

Clerk's Report 23/11/25

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

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 has Asked the County Council Team to investigating putting up signage to warn horse riders.

Update: The Clerk has asked for an update.

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.

Update: The Clerk has met the contractor, and this will be dealt with at the first cut of the season in April 2026.

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 contact the landowner.

51/51 The gate road footpath was reported by Cllr P. H. Roberts, the Clerk has now Cllr Roberts on site and reporting the longstanding issue.

Update: The Clerk has met the RoW Team at the County Council and they are actioning the re pointing of the waymark post and reestablishing the styles at end f the property.

51/047/1 Wern Ddu Road: This was explored by the Clerk over the summer and has been rereported by a resident, however, as already agreed with the RoW Team at the County.

Actions: The County Council are scheduling into their work programme the reestablishing of a style on the route through Nant and Cefn Cefni and assessing the

bridge to reposition back across the stream or replace the bridge and reestablish waymarks.

51/109/1 Heolm Ddu: The Clerk has met with the RoW Team and is meeting them onsite with the property owner on Monday 24th of November to discuss an issue of a blocked footpath that links Heol Ddu to Wern Ddu.

51/110/1 to Heol Ddu: The Clerk has discussed this with the RoW Team.

Action: They will review and cut any obstruction within the upcoming work schedule.

51/114/1: Mountain Road off Heal Ddu: The Clerk has explored this and reported to the Brecon Beacons National park and is awaiting a date to meet a footpath officer onsite, he will be chasing up a date this coming week.

51/101/1 Glynhir: The Clerk has had assurance from the RoW Team and will be attending to clearing, however, there are bridges that need to be replaced at a span of over 12 meters, and the RoW teams have identified a budget to undertake this work and will be scheduling this in early 2026. This path does link to 44/55 which is Brecon Beacon National Park, but the County Council will liaise with them directly for any access permissions needed.

The Clerk has arranged to meet the Golf Club to inform them of the Rights of Way across the course and work with them to address any issues.

51/99/1 Wern Ddu: This RoW goes nr Glynhir Mansion and the RoW have agreed to schedule works to clear any access issues, the Clerk has arranged to walk the route with them to assess work on Monday 24th of November.

51/102/1: Nr Glynhir Waterfalls: The Clerk has discussed this with the RoW Team and he will be walking this path week ending 28th of November to assess the need to cut overgrowth, he will instruct our contractor if he discovers the overgrowth can't wait until the next cut in April 2026.

51/24 Lon y Grug Las: The Clerk has reported a broken manhole cover on this RoW and it is being attended to by the Highways Team as it is on a housing estate.

51/82 Nr Pen pound, Llandybie: Three storm damaged and fallen trees are blocking and overhanging the footpath, the Clerk has met our footpath contractor onsite on Wednesday 19th of November, the work of clearance due to Health & Safety will be completed for £350 by the 28th of November.

(c) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project.

Update; The Clerk is monitoring the situation after a challenge to the Planning Application that holds the 106 payments.

(d) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion.

The Clerk is now in the process of re pricing the project due to the time that has passed since March of this year. This has been discussed as an earlier item as matters arising from the Green Spaces Committee Minutes.

(e) Saron Park Upgrade.

The chosen contractor, Wicksteed is in the process of manufacturing and the park is expected to be complete by the end of January 2026.

(f) Gate locking at Penygroes Park.

The chosen contractor, M B Fencing are now in the process of manufacturing the new gates, a local resident will continue locking the gates for the main entrance for the next month when the gates are expected to be in place.

Update: This project is due to be completed by the end of November.

(i) Chamber and office move update:

The final equipment has already been relocated to Llandybie Bowls & Tennis Pavilion, and the storage room is now in the process of being completed by the end of November, with work on the storage shed complete and ready for populating with Tennis, Bowls and Council equipment.

The Clerk and Chair have signed and return our relinquishing of our lease of the Chamber at High Street with a final date of occupation as Friday 28th of November 2026.

A final suspension of Vodafone Wi-Fi and Electric Contracts will be completed by the 28th of November, and the County Council rates have already sent a final invoice up to that date.

Amman Valley School is collecting surplus furniture the week ending the 28th and Relocate a local removal firm are moving the key office furniture to our Pavilion storage room on Wednesday 26th of November.

(j) Quarry Clock.

The Clerk has now been trialled a battery to get the clock working again, and it has been a success, and this was confirmed by Smiths of Derby at the annual clock service on November 19th.

There were two options a 100v and 300v battery where two could be purchased one as a replacement monthly whilst a second was being charged.

The 300v option was £1,732 inc vat and the 100v option was £884 including vat, the Green Spaces Committee have recommended accepting the second option.

(k) 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 more bins can be provided. They will be replying to his request, hopefully over the next week.

Update: The Clerk has chased this up on the 20th of November and is expecting a reply by the 28th of November.

(I) Grants evening.

The grants evening was a great success with 44 people/organisations and councillors in attendance. The Clerk has already shared and posted pictures on the Facebook Page and will be releasing a press release this coming week.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

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