

**LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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COUNCIL

25TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. BUDGETARY CONTROL – AUTHORITY TO SPEND

1.1 Paragraph 4.5 of the Council's Financial Regulations states:-

“In cases of extreme risk to the delivery of Council services, the Clerk may authorise revenue expenditure on behalf of the Council which in the Clerk’s judgement it is necessary to carry out. Such expenditure includes repair, replacement or other work, whether or not there is any budgetary provision for the expenditure, subject to a limit of £1,000. The Clerk shall report such action to the Chair as soon as possible and the Council as soon as practicable thereafter”.

1.2 In August of this year a complaint was received from a resident of Fford yr Ywen, Tonteg raising concerns of two dangerous silver birch trees that were situated on Tir y Craig which is owned and maintained by this Community Council.

1.3 A tree surgeon was contacted and it was found that there was a large amount of decay at the base of the two trees which continued a significant way up the main trunks thus weakening the structures and making them dangerous and likely to fall and cause damage to neighbouring properties.

1.4 The trees were removed at a cost of £650 and after speaking to the neighbouring property owners, they were happy for the waste to remain on site and to allow it to become habitat piles, giving back to the natural environment around it but also lowering the cost.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 In accordance with paragraph 4.5 of the Council's Financial Regulations, to endorse the action taken by the Clerk in the arranging the removal of the two dangerous trees at a cost of £650.