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Pavilion Changing Rooms

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We would like to thank Councillors Jac and Lynda for their comments of support today, and likewise for the positive comments with regard to this matter before today. We assume you've had time to digest the document now and invite any other councillors to feedback their thoughts; if we do not get any response or any negative feedback for corrective action, can we assume that we are now in a place where we are able to begin using the Pavilion again? As the weekend fast-approaches once again, our community clubs - as hosts - are keen to get on with delivering what other clubs in our areas have been doing for some time.

This was none more prevalent than today when it was communicated to us that the Football Club have now been instructed by the West Wales Football Association (WWFA) that if they are unable to provide a changing room and shower facility to the away team (Llandarcy) then the fixture would need to be switched to a venue which does have an open / active changing and showering facility, or the cup tie would have to be reversed to Llandarcy's venue. The Football Club have been awaiting news from the LBSA regarding this, and have a contingency plan in place to move the game to Penywaer Playing Fields in Llanelli, who have been managing their open facility for many weeks. This hire of course will come at a cost of some £80 to the football club, and also would see the away team's coach-load of supporters spend their pre-match hours filling the tills of shops and pubs nearer the venue (as is tradition) thus coming at a cost to our local businesses; especially impacting The Castle Inn, Co-op and Chip Shop. We now have it on good authority (WWFA Secretary) that, of the 33 cup games taking place on Saturday (66 teams), Llangennech are the only team who are unable to provide an adequate changing facility and shower at their home venue, the source of much embarrassment to the Club and their Fixture Secretary who contacted us today.

Further to this, the longer term issue is that the local Carmarthenshire League (CAFL) will get wind of this issue as the weather worsens and decide to follow suit, which would mean Llangennech Football Club having to play all their "home" senior games away from the Park over the coming Saturdays, while the council decision remains delayed. Again, this would come at a cost for each hire.

Therefore, we must appeal to the councillors to allow for the Pavilion to be re-opened (under the agreed guidance) this weekend, in order for the teams and hundreds of weekend-users to be able to offer the away sides the same opportunities that are offered to them when they visit; to begin a return to some form of normality as other rugby and football clubs have done before us; and finally, in order to ensure that the hard work and effort of the fantastic volunteers throughout the pandemic - volunteers who form the backbone of this community's sports clubs - is recognised and for them to at last begin to see some results for their endeavours.

Please let us know your thoughts, any tweaks we can make to the document so we can meet the weekend deadline; and we thank you in advance for a prompt acknowledgement.

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