**Marshfield Community Council**

**Leisure Survey Review and Recommendations**

Based on Results of Leisure Survey Conducted

between

27th September 2012 and 26th October 2012.

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# Introduction

Marshfield Community Council (MCC) have funding available to enhance and develop the leisure facilities of Marshfield and Castleton. The funds have been provided by developers via Section 106 payments as a result of housing development within the villages.

A leisure committee was formed at the AGM in March 2012 and it was agreed that before any proposals could be developed the residents of both Marshfield and Castleton must be given the opportunity to express their views on this matter. There was evidence that the former Community Council had undertaken some initial work on a future leisure facility but the new Council, elected in March 2012, were unable to ascertain whether any public consultation had taken place.

It was therefore agreed to conduct a public consultation to elicit these views. The public consultation comprised a public meeting held 27th September 2012 at the Castleton Baptist Church followed by a survey (online and hard copy) which closed 26th October 2012. The online survey was publicised on the MCC website, Marshfield Mail whilst hard copies of the survey were included with the October edition of the Marshfield Mail and left in locations around the villages including St Mary’s Church, Total Petrol Filling Station, Marshfield Post Office, Marshfield Village Hall and The Masons Public House. In addition, the hard copy survey identified the option to complete the online survey.

# Survey Questions

The questions were designed to gain an insight into the demographics of the respondents and what facilities they already used both in Marshfield/Castleton and outside the villages. It then sought ideas on current facilities, how they could be improved and what additional facilities were preferred. No options were provided as the committee did not want to influence any answers, instead allowing free field responses. The full survey may be found in Appendix A of this report.

# Responses

There were a total of 32 (thirty two) online responses and 17 (seventeen) hard copy. This represents a 3% response rate based on a total combined population of 1,500.

A summary of the responses are provided below:

Q3 – Please circle all age ranges which apply to you and your household.

Q4 – What leisure facilities are used by your household in the local area?

Q7 – When would you or your household most likely use any leisure facility?

Q8 – What age range do you think are under provided for in the villages?

Q9 – What facilities do you regularly use outside the villages?

Q10 – What facilities / equipment (sports/play/recreational) have you seen elsewhere that you would like to see in Marshfield or Castleton?

The above responses were added to the “free field” responses (please refer to Appendix B) and used to develop workable solutions to meet the stated needs.

The solutions, were assessed against selection criteria, shown in the table below. Each criterion had a high, medium or low ranking and these are explained further in Appendix C.



**Recommended Short List**

The following solutions are recommended to be taken forward for detailed evaluation with Newport City Council, subject to approval from Marshfield Community Council on 10th December 2012.

* All weather pitch
* Designated shooting area
* Landscaping
* Outdoor gym
* Outdoor play area
* Outdoor running track
* Social club games
* Upgrade Village Hall facilities
* Woodland walk / activity trails
* Rugby club
* Climbing walls

# Timescales

The leisure committee have set the following targets. These timescales are indicative at this stage since the projects are not agreed, sites have not been identified and formal timescales have yet to be agreed with other bodies.

* Public consultation on shortlist – February 2013
* Project(s) put to MCC for approval – March 2013
* Planning Application – March 2013
* Tender Period – July 2013
* Commence Construction – September 2013
* Project Completion – November 2013

# Next Steps

Following the responses received, the Leisure Committee have agreed to the following actions:

1. Meet with Newport City Council to discuss the next steps and discuss the viability and key considerations for the shortlisted solutions.
2. Contact those who provided their contact details with the survey responses.
3. Pass any other feedback received from the survey to the relevant parties e.g. Marshfield Village Hall Management Committee, Newport City Council, etc.
4. Provide a recommendation to MCC on the short listed project(s) which will be subject to further public consultation.

# Appendix A - Survey

**![C:\Users\Adam & Abby\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\DUDXZ22R\MC900295337[1].wmf]()NEW LEISURE FACILITY**

**IN MARSHFIELD / CASTLETON SURVEY**

* Marshfield Community Council has funds available to build a leisure facility or facilities within Marshfield/Castleton. We are looking to complete this by the end of 2013.
* To do this successfully we want **YOUR** feedback – and this survey is part of this process.
* This survey is also available to complete **ONLINE** ([www.marshfieldcommunitycouncil.org](http://www.marshfieldcommunitycouncil.org)) where you also have the opportunity to answer some questions regarding the Community Council generally if you wish.

Once you have completed this survey please post/deliver your responses to 19, Oakfields, Marshfield, Cardiff. CF3 2EZ.

**This is your chance to have your say about future local leisure facilities – please take a moment to have your say.**

Thanks, Marshfield Community Council

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| Q1 | Are you a resident of Marshfield or Castleton? Please circle **one** answer. | * YES
 | * NO
 | * OTHER
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| Q2 | To ensure only genuine responses are submitted, please provide your address.Where more than one response is received from the same name and address during the survey period, the first response will be the only one included. |
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| Q3 | Please circle all age ranges which apply to you and your household. Select **all** that apply. |
|  | UNDER 4 4 – 11 12 – 24 25 – 60 60+ |
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| Q4 | What leisure facilities are used by your household in the local area? Please circle **all** that apply. |
|  | None Cambrian Estate Playground Marshfield Senior Playground Marshfield Junior Playground Castleton Village Hall Marshfield Village Hall |
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| Q5 | If you or your household use local leisure facilities, what do you like / dislike about them? |
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| Q6 | What suggestions would you make in respect to current leisure facilities? |
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| Q7 | When would you or your household most likely use any leisure facility?Either now or in the future. Circle **all** that apply. |
|  |  Weekday - During the daytime Weekend - During the daytime Weekday - During the evening Weekend - During the evening Never |
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| Q8 | What age ranges do you think are under provided for in the villages?Circle **all** that apply. |
|  | Under 4's 4 – 11 12 – 16 17 – 24 25 – 60 60+ None |
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| Q9 | What facilities do you use regularly outside the villages if any? |
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| Q10 | What facilities / equipment (sports / play / recreational) have you seen elsewhere that you would like to see in Marshfield or Castleton?Please give as much detail as possible as we will try to visit sites of interest. |
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| Q11 | Where would your preference be for any additional leisure facilities to be located? |
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| Q12 | Please provide contact details such as name, address, telephone number and/or email address if you wish to be contacted to discuss any of your responses. (Optional) |
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|  | **Thanks for taking the time to complete the survey.** **Please post/deliver your responses to 19, Oakfields, Marshfield, Cardiff. CF3 2EZ****Thanks, Marshfield Community Council** |

