

**LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANILLTUD FAERDREF**



LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

3RD JULY, 2023

REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

- 1.1 At the meeting of this Committee held on the 17th November, 2022, Members were informed that the priorities to the Work Programme had changed as a result of the Unitary Authority taking back the play areas at Cae Fardre and Central Park, Church Village and the Community Council surrendering the lease for Parc Nant Celyn, Efail Isaf.
- 1.2 Whilst the Community Council has not yet received the fully executed deed of surrender from Rhondda Cynon Taf in respect of the return of Parc Nant Celyn, the Clerk has been informed by an email from the Parks and Play Strategy Manager that refurbishment works for a new play area in that location is the next project and should commence mid July.
- 1.3 To accord with the Work Programme and as agreed at the meetings of this Committee and full Council on the 19th December, 2022 new play equipment and safe surfacing were installed at Maes y Bryn, Llantwit Fardre and Ty Draw, Church Village. Both parks have now re-opened, however there have been some issues with Maes y Bryn and the Clerk is to meet with the Contractor and will give a verbal update at the meeting.
- 1.4 As reported in November, 2022, the priority areas are:-
 1. Woodlands Upper, Llantwit Fardre
 2. Woodlands Lower, Llantwit Fardre
 3. The Ridings, Tonteg
 4. Tonteg Park, Tonteg
 5. Efail Isaf Village Hall, Efail Isaf
 6. Ysgol Ty Coch, Tonteg
 7. Station Road, Church Village

8. The Dell, Tonteg.

- 1.5 The Annual Parks inspection is due to take place on the 21st July, 2023 and the Inspector will be asked to look at disability access especially at Efail Isaf Village Hall and this may influence the Work Programme.
- 1.6 As mentioned in the earlier report at Agenda Item 4(a) following the payments for the works at Maes y Bryn and Ty Draw play areas there will be approximately £40,000 left in the Play Equipment cost centre (budget and earmarked reserves).
- 1.7 The two wooden picnic benches at Tonteg Park have rotten and have been removed from the play area. These were well used and need to be replaced and it is suggested that they be replaced with galvanised steel as they will have a longer lifespan. The approximate cost for steel picnic benches is approximately £1,000 each.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the contents of the report and to review the Play Areas Work Programme following receipt of the Annual Parks Inspection reports;
- 2.2 to recommend to Council the purchase of two galvanised steel picnic benches to be installed at Tonteg Park at an approximate cost of £1,000 each.