

Clerk's Report 26/07/2026

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 Blaenau and Penygroes Park to be claimed once an Invoice is received from the contractors; Perludic £19,018.32

(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 of 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 can't get response from the landowner.

51/96 and 51/97 Llangwyddfan, 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 Aberlash, Bridge: 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.

Walks at Kings Road Llandybie 51/94 and 51/92, we are in the process of getting a Steil installed on what and trying to resolve an issue with a steel farm gate on the other.

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

The Clerk has had 3 quotes from contractors which were opened by the chair the cheapest was £29,000 plus vat. The Clerk emailed the quotes to our specialist advise for like for like advice, he has confirmed the quotes matched. He has a meeting with Keith Baker on Monday July 27th to start the grant process which 100% funded up to £35,000.

(d) 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.

Update; The Clerk obtained quotes for the signage and applied for Betws Wind Farm grant monies.

- LED Floodlights at Llandybie, the Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes from 3 suppliers, this is a project that is grant dependant.

(e) Upgrade works in parks;

- Upgrade of equipment at Saron Park; Weeding work and a picnic bench and a seating bench.
- Upgrade of equipment at Derwydd Park; That are a few pieces of equipment that need repair works that were identified in last week's annual inspection.

Update on both items;

The weeding work as part of our contract with Carmarthenshire County Council and 4 ton of bark has now been laid, we are in the process of ordering a flatpack picnic bench.

(f) Update on lease to Saron Juniors Football Club

The Clerk has received a draft proposal of the lease, which was reviewed by Chris Worrell or Solicitor at CCW Law, it was deemed not robust enough so we have given a report with reviews, the Clerk has been told by the club that the new draft is imminent.

(g) 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.

(h) Quarterly Newsletter.

This has now been completed and going live on the Social Media Pages as of Monday 27th of July.

- (i) Report on future staffing vision;** The Clerk would recommend discussion on this item on Matters Arising when discussing the minutes of the Policy and Employment Meeting on July 15th.

- (j) **The new website:** The Clerk has produced a draft specification and has had initial consultation with the Chair and has contacted 3 web developers and is in the process of getting submissions and quotes.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

July 26th, 2026