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Strategy and Action Plan 2022- 2027

Part3: Appendices

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Appendix 1: Local providers of community services and facilities

Community facility / group / project	Target audiences	Primary geographical focus	Activities and services provided
Community facilities / Youth projects			
Nantymoel Primary School ○ Twitter feed	Primary school aged children	Nantymoel	????
Nantymoel Boys & Girls Club ○ Website	Young people	Nantymoel	Pool, Snooker, Football, Tennis, Table Tennis and Computer games.
Wyndham Boys and Girls Club ○ Website ○ Facebook pages	Young people aged 7-18	Wyndham	Pool, Table Tennis, darts and Arts and Crafts. Football from minis-seniors Trips
Ogmore Vale Primary School and PTA ○ Website (School) ○ Facebook pages (PTA)	Primary aged children	Ogmore Vale	After school clubs
Evanstown Community Centre ○ Website ○ Facebook pages	All ages	Evanstown	Various community activities including: Coffee mornings, fun days, bingo etc.
Abercerdin Primary School ○ Website	Primary aged children	Evanstown	????
St Tyfodwg's Church ○ Facebook pages	All ages	Glynogwr	Church services and community support activities
BAD Bikes ○ Facebook pages	Young people	Blackmill area	Physical, educational and other activities

Bridgend Early Years and Flying Start ○ Facebook pages	Families with young children	Lewistown, Blackmill	Playgroups and Cylch Meithrin for children aged 2½ to 5 years.
Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen ○ Website		Ogmore Valley	After school clubs Youth theatre
Parks, sporting facilities, sports & outdoor recreation clubs			
Ogmore Vale Bowls and Social Club ○ Facebook pages	Adults and older children	Ogmore Valley	Crown green bowling, social club activities
Nantymoel Boxing Club ○ Facebook pages	Adults and older children	Ogmore Valley	Boxing, gym, fitness
Ogmore Phoenix Running Club ○ Website ○ Facebook pages	Adults and older children	Ogmore Valley	Running
Ogmore Valley Footie Pups ○ Facebook pages	Young children aged 2-6	Ogmore Valley	Football
Nantymoel RFC ○ Website ○ Facebook pages	Seniors	Nantymoel area	Rugby
Planka Fields	All	Ogmore Valley	New all-weather pitch to accommodate various sports in development
Ogmore Vale RFC (Valley Ravens) ○ Website ○ Facebook pages	Seniors, Juniors, Mini teams	Ogmore Vale area	Rugby
Ogmore Vale Welfare Hall ○			
Gilfach Goch Rugby Club ○ Website	Seniors, Juniors, Mini teams	Evanstown and Gilfach Goch	Rugby

○ Facebook pages			
Ogmore Valley Archery Club ○ Website ○ Facebook pages	Adults and older children	Ogmore Valley (based in Brackla)	Archery
Environmental projects and neighbourhood initiatives			
Ogmore Valley Priide ○ Website ○ Facebook pages	All ages	Ogmore Valley	Heritage protection and environmental enhancement
Ogmore Valley Allotment Association ○ Facebook pages (via Bridgend County Allotments Association)	Adults	Ogmore Valley	Allotments
Ogmore Valley Plant Swap ○ Facebook pages	Residents	Ogmore Valley	New project with aim to establish plant swap hubs throughout the valley to foster a love of gardening and nature.
Cwrt Gwalia Residents Association ○ Facebook Pages (on Linc Cymru website) ○ Twitter feed	Residents of Cwrt Gwalia	Ogmore Vale	Gardening Club
Adare Street Group ○ ???	Residents, families with young children	Wyndham	New play area?
Blackmill Bravos / Blackmill and Glynogwr Tenants and Residents Association ○ Facebook pages	Residents of Blackmill and Glyn Ogwr	Blackmill and Glyn Ogwr	Local environmental improvements e.g. Litter picks, bulb planting, hanging baskets, bench installation etc.
Lewistown group ○ ???	???	Lewistown	???

Pantyrawel group ○ ???	???	Pantyrawel	???
Food projects			
○ **Bridgend Food Pantries**	Families	Ogmore Valley - Nantymoel and Lewistown	Affordable food
Employment support projects			
Ogmore Valley Jobs & Training ○ Facebook pages	Adults	Ogmore Valley	Facebook page dedicated to jobs & training opportunities
Bridges into work			
Workways			
Education & training projects			
○ **Welsh classes**			
Home maintenance / energy efficiency projects			
BCBC Smart Energy Plan			
Health & wellbeing projects			
Ogmore Valley Life Centre ○ Website ○ Facebook pages	All ages	Ogmore Valley	Gym, Exercise Classes, Racket Sports, Sports hall, Children's activities, Birthday Parties Creche, GP Referrals, Resident Clubs & Groups, Library/Cyber cafe/IT training suite, WiFi
Olympage Group ○ Press release	Older residents	Ogmore Valley	Inter-generational mini-OlympAge Games event
Ogmore Valley Walk & Talk Group	Adults	Ogmore Vale area	Walking, talking, socialising

