

Rhose S106 Community Facilities Consultation Report

January 2018

1. Background

As part of the planning applications process, the Council secured substantial Section 106 contributions for community facilities from the two new Taylor Wimpey developments in Rhoose. They are:

- £86,876 from [land south of the railway line](#) (received, expires 30 July 2020)^[1]
- £343,009 from [land north-west of the railway line](#) (expected 2019, upon completion of 150th dwelling)

The agreements legally outline that the funding is to be spent as follows:

“The provision or enhancement of facilities (a park, building or structure) or services within Rhoose, which meet local community needs and are available to the public. This consists of either the provision of new facilities in the Rhoose ward boundary or enhancement of one of the following existing facilities:

- a) Rhoose Library*
- b) Rhoose Primary*
- c) Ceri Road Hall, Pavillion and Community facilities*
- d) Rhoose and District Social Club*
- e) Rhoose Community Hall;*
- f) Celtic Park Community Centre*
- g) Rhoose Flying Club*
- h) Rhoose Lifeguards club*
- i) Fontygary Holiday and Leisure Park and Swimming Pool”*

The Council also secured smaller pots in the ward for public open space, equalling a total of c. £20k, which includes:

- £8,164.28 from the site to rear of Tesco Store, Mariners Way, Rhoose (received, expires 31/08/2021)
- £2,552.00 from Plot 1, 90, Fontygary Road, Rhoose (received, expires 4/10/2021)
- £2,552.00 from Plot 2, 90, Fontygary Road, Rhoose (received, expires 21/07/2022)
- £6,840 from plots 3-5, 90, Fontygary Road, Rhoose (due imminently)

These contributions are defined as:

“payable to the Council to provide or enhance Public Open Spaces in the vicinity of the site”

Public Open Space is defined as:

“Land laid out as public garden or used for the purpose of public recreation, or open space of public value including land or areas of water which offer opportunities for sport, recreation and tourism and children’s playgrounds.”

Whilst these smaller public open space pots were not directly consulted upon as part of this consultation, they will also be considered when reviewing the results from the consultation.

[1] Minus £187.00 to cover the consultation expenses, equalling £86,689

2. Methodology

The consultation ran from 18 September until 6 November 2017. The consultation was primarily based on a survey, which sought to ascertain the community's future aspirations for community facilities within the ward. The survey was promoted via the Council's website, social media channels, a leaflet drop, and posters around the village.

Residents were also invited to attend two drop-in sessions:

- Friday 6 October from 6 – 8:30pm, Celtic Way Community Centre
- Thursday 2 November, 12 – 3pm, Family Fun Day at Celtic Way Community Centre

The two drop-in sessions were promoted via posters, leaflets and social media posts.

At each of the drop-in sessions there were activities for both children and adults to participate in, such as voting with monopoly money in Perspex boxes and using sticky notes to physically map out ideas. The drop-in sessions also provided the community with the opportunity discuss any ideas in further detail with Council officers and Local Ward Members.

3. Responses to the Survey

There were 153 responses to the survey in total.

3.1 Profile of Respondents

147 of the 153 respondents, 97%, are local residents, 2 respondents represent a local business and 3 were representatives of members of the community.

32% of respondents identified themselves as male and 68% female.

When asked about their age 2% of respondents are aged under 18, 7% are aged 18-24, 18% are 15-34, 44% are aged 35-54, 27% are 55 – 77 and 1% are 75 or over.

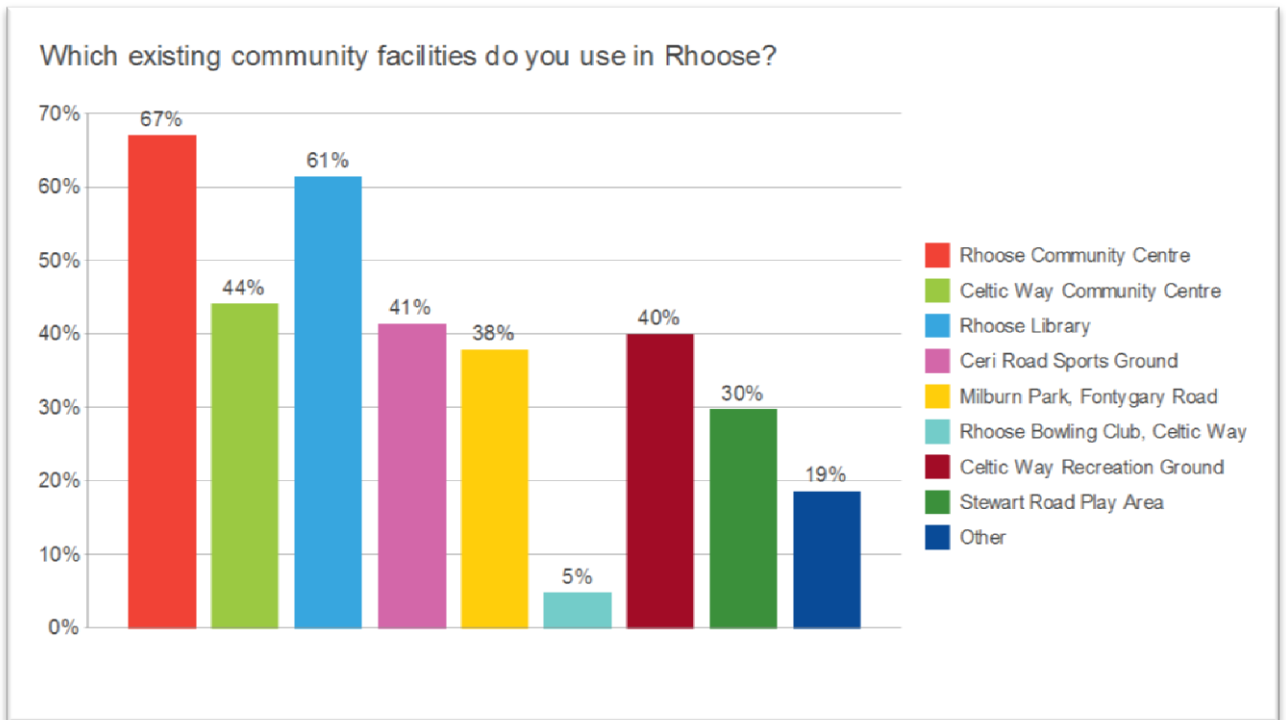
6% of respondents stated that their day to day activities are limited a lot because of a disability, 9% are limited a little and 80% are not limited. 5% of respondents chose not to disclose this information.

