

**LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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COUNCIL

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REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. FENCING SURROUNDING TONTEG PLAY AREA

- 1.1 Members will recall that a report regarding the fencing surrounding Tonteg Play Area was presented to the Leisure & Amenities Committee on 8 September 2025. At that meeting, Members resolved that officers meet with the Local Authority and report their findings to a future meeting (Minute No. 14).
- 1.2 Officers subsequently met with the Local Authority on site to discuss the condition of the surrounding fence, which is the responsibility of the Community Council. During this visit, the Local Authority officer provided the Clerk and General Services Manager with details of an independent fencing contractor. The contractor undertook an assessment and provided advice on the most appropriate way forward, together with costings
- 1.3 This report sets out the proposed fencing repair works, along with an alternative solution to address damaged and missing elements and associated safety concerns relating to the existing metal railing fence. The proposed works aim to improve stability, prevent unauthorised access beneath or through the fence, and maintain public safety.
- 1.4 Members are asked to consider the following 2 options

OPTION 1 – REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT WORKS

Provide all necessary materials, labour, supervision, plant, and equipment to undertake the following fencing and associated works:

- Stabilise two posts snapped at ground level using new steel diagonal backstays (to match existing), rooted in concrete bases below ground.

- Infill large gaps below railing panels in three locations with new welded steel flat bars between posts to prevent access beneath the fence.
- Supply and weld in place up to eight new steel vertical railing bars to replace missing bars.
- Supply and weld three to four horizontal flat bars to secure railing bars where they have rotted and detached at one end.
- Install a new internal gate latch to the existing single gate, allowing it to be latchable and lockable.
- All works to be carried out using temporary tarpaulins and fencing to maintain pedestrian access along the footpath and to shield pedestrians and road users from welding glare.

Total cost: £1,157.00

OPTION 2 – WELDED MESH OVER-CLADDING

Alternatively, over-clad the inner face of each railing panel containing missing or rotten bars with welded mesh fence panels. Panels would be cut to size and bolted to the existing railing framework using horizontal flat bars.

While this option is cheaper than Option 1, it would achieve the same safety objectives by rendering the fencing secure and preventing unauthorised access. This approach has several advantages:

- Reduced installation risk, as no welding is required.
- No need for welding screens or protective fencing during works.
- Works are not dependent on dry weather conditions.
- Future-proofs entire railing panels against further decay, rather than replacing individual bars.
- Welded mesh panels and fixings are widely available, enabling future repairs to be undertaken by Council staff if required.

Total cost: £885.00

1.5 Both options will restore safety and functionality to the existing fence. Option 1 provides a traditional repair approach through targeted replacement and welding, while option 2 mesh over-cladding solution offers a cost effective, lower risk and future proofed method of achieving the same safety outcomes.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Members are requested to consider the two options presented and agree whether to proceed with **Option 1** or **Option 2**.