

Clerk's Report

23 September 2026

To: Chair and Members of Council

(a) Parks

(i) Llandybie, Capel Hendre & Derwydd

Currently there is a costing exercise in readiness for next year's budget that includes CCTV, flooring and a basket swing at Llandybie.

(b) Footpaths - outstanding items

51/23 Cwmfferws

Horse riding is not permitted on the route linking to the bridleway. The Clerk has asked the County Council's Rights of Way team to investigate installing signage to warn horse riders and motorists.

No Update: The Clerk has met with the Rights of Way team. Highways have been confirming the route forms part of the bridleways being upgraded in the vicinity, but the legal process will take some time, it will be included in a local signage project.

51/96 and 51/97 Llangwyddfan, Llandybie

A walking group reported slurry obstructing the paths. The matter was added to the Rights of Way work schedule, and the landowner has been contacted.

Update: The Rights of Way legal team has now drawn up legal documents to reroute the path.

51/O/51 Cwmfferws Road.

The bridge is now complete and in place, and the route has reopened.

51/102 Wern Ddu Road to Glynhir Falls

The Clerk walked the path with a Rights of Way officer and requested that tied gates, other obstacles and overgrown vegetation be cleared by the Rights of Way team and the Council's contractor.

Update; The Clerk is due to meet the Rights of Way team for an update meeting on these matters in November.

Paths 51/94 and 51/92 Kings Road, Llandybie

The County Council is arranging the installation of a stile on path 51/94 and is seeking to resolve an issue involving a steel farm gate on path 51/92.

Update: The County Council legal team has met with landowners' of 51/94 path, and it has been resolved to formally recognise the well-used route, and a new stile can be installed, hopefully in the coming month.

Update on 51/92; The highways division have commented on this as a byway and say they feel that access is proven as legal as through a working farm and the Clerk is now requesting a finger post be installed on the main road.

51/80 and 51/78 Cilyrychen, Llandybie, and 51/29 Dyffryn Road

The paths are being reopened, two new stiles have now been installed.

51/036 and 51/62 Blaenau and Llandybie

The Clerk has surveyed the paths in preparation for vegetation clearance and repairs to stiles.

(c) Heating system at the Bowls and Tennis Pavilion

The National Lottery has informed the Clerk and the Chair that the application for 100% funding of the £29,000 plus VAT project is successful.

The Clerk is discussing the project lead-in time with the successful contractor and waiting for the funds to be deposited by the National Lottery. The Clerk has gained permission from Llandybie RFC to cut the tree overhanging the adjacent roof by 1.5 meters. This action was agreed to be acceptable by Carmarthenshire County Council's tree officers.

(d) Update on projects and funding applications

The Clerk is undertaking the following projects:

- The Rights of Way signage project linking the Council's 120 footpaths is now under way. Grant funding of £4,600 is ready to be claimed when the work is complete. Designers are still drafting an information map and supporting information graphics.
- LED floodlighting at Llandybie: the Clerk has obtained quotations from three suppliers for this grant-dependent project with the cheapest quote being £14,000 plus VAT, a pre-paid application for 100 per cent grant funding is being completed.

(f) Update on the lease to Saron Juniors Football Club

The Clerk has received the final draft lease proposal and has followed up with the club on further slight amendments raised by CCW Law, the Council's solicitors.

(h) The new website

The Clerk has prepared a draft specification, held an initial consultation with the Chair and contacted three web developers. Two of the three responses have been received, and a meeting with the Council's current provider, Vision ICT, has now taken place and a third quote is imminent.

(j) Update on the Grant Awards Evening

The Grant Awards Evening was held at Penygroes Memorial Hall on Friday 16 October and was a great success and has been reported in the press and social media.

(l) Update on Tybie 10k

The Her Tybie 10k Challenge was a resounding success and was attended by over 200 runners and walkers and was reported widely, the Clerk has now paid the £2,000 grant to Amman Valley Harriers towards the cost of running the event and has also received a £1,000 grant to the Community Council from the County Council Community Event Grant.

Dai Nicholas - Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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