



Dear Councillors,

Thank you for your consideration with regard to the LBSA's ideas about Cae Pownd.

We have attached a proposal which has a little more detail with regard to the questions raised in your correspondence dated Tuesday 29th January.

We look forward to discussing this in more detail with you in due course. We would like to request a slot at the February 11th meeting in order to do so, and discuss the sub-committee / working party that was suggested.

Thank you / Diolch

Phil Willock

Chairman

Llangennech & Bryn Sports Association

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**PROPOSAL FOR CAE POWND, MORLAIS ROAD,
LLANGENNECH**

WHAT IS THE PROPOSAL?

Llangennech & Bryn Sports Association has listened to the views of Llangennech RFC and Llangennech AFC on the need for more playing space in the community.

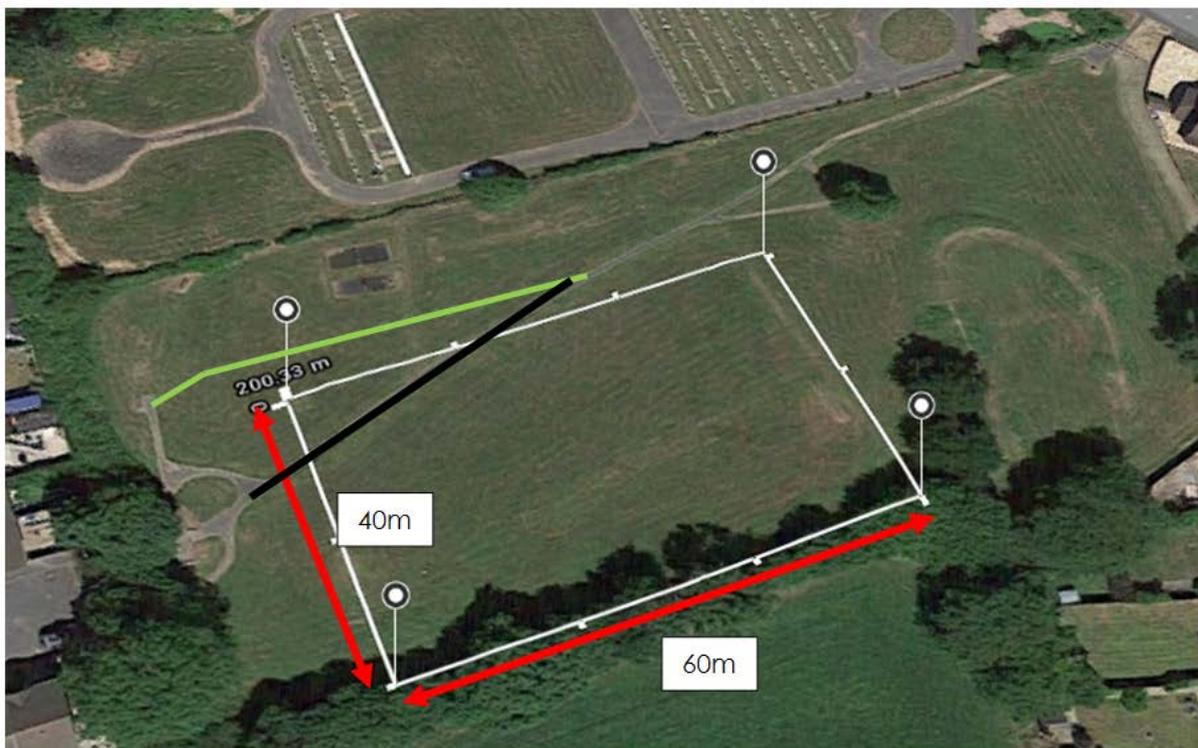
It has found that under 11's and 10's football age groups and under 10's rugby age groups play on a pitch that should be 60 x 40 yards.

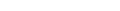
The existing playing area at Cae Pownd for sport is 60 x 30 yards. It cannot be any wider as the footpath runs through the space that the clubs would like to use.

Therefore, the Sports Association proposes that the footpath be moved at least 15 yards towards the cemetery to allow a regulation size pitch for these young age groups.

The aerial photograph shows a 60m x 40m footprint - ample space for a field to be marked for ages up to Under 11, for both rugby and football use. The outlined area is on a slight gradient but we view it as another option to ease the burden on the overused park field and to keep games away from the cricket outfield. It could also be utilised in summer for preseason training for older age groups.

Aerial 3D view of the proposed area. You can see where the path cuts off the corner of the field at the top of the gradient.



-  Potential location for redirected path.
-  Removal of existing path (approx. 40m)

WHAT IMPACT WILL THE PROJECT HAVE?

There is a lack of playing space in Llangennech and Bryn for football and rugby. At present, the only place large enough to host under 10 and 11 football matches is Llangennech Recreation Ground. Llangennech RFC also have the option of using their owned ground as well as Llangennech School.

The lack of available space for football matches in particular creates a logistical problem for organising matches. The under 10 and 11 age groups have to fit in around the older age group matches who have to take priority due to league rules.

Both sports clubs have ambitions to increase the number of teams that they run. Playing space is a crucial factor in their development.

A dedicated 60 x 40 yards mini sports pitch will also take some pressure off other venues, especially Llangennech Recreation Ground, leading to less maintenance problems.

The health benefits of this project are potentially huge. We are aware that childhood obesity is rising and keeping children active is a common objective for Llangennech RFC and AFC. The dedicated pitch for these age groups will lead to more matches for them and therefore more physical activity.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

We are putting the project out to tender for quotes. The job involves digging up a section of the existing path, laying the new re-directed path and renovating the old path site into a suitable playing surface.

HOW WILL THE PROJECT BE FUNDED?

The LBSA aims to fundraise through events. We are also actively seeking grant funding although project details are required for most grants.

WHO WILL CARRY OUT THE WORK AND WHO WILL MANAGE THE PROJECT?

The work will be put out to tender. Some work may be carried out by businesses who have a connection to members of the LBSA, if favourable rates can be agreed. We intend to use these contacts to our advantage. A conversation was also had with Community Council Ground Keeper Barry who suggested much of the work was within his skill set. We would impress upon the council that we would all benefit from his contribution should you be able to schedule him some time to carry out some of the duties, such as excavating the current path, etc.

HOW WILL THE IMPROVED FACILITY BE MANAGED?

We propose that the LBSA would manage bookings by the clubs for the use of the pitch. Some storage facility may be advantageous on site for goals, nets, post, flags, tackle pads etc. The management of the facility would have to be approved and overseen by Llangennech and Bryn Community Council.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL THERE BE TO ONGOING MAINTENANCE COSTS?

We envisage that there will be a need for more regular grass cutting than takes place now. The grass is currently cut by Llangennech and Bryn Community Council.

Goalmouths may need annual renovation and the grass coverage would need to be monitored once it is in use. The LBSA are willing to assist with these works.

HOW WILL THE INCREASED TRAFFIC IN THE AREA BE MANAGED?

Residents in the area will be accustomed to street parking for funerals that take place at the adjacent cemetery. Parking in the area at large funerals causes complications for residents.

Regular use of Cae Pwnd for sporting events may help to find a solution for funeral car parking as well as sports car parking.

To give an indication of the amount of people who would be in attendance for sporting events, football matches would typically have a maximum of 8 a-side, while rugby would have a maximum of 10 a-side.

We would like to discuss two potential sites for a car park with local authorities indicated in yellow on the satellite map below.