3.2 Review of Existing Facilities

The survey required respondents to reflect upon existing community facilities in the ward.

The first question in the survey asked respondents which existing community facilities they use in Rhoose. The chart below shows the response.

Figure 1: Use of Existing Community Facilities



The most used facilities are Rhoose Community Centre and Rhoose Library. Respondents were also asked if there are facilities that they use which are not listed, responses include:

- Other green and public spaces in Rhoose x 4
- St. Peter's Church x 2
- Brownies and Beavers x 2
- Scout hut x 3
- Rhoose Point play areas x 4

Respondents were then asked to rate the facilities that they currently use (1 being the lowest rating and 5 being the highest rating). The table below shows the response.

Table 1: Rating of Existing Community Facilities

| Community Facility | Percentage (%) ranking the facility 3* or above |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Rhoose Library | 85% |
| Rhoose Community Centre | 80% |
| Celtic Way Community Centre | 79% |
| Milburn Park | 76% |
| Rhoose Bowling Club | 72% |
| Ceri Road Sports Ground | 56% |
| Stewart Road Play Area | 53% |

Rhoose Library and Rhoose Community Centre were ranked the highest rated facilities, with 80% or more of the responses ranking the facilities 3* or above. Stewart Road and Ceri Road Sports Ground were ranked the lowest.

3.3 Short Term Aspirations

The next question asked respondents to consider the short term priorities for Rhoose, and to rank a series of projects in order of priority for the first instalment of funding in Rhoose, on a scale of 1 to 7 (1 being highest priority, 7 lowest priority).

Table 2: Short term prioritises

| Project | Ranking Of Short Term Priorities (1* being highest priority, 7* lowest priority) | | | | | | | Percentage of respondents ranking priority 4* or more |
|---|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|
| | 1* | 2* | 3* | 4* | 5* | 6* | 7* | |
| Upgrade a local park | 46.3% | 12.5% | 12.5% | 8.8% | 5.9% | 5.1% | 8.8% | 80.1% |
| Purchase equipment and undertake minor improvements to the library facility | 15.4% | 16.2% | 20% | 14.6% | 8.5% | 13.1% | 12.3% | 66.2% |
| Purchase Community Cinema Equipment | 11% | 8.7% | 13.4% | 19.7% | 9.4% | 15.7% | 22% | 52.8% |
| Provide a Community Grant Scheme | 23.5% | 20.5% | 12.1% | 12.9% | 7.6% | 9.1% | 14.4% | 69% |
| Upgrade Skate Park at Ceri Road | 20.6% | 7.6% | 17.6% | 15.3% | 12.2% | 11.5% | 15.3% | 61.1% |
| Improve the appearance of Public Open Spaces | 21.4% | 19.3% | 13.6% | 14.3% | 11.4% | 10% | 10% | 68.6% |
| Upgrade Celtic Way Tennis Courts | 3.8% | 8.4% | 12.2% | 20.6% | 17.6% | 16.8% | 20.6% | 55% |

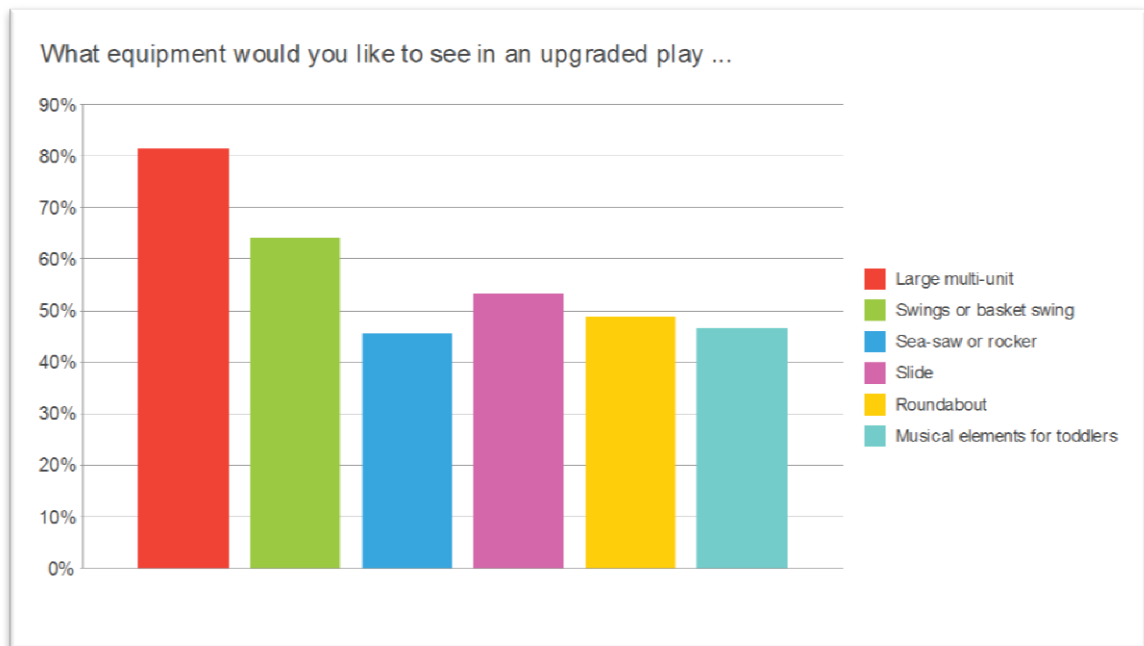
Based upon the above, the highest ranking categories (4* or more) can be ordered as follows:

- 1) Upgrade a local park
- 2) Provide a Community Grant Scheme
- 3) Improve the appearance of public open spaces
- 4) Purchase equipment and undertake minor improvements to the library
- 5) Upgrade Skate Park at Ceri Road
- 6) Upgrade Celtic Way Tennis Courts
- 7) Purchase Cinema Equipment

For respondents who highly ranked “Upgrade a local park” or “Improve the appearance of Public Open Spaces”, the respondent was then asked which park should be given first priority for enhancements. 41% of respondents chose Celtic Way Recreation Ground, 38% of respondents chose Ceri Road Sports and Recreation Ground, 15% chose Steward Road Play Area and 6% chose Milburn Park.

These respondents were also asked what equipment they would like to see in an upgraded play area. They were asked to select all of the options that applied, the chart below shows their response.

Figure 2: Park Equipment Preferences



A large multi-unit was the most popular option with 82% of respondents favouring this.

For respondents who highly prioritised making minor improvements to the library, they were then asked how often they visit the Library and what improvements they would suggest.

8% of respondents visit up to five times per week, 26% visit once per week, 14% visit once every 2 – 3 weeks, 15% visit once per month, 26% visit 2 – 3 times per year and 12% never visit the library.

There were a variety of suggestions to improve the library, including:

- A better selection of books and talking books;
- More classes and new activities to attract people;
- Improve the appearance of the library internally;
- To extend the library;
- Better opening hours on a Saturday and to include an evening; and
- Tea/coffee facilities.

A full list of suggestions can be located in Appendix A.

Of the 71 respondents who prioritised funding for a community group, 36 (51%) are a member of a group, and 35 (49%) aren't.

When asked which group they were representing respondents mentioned:

- Scouts;
- Homework club;
- Cinema group; and
- Sports clubs (football and karate).

As part of this question, respondents were asked open-endedly to list any "other" facilities which should be prioritised. The suggestions which would be eligible in accordance with the Section 106 funding have been summarised below:

- Scouts– several respondents suggested giving money to this group for physical improvements to the scout hut and monies to expand the group;
- Additional public open space and recreational improvements – there were multiple suggestions relating to parks within the Rhoose Ward, and the need to upgrade equipment;
- Cinema
- Youth shelters at multiple locations throughout Rhoose
- A community hub at St. Peter's Church
- A splash pad

A full list of comments is located in Appendix B.

A number of suggestions made related to transport improvements and school enhancements, and these matters have been raised separately with the Highways and Education departments.

3.4 Long Term Aspirations

Finally, respondents were asked what their long term priorities would be for the funding. The respondents were given a series of projects, and asked to prioritise them in order (1 being highest priority, 5 being lowest priority).

Table 3: Long Term Priorities

| Project | Ranking Of Long Term Priorities (1* being highest priority, 5* lowest priority) | | | | | |
|--|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|
| | 1* | 2* | 3* | 4* | 5* | Percentage of respondents ranking priority 3* or more |
| Invest in a longer term park improvement scheme, which would aim to upgrade a number of children's play areas in Rhoose | 46.3% | 20.1% | 20.1% | 7.5% | 6.0% | 86.5% |
| To consider a more strategic improvement to the Community Library | 17.7% | 14.6% | 30.8% | 20.0% | 16.9% | 63.1% |
| Purchase community cinema equipment | 10.6% | 9.8% | 26.8% | 18.7% | 34.1% | 47.2% |
| To establish a community hub, which could see Stewart Rd Community Hall developed and improved to include a dedicated area for the community library | 27.8% | 21.1% | 18.8% | 12.0% | 20.3% | 67.7% |
| Provide a community grant scheme | 27.8% | 23.3% | 18.8% | 12.0% | 18.0% | 69.9% |

Based upon the above, the highest ranking categories (3* or more) can be ordered as follows:

- 1) Invest in a longer term park improvement scheme, which would aim to upgrade a number of children's play areas in Rhoose
- 2) Provide a community grant scheme
- 3) To establish a community hub, which could see Stewart Rd Community Hall developed and improved to include a dedicated area for the community library
- 4) To consider a more strategic improvement to the Community Library
- 5) Purchase community cinema equipment

Respondents were also asked open-endedly what “other” long term aspirations they may have. As with the previous open ended question, there was a variety of suggestions for other long term investments including:

- Scout hall renovation;
- More facilities in the village for young people;
- More facilities for older people; and
- Improvements to footpaths.

A full list of responses can be found in Appendix C.

3.5 Final Comments

Respondents were asked if they had any final comments or suggestions to make. 25 respondents added additional comments. A summary list of additional eligible suggestions has been set out below:

- More facilities for children and young adults;
- Improvements to parks, particularly Ceri Road;
- Smeaton Park improvements;
- Community grant scheme;
- Community hub;
- More activities for pensioners;
- Lollipop Lane Playgroup
- Disabled facilities

A number of comments were raised which were not relevant to this particular consultation, but have been relayed to the relevant departments.