○ Facebook page (on Ogmore Valley Life Centre Fb pages – see above)			
Hen and Men Shed	Adult women and men	Ogmore Vale	Quizzes, crafts
Cwm Ogwr Men's Shed ○ Website	Adult men	Ogmore Valley	Drawing, painting, woodwork and model building
Bridgend Ramblers ○ Website ○ Facebook pages	Adults	Bridgend	Walking
Entertainment, culture & heritage projects			
Ogmore Valley Silver Brass Band ○ Website ○ Facebook pages	Adults	Ogmore Valley	Brass band / musical performances
Ogmore Valley Choir ○ Facebook pages	Adults	Ogmore Valley	Choir / choral performances
Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir ○ Website ○ Facebook pages	Adults	Ogmore Valley	Choir / choral performances
Ogmore Valley Local History Society ○ Website ○ Facebook pages	Adults	Ogmore Vally	Historical research and associated projects, talks & lectures.
Ogmore Valley Heritage Trail ○ Website	All ages	Ogmore Valley	Cycling and Walking trail
Ogmore Vale Non Pol ○ Facebook pages	All ages	Ogmore Valley	Bands, Discos, Parties, Wedding Receptions, Bingo, Quizzes, Snooker, Skittles, Bouncy Castle.
Ogmore Vale Con Club	Adults	Ogmore Vale	Snooker, Darts & Skittles

○ Website			
Ogmore Valley Washeries site	Local residents / visitors	Ogmore Vale / Lewistown	Walking, picnics, heritage and environmental awareness
Gilfach Goch Social Club & Institute ○ Facebook pages	Adults	Evanstown / Gilfach Goch	Sports & Social Club

Appendix 2: Community Survey Questionnaire

Ogmore Valley Community Survey Questionnaire

Ogmore Valley Community Council is leading a project to find out what people living in our area want and need with respect to local services and facilities. Help us by completing our community questionnaire below or online at https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/OVCCCommunitySurvey and you will stand a chance to win £30 worth of Amazon vouchers. The results will help us plan for the future. Thank you!

1. **Below are some examples of the kinds of community services and facilities that could be introduced or further developed in the Ogmore Valley area. Kindly tell us what you think by ticking one box in each row.**

	Very important	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Unimportant	Not necessary
• **Local environment** e.g. Community litter picks, community, flower planting / baskets etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
• **Personal health & wellbeing projects** e.g. Men's' / Women's' Sheds, fitness classes etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
• **Community facilities** e.g. youth club, access improvements to local community centre etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
• **Neighbourhood projects** e.g. Community gardening project, play areas for children etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
• **Education & training projects** e.g. community education, craft skills classes etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
• **Entertainment, culture & heritage projects** e.g. Community choir, film skills academy etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
• **Parks and sporting facilities** e.g. Skate-park, cycle trails, all weather pitches etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
• **Home maintenance / energy projects** e.g. Care & Repair schemes, energy efficiency advice etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
• **Employment projects** e.g. Wheels to work scheme, job search support etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
• **Food projects** e.g. Foodbanks, allotments, community café for young people etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

2. **Are there any other projects in particular you would like to see implemented in the Ogmore Valley area?**

Please tell us about your own ideas!

3. **How accessible are community services and facilities for you and / or your family by public transport? (Please provide a rating by ticking one)**

Poor …… Fair …… Just OK …… Good …… Excellent ……

What's the reason for your rating? Are there specific things you think might be improved in the future?

4. **To what extent has the Coronavirus pandemic affected you and / or your family? (Tick one)**

   A great deal …… A lot …… Moderately …… A little …… Not at all ……

5. **In what ways is the pandemic and the government restrictions still affecting you / your family? (Tick all that apply)**

   Lost work / reduced income …… Interfered with education / training ……
   Detrimental to health & well-being …… Reduced ability to socialise with friends ……
   Can't take part in our normal entertainment /sporting activities ……

Any other impacts? (Please specify)

6. **How would you rate the services and facilities currently being provided for people and communities living in the Ogmore Valley area overall? (Please provide a rating by ticking one)**

   Poor …… Fair …… Just OK …… Good …… Excellent ……

What's the reason for your rating? Are there specific things you think might be improved in the future?

7. **How many people live in <u>your own</u> household / place of residence in the following age groups?**

   Under 5_____ 6-11 _____ 12-18 _____ 19-25 _____ 26-34 _____
   35-44 _____ 45-64 _____ 65-80_____ 80+ _____

8. **What is your postcode please?** _____

   (Your postcode is important so that we can get a fair representation of views from across the Ogmore Valley area)

9. **How did you receive / where did you pick up this survey form?** _____

If you would like to enter the prize draw please supply your name and a contact telephone number below:

Name …… Tel No. ……

Thank you for taking time out to complete our survey - it is very much appreciated! All data provided by you is anonymous and will only be used to help us develop a Strategy and Action Plan for the Ogmore Valley area.

