

**LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
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**LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

**18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2024**

**REPORT OF THE CLERK**

**PLAY AREAS – REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME**

**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 At previous meetings of this Committee, detailed reports have been presented in respect of the condition of each of the following 10 play areas that this Council currently maintains: -
1. Maesybryn, Llantwit Fardre
  2. Ty Draw, Church Village,
  3. Woodlands Upper, Llantwit Fardre
  4. Woodlands Lower, Llantwit Fardre
  5. The Ridings, Tonteg,
  6. Tonteg (leased from RCTCBC)
  7. Efail Isaf Village Hall (leased from RCTCBC)
  8. Ysgol Ty Coch, Tonteg
  9. Station Road, Church Village
  10. The Dell, Tonteg
- 1.2 At the meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 the Clerk informed Members of the priority areas following the annual parks inspection.
- 1.3 The Clerk and General Service Manager have reviewed the work programme. and the following actions have been taken: -
- Bins in Tonteg and Station Road play areas have been replaced.
  - Goal posts in Tonteg Play area – the Outside operatives will lightly sand and paint the posts as soon as the weather permits.
  - Quotes have been sought for a new multi -play at Woodlands Upper (to date we have received 1 quote for the sum of £11,400 +VAT)

- The Ridings play area – The overhanging tree has been removed as reported to Council on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (Minute No. 85).
- 1 quote has been received to date for the replacement of the chain link fence at the Ridings play area for the sum of £4,550 +VAT.
- Station Road play area again quotes have been sought for the replacement of the safety surface around the piece of play equipment know as the Hip Hop once again only 1 quote has been received to date for the sum of £2,665 +VAT.

## 2. **REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME**

- 2.1 The equipment that are in need of attention are shown in the table below and this will assist in placing the respective parks in order of priority:-

| <b>Play Area</b>                | <b>Equipment</b>         | <b>Problem Identified/Comments</b>  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Woodlands Lower Llantwit Fardre | Entrance Path            | Surface repairs – possibly relay. Also needs a bin to be placed in the play area. |
| Tonteg Play Area                | Perimeter Fence          | Showing signs of excessive corrosion.   |
|                                 | Gates x2                 | No longer meets British Standards   |
|                                 | Spring Toys              | All spring toys have been removed – look to replace with new toys or equipment    |
|                                 | Surface Area             | Surface area inside and outside the play area needs to be repaired                |
| The Ridings Tonteg              | Chain Link Fence         | Needs to be replaced.   |
|                                 | Play Equipment           | To be painted before the Summer .   |
| Station Road                    | Hip Hop Surface          | Look to replace surface surrounding the Hip Hop with wet pour or tiger mulch      |
|                                 | Add a piece of equipment | MUGA Unit or goal post to accommodate older children.                             |
| Ysgol Ty Coch Play Area         | Access path              | Look to renew,  |
|                                 | Swings and Multi Play    | Bark needs renewing before Spring and Summer.                                     |
| The Dell                        | Play Equipment           | To be painted before end of year.   |

- 2.2 Members will see from report that officers are still waiting quotes for a number of areas which need attention these will be reported to Members as soon as they become available.
- 2.3 The General Service Manager will continue to visit the Community Council Play areas alongside the Council's Outside Operatives and will meet with the Clerk to prepare an up-to-date plan for short- and long-term goals for the next Municipal Year which will be reported to a future meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 As a Community Council we are conscious that the health and wellbeing of our community is paramount and to coincide with the 7 goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 to make a better Wales. Members will be aware that when people are given opportunities to enjoy nature and breathe in fresh air they become happier, healthier individuals. Parks are a dedicated spaces within the community that provide both children, parents and grandparents, a safe space to play gather and socialise outside.

### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 It is recommended that Members acknowledge the information contained in the report.
- 4.2. acknowledge the work that has been completed,
- 4.3. consider and comment on the quotes provided at 1.3 of report and agree to the next steps and any recommendations be presented to full Council for approval.
- 4.4 . Consider and comment on the forward work.

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