4. Responses at Consultation Events

As set out under Section 2, residents were also invited to attend two drop-in sessions:

- Friday 6 October from 6 – 8:30pm, Celtic Way Community Centre
- Thursday 2 November, 12 – 3pm, Family Fun Day at Celtic Way Community Centre

4.1 Drop-in Session on Friday 6th October 2017

The first event was attended by 31 people, 22 adults and 9 children. Of those, 16 were male and 15 female.

There were two activities to capture attendees views as well as hard copies of the survey.

The first activity involved providing attendees with £1,000 of monopoly money to ‘spend’ in Perspex boxes. This allowed attendees to ‘vote’ for each project. The results were:

| Scheme | Number of £100 notes |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Local park improvements | 132 |
| Community hub | 63 |
| Community Grant Scheme | 30 |
| Community cinema | 27 |
| Improvements to the library | 21 |
| Other (community café and hub were suggested) | 36 |

The highest ranking suggestion was “Local Park Improvements”, followed by the suggestion for a “Community Hub”.

The second activity invited attendees to use sticky notes to make suggestions on two maps; the first map was to set out short term aspirations for the ward and the second map was to set out long term aspirations for the ward. The ideas presented were:

Short term

- Benches along the coast at Rhoose Point
- Close library and incorporate it into Stewart Road Community Centre, creating a hub
- Football pitch on land to the south of the railway station adjacent to Heol Y Pentir
- Extend skate park
- Create a community garden along grass verges for fruit/veg
- Football club house improvements
- Picnic area at woods to side of Celtic Way
- Improved tennis court facilities

Long term

- Mountain bike trail / hire mountain bikes (similar to Boris Bikes)
- Improve footpaths along coast with signage and information boards
- Convert community centre at Stewart Road into a youth facility, including homework club
- Indoor sports facility
- 3g field football pitch x 3
- Bigger skate park x 4
- Need a place for older residents in the village to meet; the village isn't just for children
- Water park
- A safari park
- Revamp play areas
- Combine the 2 community centres into 1 large purpose built facility with sports facilities and meeting rooms
- St. Peter's Church Community Hub

4.2 Drop-in Session on Thursday 2nd November 2017

The second event was attended by 24 people, 13 adults and 11 children. Of these, 10 were male and 14 female.

As with the first event, attendees were invited to vote using the money boxes. Based upon the feedback from the previous event, this time there was an option to include "upgrade the skate park". The results from the money boxes were:

| Scheme | Number of £100 notes |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Local park improvements | 16 |
| Upgrade skate park | 31 |
| Community hub | 8 |
| Improvements to the library | 7 |

The highest ranking suggestion was "Upgrade skate park", followed by "Local park improvements".

Similarly the sticky note and mapping exercise was also undertaken, with the following ideas suggested:

Short term:

- Community grant scheme, so that groups such as the Homework Club and Lollipop Lane Playground could access funding for children
- Ceri Road – play area for mix of ages
- Benches along coastal path and around Rhoose Point
- Youth Shelters
- Invest in the library

Long term:

- Ceri Road Skate Park
- A facility for children aged 14-18 to use e.g. Multi-use games area or skate/scoot/bike park
- Invest in the library so that it becomes a more sustainable and viable model – perhaps incorporate it into another facility so that it allows it to expand

5. Additional Requests

In addition to the survey and drop-in session, residents could write in. The Council received two additional representations from Rhoose Community Library and St. Peter's Church. In addition, the Council has received a Strong Communities Grant Fund application for Rhoose Community Cinema.

5.1 St. Peter's Church

Reverend Melanie Prince from the Parish of Porthkerry and Rhoose Church would like the Council to consider the Community Café project which the Parish are pursuing at St. Peter's Church as part of this consultation. The Rev'd has advised that the project seeks to provide a community hub and safe drop in meeting place for adults with small children, teenagers and older adults, as well as facilities for Job Clubs, counselling, dementia cafe etc.

The Reverend has advised that the Church has undertaken consultation within the community, which revealed that there is a need for a safe meeting place for different age groups as well as a place to access services.

The Reverend has advised that the proposal is to extend the church in order to enlarge the kitchen and add meeting rooms; upgrade the kitchen facilities to commercial standards; and purchase computer equipment to enable access to online services for the community. They will also need to upgrade our toilet facilities to meet current standards.

The Reverend has advised that the total project cost is £150,000; the Reverend has applied for match-funding for the project through the Welsh Government's Rural Development Programme (Rural Community Development Fund – RCDF).

5.2 Rhoose Community Library

The Council received a representation from Mr. Jeff James, the Chair of Rhoose Community Library, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to express their interest in using Section 106 funds to match-fund the proposed extension of the current building to create a community hub.

The Chair advised that following extensive consultation facilitated by and in partnership with Creative Rural Community and using their Community Toolkit, they found

overwhelming support of the people engaged wanted improved community services such as adult education, craft classes and IT training etc.

The Chair advised that the Community Library propose an extension which will create a multi-functional room in addition to the library and capable of supporting training, reading, book clubs and craft sessions for all ages. The Community Library advised that they wish to work closely with the Vale of Glamorgan Council to support community engagement and enhancement of life chances of the people of our area.

Part of the new extension, which can be accommodated on land within the Community Library's leased area, will provide a small office to provide Rhoose Community Library with its only administrative space.

The Community Library intend on applying for the next round of funds through Creative Rural Community and have advised that they will need the support of Section 106 funding to make the bid viable.

