

Clerk's Report 19/03/2026

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 but emailed the team in early March for an update.

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: As of the writing of this report the Clerk has spoken to the landowner and is meeting him in site Tuesday 24th of March.

51/67D/1 Entrance RoW at Parc Pencae, Chippings are scheduled to be laid n Tuesday 24th of March.

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.

Update; The Clerk has met landowners on site and will update Councillors on the positive progress.

(c) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project.

Coed Lleol and Carmarthenshire County Council have started 4 days of Community Activity to do works on the Nature Reserve Area have now taken place and 2 more are scheduled plus added dates as follows.

- Monday 30th of March, Family Fun
- Thursday 9th April, Build a Bench (Families)
- Wednesday 29th April Build a Bench (Adults)

(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 of the meeting, the Clerk had asked Mr Edwards for an update and will report at the meeting.

Update: The Clerk is currently waiting for the report after emailing Mr Edwards for an update.

(e) Betws Wind Farm fund from April 2026.

The Clerk is now looking for projects with suggestions welcomed. He will be looking at Rights of Way signage that links the 120 footpaths to online maps and apps in response to previous discussion on having regional 'flyers' for walkers.

Also new equipment at 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.

Update; The final 'wet pour' surface to complete the project has been delayed due to adverse weather conditions, the Clerk will update progress at the meeting.

- **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.

Update; The Clerk is currently reviewing quotes and looking to schedule the works with the contractor.

(g) Chamber and office move update:

- Painting the men's and ladies' toilets will be undertaken before the end of the first week of April, the Bowls Club are happy this fits in with their first match at the end of April. The cost is £900inc Vat in total.
- 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 late March. The cost is £309 in Vat

(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. The Clerk has chased the club for the draft lease as he is keen to get the financial year consid-

erations to be reflected in the budget. The club would like, subject to our agreement, take over the lease at the end of the football season in May or June

(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 and then unblock a sump on the bottom piece of land, it transpires that the culvert/ditch is blocked. The Clerk is seeking professional advice on which to seek a solution and a costing.

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

- Clerk is now chasing the County Council for a date for the bins to be put in place.
- The CCTV will be realigned week of the 23rd of March.

(k) Grant presentation evening Saturday 21st of March.

The Clerk will give a short report on the evening.

(l) 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.

Update: The Clerk is drafting up stories on Saron Park, Grants Evening, Banc Y Ddraenen and Club Successes of our tenants such as Llandybie Tennis Club of the year, Llandybie Bowls Club Centenary and spotlight on the Penygroes Park and the development of Penygroes Sports Clubs.

(j) Embargo on political activity up to the Senedd.

The Clerk will update members on any implications.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

March 19th, 2026