

Clerk's Report 21/05/24

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. The Clerk is pressing for news before the September Budget Meeting.

(ii) Swings at two parks in Penygroes and other matters.

The swings for both Gors Ddu and Spien Road have been ordered and due to be installed in the in mid August.

The Table Tennis board has been ordered with a early July installation and the replacement picnic bench has been installed.

(b) Footpaths. There are no further updates on the below Footpaths below except 61/106.

The Clerk and Administrative assistant continue to press the County Council team of the following footpaths and will keep these in the Clerk's Report until they are resolved.

- **Bonllwyn 61/106;** The Rights of Way Team at Carmarthenshire County and the legal department have now entered the legal phase to reroute the path and upgrade the entire length to once again connect Wern Ddu Road with Bonllwyn and effectively creating a loop around Ammanford with only one road crossing. The County Council will pick up the cost.
- **Caerbryn 51/56;** The Clerk has asked for a reply to his email of 4 weeks ago from the County Rights of Way team to look at removing some soils and from the top of the approach path.
- **Penygroes 51/34 and 51/35, 51/33;** Whilst 51/34 is now being looked at by our contractor, the legal team at Carmarthenshire County Council are looking at 51/13 to get the landowner to cut the overhanging branches, the Clerk has written to the Legal Dept at Carmarthenshire Country Council for an update. 51/35 is being looked at as part of the Gilfach Iago development. The Administration Officer has followed up to ask for an update.
- **51/51;** This is still being dealt with by Carmarthenshire County Council's legal team as a resident has built a garage base over the right of way and another resident has put play equipment across it.

(c) Penygroes RFC and Gate locking at night.

Menter Cwm Gwendraeth have stated that they do not wish to offer keys to users of their facility who attend events after the hours of 4pm or need to attend events at 6.15am each morning. The Clerk as per the agreement in the last meeting has written to Carmarthenshire

County Council and asked them that offer responsibility if Community Council property is damaged overnight. He is still waiting for a reply.

(d) IT Tablets for council business.

The Clerk has issued 12 x IT Tablets and will ask councillors at the June Ordinary meeting if there are any issues or training needed. The cases for the tablets have been ordered and are expected soon.

(e) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project;

The posters distribution is now completed and the Clerk to date has had one phone call and two emails. The Clerk will now organise a meeting of the Environment Committee for July.

(f) The Asset Management Business Plan.

The Clerk has now drafted up the plan as a spreadsheet will be emailed to Councillors. The Clerk will suggest that it is discussed in detail at the September Finance Committee.

(g) Preparation of Internal Audit.

The Internal Audit has now been completed by Lyn Llewelyn, the Clerk is expecting the final report before the June Ordinary meeting and will read it out for Councillors at that meeting.

(h) Our archives.

The Clerk has arranged to meet the Archive Department of Carmarthenshire County Council to discuss the files that we have and asses the process.

Update; This is still to be done.

(i) Saron Park CCTV.

The Clerk is still chasing a third quote and is hoping to commission the work in early July.

(j) External Audit.

The Clerk will be completing the External Audit by Friday 28th of June.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

June 21st 2024