5.3 Rhoose Community Cinema

The Council received an application for the Strong Communities Grant Fund from Rhoose Community Cinema, in order to purchase cinema equipment and blackout blinds. The proposal was presented to the first panel on Wednesday 25th October 2017, based upon the cost of £7,498.18. Since this meeting, Rhoose Community Cinema has advised that the cost for the equipment has increased, and is now **£11,975**.

The Strong Communities Fund panel are supportive of the proposal for the Community Cinema, and given the consultation on-going in Rhoose, recommended that this is a scheme which is considered for the Section 106 monies available within the ward at our meeting in mid-November following the consultation, rather than the Strong Communities Grant Fund at this time.

Rhoose Community Cinema currently book and then borrow the Vale of Glamorgan Council's community cinema equipment. Rhoose Community Cinema screens a movie every month in the community hall at Stewart Rd, Rhoose.

At present, Rhoose Community Cinema only show screenings at the weekend due to the logistics of collection and set up. Rhoose Community Cinema have advised that if the equipment was already on site, the group would be able to offer screening during the weekdays as well which would widen their target audience.

Rhoose Community Cinema has advised that if they could purchase their own equipment, they could install the screen at the community hall so it could simply be lowered electronically prior to each screening.

Rhoose Community Cinema is keen to establish an annual Film Festival in Rhoose featuring locally made films and documentaries to engage with all ages.

6. Conclusions and Recommendations

In conclusion, based upon the feedback from the consultation, it is evident that there are a high number of aspirational projects within the community for the Section 106 Community Facilities Contributions.

It is unlikely that the funding will cover all of the suggested projects, but a number of key projects have been identified as prioritised below for the short and long term based upon the consultation feedback.

It is recommended that a number of suggestions which relate to improvements to the Public Right of Ways, for example, benches along the coastal path; improvements to the coastal path and improved signage, are recommended to the Highways Department and Public Rights of Way Officer, for consideration of the Section 106 Sustainable Transport monies received from the developments.

Short term:

The Council currently has a total of £99,957.28 available in Rhoose for Public Open Space and Community Facilities, with an additional £8,226 due imminently, equalling a total of **£108,183**, as set out below:

- £86,689 – Community Facilities - from land south of the railway line (received, expires 30/07/2020)
- £8,164.28 – Public Open Space - from the site to rear of Tesco Store, Mariners Way, Rhoose (received, expires 31/08/2021)
- £2,552.00 – Public Open Space - from Plot 1, 90, Fontygary Road, Rhoose (received, expires 4/10/2021)
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- £8,226 – Public Open Space - from plots 3-5, 90, Fontygary Road, Rhoose (due imminently)

Based upon the consultation responses, in the short term it is suggested that the above contributions are spent upon the following schemes:

- Upgrading the play facilities at either Ceri Road or Celtic Way;
- Rhoose Community Cinema;
- A Community Grant Scheme, allowing different groups such as the Library, Scouts, Homework Club, the Church and play school etc. to access funding for small projects; and
- Upgrading the skate park at Ceri Road, or tennis courts at Celtic Way.

Long term

The Council is due to receive £343,009 from land north-west of the railway line (expected 2019, upon completion of 150th dwelling).

In the long term, based upon this consultation, the key priorities for the village are:

- A community hub and location for all ages to meet and long term consideration for the library; - this was considered to be the most important project.
- Investment into a number of parks in Rhoose;

- A new strategic play facility for children and young adults to use
- A community grant scheme

It is recognised that not all of these ideas will be feasible with the money available.

Having had initial conversations with the Landscape Architect, the following costs have been initially suggested so that Members can consider the budget:

- A new play area can cost between £50-70k
- A 382m² sports hall with 1 court measuring 18m x 10m is likely to cost in region of £720k

Maintenance of any final proposal needs to be considered when determining a scheme(s) for this contribution. Once Members have refined what their preferred ideas are, discussions will need to be had with the Operational Manager for Leisure, David Knevet.

Match-funding may be necessary, and therefore it is recommended that a decision is made early, in order to start pursuing any match-funding opportunities.

It is noted that whilst a large percentage of residents have expressed an interest in a multi-functional community hub, this will need the cooperation of external parties and constitutions. It is recommended that if this is an idea Members wish to pursue, a meeting with the key stakeholders will need to be undertaken.

7. Final Decisions for Spend

Based upon the consultation responses and a recent meeting and consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning, and Local Ward Members for Rhoose in accordance with the Section 106 Protocol for Implementation, in the short term it was determined that the above contributions are spent upon the following schemes:

1. Upgrading the play facilities at Ceri Road (**£70,000**);
2. Rhoose Community Cinema (**£10,974**) - via the Strong Communities Fund procedures;
3. A Community Grant Scheme (**£10,000**) allowing different groups such as the Library, Scouts, Homework Club, the Church and play school etc. to access funding for small projects – to be implemented via the Strong Communities Fund procedure;
4. Improvements to tennis courts at Celtic Way including resurfacing works, new posts and nets, installation of basketball nets and improvements to fences and gates. (remaining amount **c. £17k**) (once final instalment received from plots 3-5, 90, Fontygary Road, Rhoose)

In the long term, it was determined that this funding provides an opportunity to consider the concept of a 'multi-purpose community hub', and how this could benefit the future of Rhoose Community Library. Further consultation with the relevant Council departments and Rhoose Community Library will need to be undertaken to consider the extent of this project. There may be the opportunity to apply for match-funding from other sources, such as Welsh Government's Rural Communities Development Fund, which would then potentially allow for section 106 funding to be released for other projects. Further

discussions and consultation will need to be undertaken on this. An addendum to this report will be uploaded once the Council has received the long term instalment, and the allocation of the funds has been determined.

