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Dear Members of Skewen Football Club

In response to your letter dated 11th February 2026, we would once again like to put on record the rationale behind this decision.

Whilst the Council commends your efforts in supporting pathways into football framework, supporting Children with additional learning needs, and providing benefits for both males and females of all ages, the Council has a duty to support all residents in the Coedffranc area. Your request has been considered in detail by full council on several occasions, on each occasion we have provided the reasons for the decision but for the avoidance of doubt, we will again provide you with the rationale.

The decision of the Council was that the bottom play area is an area to be maintained as an area which is free to use for all members of the public i.e. it is an open access space which cannot be reserved for clubs and associations. This decision was taken a number of years ago with the purpose of supporting all residents, especially those who are not members of clubs or associations. This is especially beneficial for underprivileged families and children who may feel excluded being unable to pay subscriptions and memberships to clubs.

The Council also considered the extensive area of the park that has been leased to Skewen Cricket and Football club, which is exclusively for their use. This decision was taken despite considerable public discontent to ring fence that area for exclusive use. In the Councils response directly to your Chairperson in November 2025, it was highlighted that there are considerable outfield areas of the Cricket field that could be used as junior pitches (photo attached). Also, we advised you to approach NPTCBC as there is a field available in Caewathan which they own and could potentially be available to meet your needs.

Whilst we appreciate you have support off parents, there are other sports users, schools, charities, community groups who would equally appreciate the space being maintained as an open access, free to use space for all.

The Council has recently received a biodiversity report and grant funding from One Voice Wales to increase biodiversity in Skewen Park. We attach an extract of that report which highlights the area you consider available, will be better served as a meadow (photo attached).

Having considered this subject on several occasions, the Council will not be engaging in a public meeting and now consider the matter closed.

Many thanks

Annette Wingrave

Mayor