

Clerk's Report 22/05/2026

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,

Update: Claim has been made for £18,443 for Saron Zip Wire and the remaining £18,783 will be claimed in June/July for Blaenau and Penygroes Zip Wires, these projects have now been commissioned, total cost of these projects amounts to approximately £25,000 plus Vat, the shortfall is in the original budget.

Banc Y Ddraenen: A meadow gate is currently in the process of being installed offering access from Waterloo Road.

(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.

No Update: The Clerk has met with the Rights if Way team and they have asked highways for an update and this is expected to confirm that it is part of the bridleways that are currently being upgraded in the vicinity and will be part of a local signage project.

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 now passed the project on and is awaiting an update from the contractor.

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 is meeting the Carmarthenshire Rights of Way team for an update meeting on all projects on Thursday 30th of April, the current position on the above walks is that all works have been completed except 51/101 where work is underway to complete bridging and 51/114 where the Clerk has received correspondence from the Brecon Beacons National Park that an application has been submitted to re route the path past a pond, the Clerk responded positively and he hopes this will be reinstated in the coming months.

Update: The position remains the same.

51/80 Cilyrychen Llandybie: This has been reported by Betws Wanderers Walking Group and the stiles and fences are in urgent need of repair and replacement; this has now been added to the work schedule of Carmarthenshire's RoW Team.

51/96 and 51/97 Llangwyddfán, Llandybie: The above-mentioned walking group have also reported slurry blocking the path and this has also been added to the RoW work schedule, they are due to write to the landowner.

Update; Work is underway at this location by the RoW legal team to reroute the path on a more accessible route avoiding a cesspit.

51/75 Aberlath, Bridge: The Clerk will be getting an update on Thursday 30th of April, the path is still technically closed as the river has undermined the bridge foundation.

Update: The work to make a replacement is underway the Clerk is waiting for date for completion from Carmarthenshire RoW team.

51/102; Wern Ddu Road to Glynhir Falls: The Clerk walked this path with a RoW officer and has asked that tied gates and other obstacles and foliage be cleared by the RoW and our own contractor.

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

The Clerk is now working with Keith Baker an Egin consultant who will help complete the grant process, he has further offered to help apply for funds to upgrade our floodlights to LED Lighting. The Clerk is currently drawing up a specification having met contractors onsite.

A grant has now been earmarked, subject to three quotations for £15,000 towards the heating system.

(e) Betws Wind Farm fund open from April 2026 and other funding.

The Clerk is now looking at the following projects.

- 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.
- LED Floodlights at Llandybie.

Update: The Clerk has put in an Expression of Interest in for a new grant 'Community renewal energy fund' released by Carmarthenshire County Council, the panel meets on the 28th of May.

- Upgrade of equipment at Saron Park
- **Upgrade of equipment at Derwydd Park**
- And will enquire about supporting sporting and well-being events.

Update: The Clerk is currently meeting suppliers and interested groups to cost up these projects.

(f) Park Upgrades:

- **Saron Park Zip Wire Project**

The project has now been completed 100% the cost of £18,443 before vat will now be claimed in this financial year, and a new safety fence installed to increase the size of the park enclosure and two benches have been commissioned to be installed in June 2026, the costs agreed from budget are the Safety Fence at £2,850, two benches will be added at a cost of £400 each.

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

These have now been commissioned as follows.

- **Blaenau Park Zip Wire:** Proludic have successfully quoted a supply and fit cost of £13,584.52 plus Vat.
- **Penygroes Park Zip Wire:** Proludic have quoted a price of £13,395 plus Vat which includes supply and instal, the Clerk however has agreed that a supply only deal is available, as the ground is level and access is better for £7,279 plus vat, the Clerk has asked a local contractor with experience of fitting park equipment to provide a price, the Clerk is waiting for a reply. This will be claimed by 106 payments.

Update: Contractors who have been approached to fit the Cableway/Zipwire have now stated that they are not confident to undertake the work for fear of getting the necessary tautness on the wire, the Clerk will now commission Proludic to supply and fit the Zip wire at Penygroes Park.

(g) Update on lease to Saron Juniors Football Club

The Clerk is still waiting for a final draft; it is due he has been told by the Club very soon.

(h) 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.

Update: The Clerk is seeking legal advice on rerouting the water course.

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

- The bin has now been installed is emptied weekly.

(j) Summer events at Llandybie MUGA.

The Clerk has now worked with Carmarthenshire County Council and series of two events for local young people will be taking place including ‘from balance bike to pedals’ on the 27,

28th and 29th of May. And Football Sessions on Thursday July 23rd and 30th and August 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 1pm-3pm, 1pm would be age 3-5 and 2pm age 6-9.

(k) Quarterly Newsletter.

This is currently at draft stage and will be released in early June.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

May 22nd, 2026