

Councillor I M Williams referred to a similar problem at the Bryn Park. Dogs are left off the leash to run out of control. He does not know what can be done both locally and nationally. For the Bryn Park he asks for a sign to request “dog owners to keep their dogs on a leash whilst in the playing area”. It was agreed that such a sign be obtained and erected.

The Chair accepts that provision of a fence in the recreation ground would help enforcement. Since the “lockdown” the dog problem has increased.

The Surveyor responded that dog fouling is a major problem and he referred to dog fouling on the safety flooring at Maes Ty Gwyn. Clearing this effectively is very difficult. Current legislation is inadequate and he suggests writing a letter to One Voice Wales asking for the matter to be raised nationally with the Welsh Government. Even when dog owners clear the dog mess some material is still left behind. Fencing could be a problem solver but there is a national problem which needs to be addressed nationally.

Councillor G R Jones referred to the legislation available to allow individuals to record incidents and to present it as evidence.

The chair referred to possible repercussions for individuals who do this.

Curtis Roberts from the LBSA echoed the previous comments and asks if a fence could be provided.

The Chair then asked Emyr Williams from the LBSA to address members.

Mr Williams asks the Council to consider granting a licence to the Association. He suggests that the Council allows the Sports Association to take ownership of the maintenance of the field. A barrier would be created to enclose the field with someone in control. In the long term there would be a greater control of the field maintenance and usage. He proposes surveillance by volunteers and use of CCTV cameras.

Councillor G R Jones is fully supportive of installing a CCTV system and it would be a way forward and also to involve the police and to seek advice on use of a CCTV system.

Mr Emyr Williams referred to possible grant funding for a CCTV system.

The Surveyor did recommend a CCTV system a few years ago for the Pavilion and playground area. This was not taken up at the time on cost and privacy grounds. He believes the provision of such a system will become a necessity in the future.