Appendix A: Suggested Library Improvements

- *More activities for older primary aged children. Computer club?*
- *Monies could be spent on better stock of books.*
- *Provide a paid librarian*
- *Improved facilities and greater range of media*
- *Activities for younger children e.g. Story time*
- *Longer opening hours to make it available to working people*
- *Building extension to provide adult education facilities.*
- *Improve kerb appeal. Offer a wider choice of reading material and display/ provide more local information.*
- *Security of tenure - free/ reduced rent to enable them to establish themselves properly as a community faculty.*
- *Folding chair and tables so space could be hired out*
- *Greater book stock available on site.*
- *Longer opening on a Saturday*
- *More better opening times*
- *Better book selection. Activities to attract younger people and parents. Make the exterior and interior more attractive, appearance is a massive thing.*
- *Open longer on Saturday*
- *Maybe opening hours to include an evening.*
- *Extension to make it bigger*
- *More social events/activities for children to encourage people to visit*
- *Citizens Advice*
- *I wouldn't change anything at the moment, but I wouldn't want to lose it.*
- *More classes and activities Classes e.g. language learning, PC courses etc.*
- *More clubs/sessions for children*
- *Extension for a computer room*
- *Better opening times*
- *More books, computers. Activities for teenagers. Reading challenges. Career advice. Wider variety of resources for people with dyslexic & LD*
- *larger building with more facilities for the community in general. More books aswell. Maybe a cafe.*
- *Improve the decor - make it brighter with modern, comfortable seating.*
- *Should not be community run as there is not enough funding available to buy more books and extend facilities.*
- *I regularly take me daughter to Rhyme and Sign and Story time at Barry Library, if this was provided at Rhoose I would use the library more often.*
- *More and recent book stock. Improvement by creating more space eg extension to the back and side of the premises. This would allow more library centred activities. Provide the library with basic running costs for electricity, repairs, water rates etc as the running of the library is provided freely by volunteers who work continuously to ensure the service continues in a reliable and quality -driven way.*
- *More training and support for the volunteers. Improvement to opening hours.*
- *More activities tea/ coffee facilities*
- *More talking books*
- *Lessons in lots of different things, get together.*

Appendix B: Suggestions for “Other” short term aspirations

- *As mentioned the 'other' existing green spaces are used regularly by walkers, dog walkers, cyclist, runners etc. These spaces are ever decreasing (by complete over development of housing) and forgotten about.*
- *Provide car parking facilities in the village*
- *The skate park at Ceri Road has been long outdated and due to its out of date design and use of material is also providing a miserable appearance to the grounds a well thought out and safer plaza style park would be ideal for this area of Rhoose due to its confinement also, take Cardiff Barage plaza as an example this is the perfect concept to situate in Rhoose, and also a skatepark is not only a skatepark it could be even considered an alternative to childcare for the mid teens who cannot be accepted into local after school clubs etc.*
- *Multi sports equipment Ceri Rd*
- *Court Farm estate play area behind Kenson Close. Equipment is old and poorly maintained and in need of upgrading.*
- *Soft play and cafe facilities for children and parents.*
- *Create an all age encompassing shared use park maybe using an existing space and ensure there are covered areas (allowing all season useage), have children's park equipment-Kompan etc, fitness park equipment and maybe an area for more teenager orientated activities -skate park area, basket ball etc. Consider rolling S-06 monies together to create something great please!*
- *Pavement on road between Fonmon Cross and East Aberthaw*
- *Improvements to local primary school due to expected increase in pupils from new developments*
- *The scout hut has not changed in 40 years and struggles to accommodate and facilitate the quantity of youths that use it to gain valuable life skills and experience (and have fun)*
- *Provide a grant to the local scout group to give you some people a better opportunity.*
- *I think the funding should be used to improve the scouting hut, it would benefit alot of Rhoose's children. It could even be upgraded to accommodate more of the children and give them a fantastic opportunity to learn, have fun and make new friends.*
- *Smeaton Road park is 30 years old, has not been upgraded apart from a paint, has no bin so youth smash bottles underneath so my kids can't play there. Asked for a bin to be told council can't afford it!*
- *Wheaton Close park (bottom of Cheri Road) the park is rusty & dangerous to the children - fed up of Rhoose point getting everything*
- *install CCTV outside the school, to protect children from dangerous parking/driving/perverts.*
- *New sports facilities - football pitches*
- *Compound behind Kenson Close has been the same for 25years with hardly and improvement. There are lots of young families living in the streets surrounding this area that would love the opportunity to enjoy this space again*
- *Improve outdated park equipment in Celtic Way to make it accessible for all children*
- *The tennis courts need an upgrade as they are no where near the quality standard say of those in Penarth.*