# Appendix B – Free Text Answers

Increase range and scope, more for teenagers, bike/skate ramp/park

Adult outdoor exercise equipment

Some outdoor leisure facilities closer to the top of the village such as The Meadows and Mallards Reach would be good.

Greater Variety at Cambrian playground

The playgrounds are very good for younger children.

There is little provision for teenagers.

A floodlit multi purpose facility would be ideal - preferably astro turf rather than concrete.

A small scale skateboarding facility would also be extensively used.

Upgrade the field next to the football pitch so that Junior football between the ages of under 7 to under 11 can play in Marshfield.

This would also allow the competitive teams from under 12 to play at home.

Currently at least 15 - 20 boys and girls of each year in Marshfield school play football for Marshfield JYFC and their parents take them to play all over Cardiff every weekend because we do not have the facilities in Marshfield.

An artificial pitch similar to Meadowlane and Oakfield school would be fantastic for all sports during the winter and could be provided with a Junior pitch at the Marshfield Village Hall.

Play areas are very small and in the more remote parts of the village. A central facility/facilities would be useful.

The playgrounds at Marshfield village Hall are good but are tucked away at the end of the village.

Perhaps more classes in the village halls to appeal to a wider group- and to working people also where possible (so weekday evenings!).

Marshfield Village Hall: Improved parking. Increased use of playing fields in the summer months i.e. attracting further sports clubs to use the land generating an income for the village hall and reduced costs for clubs who would normally hire schools in the winter (sports equipment storage will be needed).

Very low number of leisure facilities in the village. Majority are playground areas which are mostly suited for small children and these facilities are concentrated in the lower end of the village. They are no leisure facilities in the immediate vicinity of the Shires, Vicarage Gardens, Meadows and Mallards Reach areas of the village.

I would love to see a multi use sports area, similar to the one at Tredegar Park.

There is too much emphasis on football and very little else.

Two properly laid and drained junior size football pitches at the south end of the second field (nearest the hall). Increased usage of Marshfield Village Hall with extension and construction of second level of floor space within the hall (potentially doubling the size of the rental space for social and sport activities). Licenced bar/lounge facilities on the second floor. All weather playing surface at the north end of the second field with facilities to encompass multi sport use.

The creation of 2 no mini football pitches with

Improved drainage provision.

A suitable football pitch for the local teams, one where they can invite other teams to play matches.

Adapt the junior football pitches so that they can realistically be used for football. They are not flat and don't drain.

Existing facilities are functional but not pleasant. We need to soften the areas so they become places where adults and children would like to spend time, in other words improve the landscaping.

Consider relocating the playgrounds away from existing houses. The playgrounds are within a few meters of dwellings – if you look at most other areas the playgrounds are located centrally within landscaped areas and well away from houses.

Just need expanding to serve older children

Whilst we enjoy using the junior playground at Marshfield Hall, it is littered with stingy nettles actually within the fenced playground. Perhaps also a different form of lock on the double doors inside Marshfield Hall ... I see so many children constantly trying to escape from class!

They are fairly limited, although the children's playgrounds are good

Upgrade Castleton Village Hall leisure facilities.

I would request Cable for the road as I am restricted in my choice of tv and Broadband. Sky and Virgin are not able to supply as there is no Cable in the road.

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Although there are no teenagers in my house I feel they are never catered for. A modern day 'youth club' should be provided where teenagers could meet, have some fun together in a reasonably controlled and safe environment. Perhaps a Friday night in one of the halls available with a pool table, table tennis, tuck shop, free music jukebox, Wi etc. This will stop them possibly hanging around the streets in miserable weather. We could provide some lessons on DJ-ing, non-alcoholic cocktail making, making home-made crisps etc.

Personally as an adult, I would like to be able to play table tennis somewhere once a week!

Large slide would be useful in junior playground

the field adjacent to the senior pitch is not getting used to a full potential at the moment . we would like to see something like an all weather pitch put up which could be used for mini football matches and training for all our teams in Marshfield , we currently use Bassaleg school for winter training which costs a lot of money , we would rather put the money back in to the community . all weather pitch can be used for numerous sports tennis , basketball netball etc .

# Appendix C – Assessment Criteria High, medium and Low Ratings

**Support for Idea**

* High: >5 nominations]#
* Medium: 2 – 5 nominations
* Low: <2 nominations

**Age groups Served**

* Low: - One demographic
* Medium: - Two demographics
* High: - three demographics

**Environmental Impact**

* Low - temporary or small structure
* Medium - Moderate structure
* High - new building or large structure

**Maintenance**

* Low - Nominal energy, maintenance or staffing
* Medium - Moderate
* High – Significant

**Other benefit to community**

* Capture any side benefits of having facility.

**Access/infrastructure**

* Low – Insignificant upgrade required
* Medium - Moderate upgrade required
* High - Significant upgrade required

**Community groups served**

* Low - One demographic
* Medium - two demographics
* High - three demographics