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Pavilion Changing Rooms

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Daniel

I thank you for a copy of the risk assessment document.

There are two separate issues to consider with regard to opening the pavilion for sporting purposes. There is the first which relates to use of the building as a changing facility and secondly use of the building for showering purposes.

Considering the first issue, that is as a changing facility, measures proposed in the risk document are acceptable and I would agree that under such controlling measures the pavilion can be opened for this purpose.

The second issue concerning use of the showers is another matter completely. You quite rightly identify in the risk assessment document that the area is virtually in the "high risk" area where action is required urgently to control the risk and further resources are almost inevitable.

The Council must have concern for the protection of players, its own staff and other users of the building.

The risk assessment document identifies addressing the shower area problem by stating that two persons will be allowed in at the same time but there will be up to 16 users for each team wanting to use the shower facility. The showers are a restricted space of high headroom which traps moisture/steam since there is a minimal ventilation system in existence. The first two users of the showers might be safe but successive consecutive use by the rest of the team will ensure that the steam produced will be at a maximum. It is known that the virus remains active for some days and therefore there would be a risk of spreading Covid throughout the building through warm moisture particles.

The risk from aerosol transmission is greater in areas that are poorly ventilated and the pavilion is poorly ventilated at present.

The pavilion is cleaned by the Council employed caretaker and is also used daily from Monday to Friday by the Ysgol Feithrin. The Council has duty of care responsibility to the Council employee and also parents, children and Ysgol Feithrin staff.

There is mention in Emyr Williams "E" Mail of 29 September of the Penywaer changing rooms and showers are now in use at this facility. This building is used by sporting bodies only and there is no other user.

The incidence of Covid is high in Carmarthenshire and in Wales and in particular in the younger age group.

Llangennech Community Council has had to close both the Community Centre and the Pavilion in the last 3 weeks because of positive Covid test results.

My personal view is that the pavilion can be opened for changing purposes but that the shower area remain closed at present with the proviso that that the position be reviewed at a later date.

Wyn Evans