- *Add fishing pegs to the lakes down Rhoose point. And allow fishing again*
- *Fonmon Park road lovely green area but would greatly benefit with kids play equipment for ages 8+. New improvement to Stewart road park very small not equipped for older children. Parks in Rhoose are all equipped for younger child and nothing for 8+. I know H&S is important but we need to allow our kids to play with equipment suited to their age group, more needed for 8+.*
- *Scout hut facility upgraded*
- *Massively upgrade the park in Matthew Road. The people of Fonmon Road and all the estates of are the forgotten people of Rhoose. Whilst the 'village' area gets all of the attention, we are left out to pasture. Very unfair.*
- *A Splash Pad would be great for our children.*
- *More information for upgrade a local park - Smeaton Close Play Area is awful and full of rust. This needs to be looked at urgently.*
- *Provide astro turf all weather facility at Celtic Way open space and upgrade childrens play area*
- *Play area at Fonmon Park Road estate*
- *Cycle path through the village*
- *Splash pad / water park*
- *Multi sports area*
- *Cinema in Barry*
- *I want a cinema in Barry like a lot of my freinds*
- *The above options don't really cater to the 20 - 30 age range. Clubs and social areas are required. Increase network link and digital infrastructure. Outdoor locations that aren't just parks for children. The park in front of the lakes could be improved dramatically for biodiversity and walk paths to take it all in.*
- *More sports facilities for everyone in the Village. The fontygary charge a lot of money, not everyone can afford.*
- *Upgrade streetscape from spar corner to Stewart Rd play area with addition of trees (in vandal proof frames) and metal seating. Note, the paved and tarmac area outside the front of the Spar shop is awful; a real eyesore and a hazard to pedestrians.*
- *1st Penmark Scout Hall. The building needs updating and extending to increase capacity, opening up Scouting to more young people in the area; there is a waiting list.*
- *Another space for youths to congregate, drink alcohol, take drugs. I'd rather see investment in a village police person.*
- *Community hub at St Peters Church*
- *Upgrade the building and facilities that are used by the 1st Porthkerry and Penmark scout group. This group is a fundamental part of the Rhoose community supporting local children to learn lots of new skills.*
- *PenKerry Scout Hut- Is used by many organisations - for children of all ages . We all particulary find these young people helpful at Christmas when they give there time freely to sort and deliver our christmas cards. November Memorial march and service is always well supported by these young people. It seems to be the one place where it is used all year -and for the benefits of the youth of both Rhoose and Penmark .*
- *Provide youth shelters at selected spots around Rhoose and Rhoose Point. This type of provision is subject to periodic evaluation through police resources and*

academic study and as such have a demonstrable and positive impact on young people, and their communities.

- *I would like to see some money spent on East Aberthaw park as East Aberthaw has been impacted by development in Rhoose as the volume of traffic is much greater and a lot is exceeding speed limit and even observing speed limit of 30 is unsafe in Aberthaw as Station Terrace has no pavement. I realise that the park only caters for small numbers of children but something for older children would be nice. Given usage is low I don't know why cheaper equipment cannot be installed as Council equipment costs a fortune. In a park at Talbot Green they just have sunk tyres into the ground and children get a lot of enjoyment from balancing on these - play equipment does not need to cost a fortune especially in small rural communities. I would also like to see something for older people - for example in Pontyclun they have Cafe 50 (<http://www.pontyclun.net/cafe50>) something like this would be really good. Adult outside gym equipment, a petanque court. I would also like to see speed limit of 20 mph through out Rhoose, Fonmon and East Aberthaw. Yes people will still exceed this as not policed but it will lower the overall traffic speed and those that do exceed will be doing so by a lesser amount. This will improve the quality of life for all as less pollution, less noise and will encourage more people to cycle and also safer for children and so increase levels of activity and less likely to get obese. I would also like to see the road around the airport from roundabout by travel lodge to the roundabout that joins B4265 by BA maintenance place upgraded and promoted this will reduce the amount of traffic from the east end of Rhoose (Rhoose point and Porthkerry road) that is heading west coming through the village and actually using the Rhoose bypass - it is a quicker route unless of course you exceed speed limit. I also think that more should be made of the lane that runs from Nurston out towards the B4265 such that the road past Fonmon pond to where this lane meets it is one way with this lane being one way in the other direction again this will reduce traffic through the village as lots of people do not use this route as it is narrow and instead drive through the village or via Aberthaw . Making more routes out of the village will reduce the load on the existing routes and spread the load and out a bit and make the village and school safer and feel less like a drive through.*
- *Children are our future, new build homes bringing families in to the area. Let's update facilities and provide places for youngsters & families*

Appendix C: "Other" Long Term Aspirations

- *Protection and upkeep of the walking spaces/areas in Rhoose.*
- *Secondary instalments towards the skate park could push towards a more educational concept in extreme sports, therefore another example would be Hereford skatepark where they offer teaching and trained first aiders to be on site during the Saturday and Sunday(busiest skatepark period) not only to teach extreme sports methods and techniques but to also guide younger generations into ideas like skatepark etiquette and how to act in a public space, providing an on site conscience store also for locals to enjoy a soft drink or grab some lunch would be terrific due to the nearest conscience store being around 15 minutes*

away, this would also eliminate the younger children having to leave the skatepark which is obviously safer for them.

