

**LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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COUNCIL

31ST JULY, 2023

REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. QUOTES FOR PICNIC BENCHES

1.1 At the meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on the 3rd July, 2023, it was resolved by Minute No.6(3) viz: *"to agree to the purchase of two galvanised steel picnic benches to be installed at Tonteg park, the cost of which to be approved by full Council"*.

1.2 Members were informed at that meeting that there are three picnic benches within Tonteg park, two of which had been removed as they had rotted. Since that meeting, the Council's Operatives have informed the Clerk that the remaining wooden picnic bench is also in a state of decay and will need to be removed shortly.

1.3 Therefore, quotes have been sought for galvanised steel benches and as can be seen from the photos attached that the prices range from £2,524.50 to £5,098.50 for a quantity of **x3** (excluding VAT and a delivery cost of £162.00:-

(a)	Oakland Picnic Unit	£5,098.50
(b)	Hillside Picnic Unit	£2,904.00
(c)	Glenside Picnic Unit	£2,524.50

1.4 Whilst it was agreed to the purchase of galvanised steel picnic benches, quotes were also sought for wooden picnic benches. The prices range from:-

(a)	Round Picnic Bench	£280.00
(b)	Square Picnic Bench	£140.00

1.5 The prices quotes above are for a quantity of **x1** and excludes VAT.

1.6 Tonteg park is a very popular and busy play area and although the prices for galvanised steel benches are quite expensive, they are more durable and have a much longer lifespan.

- 1.7 The cost of the picnic benches would come out of the Play Park Equipment budget heading and following the payment of the equipment for both Maesybryn (£39,144) and Ty Draw (£16,088) there will be £22,628 remaining in the earmarked reserves and there is £18,034 in the budget giving an overall budget of £40,662.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members consideration is sought to the quotes as shown at paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 of the report and noting that it was resolved by Minute No.6(3) of the Leisure and Amenities Committee that galvanised steel picnic benches be purchased for Tonteg park.