

Clerk's Report 21/06/25

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 is meeting Alan Warner of the County Council Rights of Way Team on the 26th of June to go through all the footpaths that needs work and will put in place an action plan of works to be reported at the July Ordinary Meeting.

(c) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project;

The Clerk offered the following update;

- The nature reserve area works had now been costed by the consultants pending a 106 grant of monies. The cost was circa £5,000 with a cost of £1,000 annually over 25 years to be deposited with Carmarthenshire County Council to be released yearly to cover the cost of the upkeep of the area in terms of cutting and mowing.
- The Clerk is now waiting for notification after the planning on a nearby site was granted to see when the 106 monies to cover the work is forthcoming to begin the project. It's worth noting that this may have implications regarding Saron Park.

Update ; The Clerk received a communication from the developer who copied in Carmarthenshire County Council that they now will look to confirm the funds via 106 for the project, the Clerk has asked for clarification from Planning as to the challenge to the decision on what implications that might have on the 106 monies being available.

(d) Llandybie Tennis Courts;

The courts have now been completed and playing tennis has resumed.

(e) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion;

The Betws Wind Farm Fund meeting that was held on the 28th of May decided to defer the application to a more suitable Community Green Energy Scheme that opens in the next 4 to 6 weeks, the Clerk is working with the grants team at the County Council to secure match funds via this recommended route.

(f) Dog Fouling Project;

The mobile CCTV cameras with Ai recognition has been onsite at Saron Park for two weeks and has been 4 weeks at the lower end of Penygroes Park.

The Administrative Officer has now written to all Primary Schools in our area to offer them the opportunity to compete in the Littering/Dog Fouling poster competition.

The Clerk is regularly in touch with the Environment Enforcement Officer and our PCSO and regular walkabouts are taking place to monitor progress.

(g) Saron CCTV;

Three contractors have now quoted with the cheapest quote being Dyfed Alarms at £2571 plus VAT. The budget was £5,000. The closest quote was £2969 plus vat.

(h) Dog Fouling and tree planting spreadsheet;

The Clerk will circulate an updated spreadsheet for discussion at the meeting, its for councillors to update him of Dog Fouling Hot Spots and Tree Planting opportunities.

(i) Saron Park Upgrade;

The Clerk is in the process of completing the tenders and getting prices from three suitable contractors to upgrade the park inline with agreed budget spend for 2025/26. It is hoped to start the project in September 2025.

(j) Travelling Community at Penygroes Park;

On the evening of Thursday 19th of June Cllrs D. Thomas and P. H. Roberts alerted the Clerk that nine caravans had been set up on the Rugby Pitch. The Clerk liaised with all three Councillors and Penygroes RFC to establish facts and has worked with Gruff Rees the Travelling Community Liaison Office for the County Council who has notified the Senior Enforcement Officer who are drawing up an enforcement notice to be issued on Monday 23rd of June giving them a set time frame of less that one week to leave.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

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