

Clerk's Report 18/02/2026

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.

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 still monitoring.

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

Update: The Clerk has tried to walk the path from both ends with the contractor to survey works for the new budget year but was unable to navigate the path, the Carmarthenshire Rights of Way Team have sked that we leave the works until they can properly survey the route to map a new route after the land fell away on the original route making it unpassible

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 has written to the landowner.

51/67D/1 Entrance RoW at Parc Pencae, Chippings have now been laid.

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.

51/77 Pentregwenlais, Llandybie, this footpath has now been reopened by the RoW Team at Carmarthenhire.

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.

Update: A letter was written to the landowner Mr Finton McDonald who replied positively and the Clerk met him on site on Thursday 12th of February with a resident and he, with his brother who was in attendance, has now agreed to cut the hedge once a year and maintain overgrowth on the land behind the hedge when required. The Clerk has passed on details of the local contractor who has traditionally undertaken the work after Mr McDonald expressed an interest in using a local contractor.

(c) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project.

Coed Lleol and Carmarthenshire County Council have started 6 days of Community Activity to do works on the Nature Reserve Area with three days having taken place on Sunday 6th of February, Monday 16th and Friday 20th of February with 3 more days planned.

(d) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion and other grants for greener energy solutions.

The Clerk has met an Energy Champion Duncan Edwards from Egin at the Pavilion and a formal report, which is a stipulation of the Welsh Government grant application process, is due within 5 weeks which will offer recommendations for heating and lighting at the Pavilion and will also reference the floodlights. It has been confirmed that we are eligible to apply for £15,000 of funding.

There is a further £25,000 grant that the Clerk has been advised by Egin we are eligible for and the Clerk is in the process of exploring an application for this fund.

(e) Betws Wind Farm fund from April 2026

The Clerk is now preparing applications for projects identified in our asset budget spend for community led initiatives and will be bringing a list to the March Ordinary Meeting, he would welcome discussion on ‘other projects’ as we will have reserves available due to the fact that a budget ear mark of circa £30k before vat has been secured from the 2026-27 budget to cover the cost of the Cableway/Zipwires at Penygroes and Blaenau Parks.

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

- **Saron Park Zip Wire Project**

The project will be completed at the end of January 100% the cost of £18,443 before vat will now be claimed in this financial year.

- **Penygroes Park Zip Wire Project and Blaenau Zip Wire Projects**

Council have confirmed eligibility of the same 106 pot for both Saron and Blaenau; both projects will start at the end of March at a cost circa £14k plus vat and £12k plus vat respectively.

(g) Chamber and office move update:

- Locks both internal and externally for the front door have now been fitted along with the alarm system.
- Chairmans board has also been fitted.
- 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

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) Saron Park area Flooding.

The Clerk has had numerous complaints about flooded gardens at the lane along Saron Juniors Football Pitch and Siddels Environmental Services were engaged by the Clerk in January to clear blocked drains, this only proved the problem was a sump and culvert at the bottom of land under our lease at the bottom of the lane and football pitch. This cost £174.00.

The Clerk further engaged Siddels on February 18th to clear the sump and the drainage, at a cost of £300.00, it was further discovered that the culvert along the bottom of the football pitch was preventing water draining away, the Clerk is currently investigating costs to clear the culvert.

(j) Dog Fouling Bins at Cwmfferws and Dog Fouling at Saron Park.

- 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.
- The Clerk has received complaints of dog fouling in one specific area of Saron Park and has instructed our CCTV Operators to realign the angle of one camera to cover this area, this should be completed before the end of February.

(k) Penygroes and Llandybie Toilets upgrade and vandalism

There have been two cases of vandalism at the Ladies initially then the Men's Toilets, these have now been repaired at a cost of over £800, the Clerk has created two crime numbers and met with the Police at Penygroes, the cost is too small to initiate a claim on our insurance and given that there was a budget for toilets upgrades from April for new doors and other items the cost have been paid as an emergency measure as there were no working locks to control access.

The Clerk now has an option to employ a mobile camera off site that can zoom in to monitor the area and as a longer-term solution has requested quotes for a camera as a permanent fixture.

The Clerk is further meeting police on Thursday 19th of February and will report progress at the next meeting.

(l) Grant presentation evening.

The Clerk is suggesting Friday 20th of March at Llandybie Pavilion with buffet to be provided.

(m)Quarterly Newsletter.

The Clerk will compile the newsletter during March to include the Saron Zip Wire project and Rights of Way Updates and the Banc Y Ddraenen events, any other stories that Councillors have for consideration will be welcome.

(n) Notice of increase to speed limit on Llandeilo Road, Llandybie.

The Clerk has circulated a notice to Llandybie Ward Community Council from the Trunk Road Agency to increase the speed limit from 20mph to 30mph between the Old Vicarage on Llandeilo Road and the start of the Industrial Estate at Cilyrychen.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

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