

Subject: Concerns Regarding the Management of Cae Bodfach Community Field

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Dear Llanfyllin Town Council,

We are writing to express our growing concern regarding the current management of the Cae Bodfach field.

As we understand it, this land was purchased using Lottery funding with the intention of creating a community field for the benefit and enjoyment of everyone. Unfortunately, this no longer appears to be the case.

The field has effectively become a rewilding area under the management of B.R.A.C.E., and as a result we have received numerous complaints from local residents that it has become largely unusable.

The grass is now knee height in many areas, creating several significant issues:

- Dog owners are unable to safely exercise their dogs. Long grass increases the risk of grass seeds causing injury, makes it impossible to locate and remove dog waste, and raises concerns about the spread of diseases such as parvovirus.
- The current dry weather has turned the overgrown grass into a potential fire hazard.
- Children are unable to play safely on the field.
- Families can no longer enjoy picnics or other recreational activities.
- Dogs, particularly working breeds that require regular exercise, are unable to run freely or play fetch because balls are immediately lost in the long grass.

We fully appreciate the importance of biodiversity and protecting wildlife. However, Cae Bodfach is a community field, and there is already an abundance of natural habitat within the surrounding woodlands and orchard. We believe there should be a sensible balance between conservation and providing a usable public space.

Many residents, particularly those living in flats or homes without gardens, rely on this field as their only accessible green space. It provides an opportunity for exercise, social interaction, and community wellbeing. For many people, their dogs are valued companions that contribute greatly to both physical and mental health, and they should be able to enjoy this public space safely.

We are therefore asking the Town Council to review the current management of Cae Bodfach and ensure that it is maintained appropriately so that it once again fulfils its original purpose as a community field that everyone can enjoy.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns. We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Julian Sandy
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