- *Soft play facilities*
- *Perhaps an extension to the all age all community embracing park area could be a community cafe requiring log cabin type area*
- *As the population of Rhoose now exceeds Cowbridge one has to ask the question as to where the leisure centre with gym, sports hall and swimming pool is. There is absolutely nothing for the younger community of Rhoose. Which is why there is anti social behaviour.*
- *Improvements to the school for increased capacity*
- *Scout hut extension*
- *To benefit the children more with long term investment to the Scouting community.*
- *installation of a fence on the pavement facing the school, to prevent pavement parking and protect children.*
- *Tennis courts to be upgraded as they are awful and we LOVE playing tennis ☐*
- *Fishing at Rhoose point*
- *The scout hall is well used by both children & teenagers providing a much needed safe place for play, socialising & learning. It is dilapidated however & in need of enlargement & improvement.*
- *Scouts*
- *Splash Pad?*
- *Update park off adenfeild way rhoose*
- *Something suitable for most residents young and old. Crazy golf?*
- *Safe cycling paths for children going to school and elsewhere around Rhoose*
- *As we live at the other end of the villiage. It would be a shame to think of a park right over the other side when we wouldn't benefit on our side as well*
- *Splash pad /water park*
- *Cinema in Barry*
- *Much work is needed on the green space by the cliffs. Art installations are getting damaged, animals are living with litter, and there is no bins, maintenance or seating areas. Plenty of social opportunities such as an event to view night time sky's during a lunar eclipse for example.*
- *More facilities for teenagers and more sports facilities.*
- *Plant more trees.*
- *1st Penmark Scout Hall. The building needs updating and extending to increase capacity, opening up Scouting to more young people in the area; there is a waiting list.*
- *An all weather pitch and lighting at Ceri Road football/cricket ground and an upgrade of the changing rooms to cater for both sexes. The area is open on two sides and already blighted by the airport so the visual intrusion and noise from activities would be minimal.*
- *Rhoose needs more facilities, more shops and cafe's etc..*
- *1st Penmark and Porthkerry Scout group. Money to support future plans and expansion of existing equipment and facilities.*
- *There should be more in the village for older people like cafe 50 in Pontyclun. More of us will be living longer and I think it is vital that there are places where old people who may not see anyone can get to so they can socialise. I would also like to see Rhoose more cyclist friendly - not so easy because of number of*

cars parked on the road . Given the number of people who drive to Tesco's (judging by the cars parked on the road as people do not use car park as too hazardous) maybe Tesco's can be relocated elsewhere as I think this has made the village a lot more dangerous for cyclists or put yellow lines along Fontygary road near to Tesco's then people will be forced to use Tesco's car park. I think the land where the Spar is should be bought by Council and turned into a car park to encourage more people to use local shops.

Appendix D: Final Comments

- *Still furious about all the housing that has been built in Rhoose - no thought or care about the local people that have to live here. We DO NOT want ANY more housing!*
- *Rhoose suffers from a lack of investment in facilities with the population expansion with all the new housing there is no inward investment. The facilities for youngsters are non-existent and facilities for the older generation are also non-existent. Local councillors seem to ignore the population of Rhoose, they need to concentrate on their constituents and not in the rest of the VOG. Let's have some worthwhile investment in the community.*
- *Ceri road park is very well used by children and young adults of all ages, unfortunately the park play equipment is only for pre-school age nothing for the over 4-year-olds. We deserve the same standard and variation of play equipment for all children of all ages the same facilities as the refurbished parks in Barry and Penarth, it would also be a huge benefit to the adult population of Rhoose to also have installed some outdoor gym equipment which would be free for everyone to use.*
- *The village needs better pavements, shops, more bins, flowers Everything looks old and run down.*
- *It would be great to see more opportunities for the local children and giving them somewhere safe to learn, play and have fun, while learning new ways to cope in every day life. Scouts provide this opportunity, they definitely deserve some funding.*
- *Disgraceful that Smeaton Close park has not been mentioned on the survey, guessing from the lack of attention it has received council have forgotten it exists.*
- *I think local children would benefit from a 3G pitch for football and also installing rugby posts*
- *It would be nice to have some changing rooms/facilities for sports at either the Rec or Celtic Way fields. In addition the village is crying out for some floodlit facilities for sports too, 3g, astro turf? even just concrete lit sports facility for the clubs to use.*
- *Allow fishing at Rhoose point.*
- *We need more businesses less houses*
- *You will never please everyone.*

- *I think that local council should look into spending some money on reinstating the fishing at Rhoose lakes this could be a valuable asset for them which they are missing out on*
- *A Cinema in Barry was planned but has still not come to fruition, Barry is getting bigger and needs more social facilities for the Town and rural communities.*
- *I think the community hub is a good idea but i feel the library needs to be a larger part of it. I could see it becoming a set of shelves otherwise which would see it's demise. The concept needs careful consideration and much investment.*
- *Provision of better children's play area north of the main road. Adoption of the unauthorised footpath along the south side the railway from the level crossing to Fontygary Leisure Park which should also be tarmaced so as to provide safe cycle and disabled access. This would also fill the "missing link" in the coastal path which is currently diverted along the main road through the village.*
- *I am appalled at the suggestion that the provision of a library service in the village should be reduced to a corner of a revamped community hall!!!! There is barely enough space in the existing building and for the suggestion to have been made, indicates the little value and appreciation you have of the service which is so respected by the community as a whole.*
- *The whole of Rhoose village needs smartening up - has a scruffy look by all the shops and doesn't present a welcoming image. The pavements need resurfacing as does the section of road outside the school. More trees/planters along the area where the shops are would improve the look of the area.*
- *Community grant scheme, centenary WWI & community hub so people can get together somewhere other than the pub*
- *Grants need to be available to all groups not just one or two*
- *More structure to the day for pensioners. More groups I can attend as I grow older. Council run groups such as pilates. Bus services/ public transport. Children aged 8 - 14 yrs neglected, older apparatus needed. Cameras to solve antisocial behaviour problems.*
- *Need new facilities - ramps for bikes/skate boards/scooters/juniors/young adults. Football - all weather pitch. Dog walking path improvements down at Rhoose point.*
- *Splash park*
- *You have not mentioned disabled facilities. There should be a central fund so most community facilities are free i.e. mother and baby groups. The town is run by over 70s so the youth do not have a look in, this is the problem with Rhoose.*
- *I was told that you are thinking of moving the library. I don't know if this is true but I think it is a waste of money to build a new library when there is one in the centre of the village already. I find this a massive waste of money. I work with 2 - 4 year old children in lollipop lane playgroup. I would love to be able to get some funding as a playgroup for new equipment and resoures for our playgroup. Help please!!*