

The Llanspyddid Playground Project

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Outline Aims:

1. To improve the quality of play equipment and experience in the village playground in Llanspyddid
2. To work with Powys CC to achieve the above
3. To work with the children and residents of the village to achieve the above
4. Any equipment must be able to accommodate a wide range of ages and facilitate joint play – the children in our village range from due this year to 14 and they frequently play together in a mixed age group.
5. Improve the biodiversity within the playground and allow residents to engage with the environment.

Actions and Progress:

- We met with Steve Butcher of Powys CC (cares for playgrounds in Powys) on Monday 21st Feb. It was too wet to meet in the playground so we adjourned indoors



- We discussed the following items and received the following responses/came to the following conclusions:

Question/topic/issue	Response/conclusion	ACTION
Can we (friends of Llanspyddid) could plant some apple/fruit trees?	Yes – about 3 Need to then be in a ‘no mow’ meadow/biodiversity area. Must make sure we don’t plant trees where we might want play equipment in the future. Also happy for a couple of raised beds for biodiversity to be incorporated in this area	SW meeting Steve B on 11 th March to map out playground. Will need to raise funds (SDF/tree programs)
Is there any money from central Powys to support our work?	In time with good planning – things like safety surfacing etc.	SW meeting Steve B to map playground
What kind of equipment should we look for?	Swinging (shared/more than one) Climbing Spinning	SW meeting Steve B. to see what might fit in the playground – given safety

	Interest in the landscape (i.e. rocks)	areas around each item. We can then consult widely within the village. Develop a plan for the park. SW to contact play ranger officer about rocks. Then fundraising!
What has happened to the sputnik?	It has gone for refurbishment and new paint – back soon	BACK Friday 3 rd March 😊

In addition:

Angharad can donate another springy and when we have mapped the playground we can include that in the plan.

Steve B. told us about 2 recent installations: a 2 tower playpiece on the Watton playground by the Theatre (see photo below). Also Llangattock primary school has installed a cone climber. If you are interested/have time please have a look at these items.



Putting it in perspective: all costs are based on Powys purchasing discounts/plans

A pod swing (think large basket for many kids) – costs c. £2K



A 2 tower playpiece with a slide – costs £6-9K (the more money you spend the higher it goes)



A bowl spinner – costs £700



A cone climber (spins as well) – costs £2-5K (more money more height)



A pile of rocks (perhaps from Builth quarry) – costs about £250



What next:

1. Sunita is meeting Steve B. on Friday 11th March at 10am to measure the playground and see what is possible. **ALL WELCOME**
2. 2 consultation sessions (hopefully in the church/playground – weather dependant)
3. Priority plan generated and circulated
4. Fundraising started