of April at a cost of Circa 12k

(f) Gate locking and new gates at Penygroes Park.

The project was completed on the 13th of January. The delay was due to weather and Christmas.

(g) Chamber and office move update:

- Locks both internal and externally for the front door will be fitted week ending 24th of January.
- Alarm system will be fitted by the end of January 2026

- Chairmans board will be fitted week ending 24th of January
- Painting the men's and ladies' toilets will be undertaken before the end of February.
- A noticeboard to be used by the Bowls, Tennis and as a Community Council at the front of the building will be put in place during February.

(h) Update on lease to Saron Juniors Football Club

A request to take over the lease agreement which has been agreed by our Full Council to be explored has resulted in Carmarthenshire County Council as having no objections. Currently the club are preparing an agreement for us to consider once the Clerk has sought the advice of our solicitors CCW Law to check the detail of the proposal.

(i) Dog Fouling Bins at Cwmfferws.

The Clerk has met 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 to ascertain if 2 more bins can be provided. The Clerk is now arranging for the bins to be put in place.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

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