If you would like to know more about the process please contact the community consultant we have commissioned to undertake the survey - Gareth Kiddie available by emailing gareth@gka.org.uk

Appendix 3: Full transcript of responses to Community Survey

Q2 In what ways is the pandemic and the government restrictions still affecting you / your family? Other impacts (please specify).

There were 68 responses to this question. A 'Word Cloud' has been generated to show the most frequently used words in the responses and is as follows:

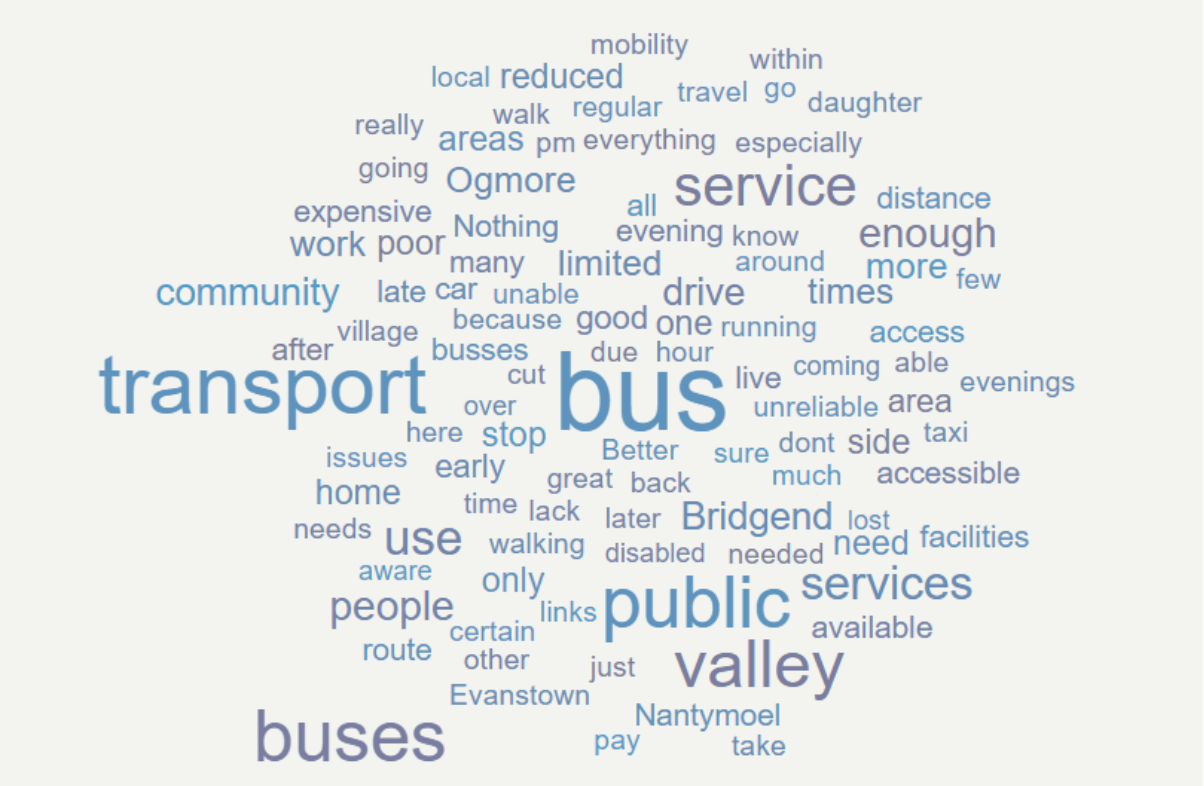
1. Impacted on my daughter's mental health
2. Unable to go to church
3. Missed family but did help our community bond together
4. Doctor, dentist, hospital appointments just do not exist!
5. Family relationships are breaking down. Health suffering due to hospital outpatient closure, cancer symptoms.
6. Government not clear on roles so there s a lot of misunderstanding and neighbours getting in disagreements over confusion
7. My family lives in London we have not seen each other for 7 months now. Unable to visit my diabetic clinic for appointments
8. Due to health problems I was advised to shield by my GP
9. Huge increase in workload as I work in the NHS
10. Not being able to see family who live in another council area. Feel as if my children are being punished as autistic daughter doesn't understand why she can't physically see her grandmother.
11. Having to work from home! Positive impact for me personally
12. extended family can't help with care for my grandmother who is bed bound, getting depressed, and solely reliant on the two of us that can visit her.

13. My kids are missing out now as I have to work double the hours to make up my partners wage
14. Loneliness
15. Huge changes to my working shift patterns.
16. Cancelled wedding
17. Supporting family and friends living on their own also watching residential home residents suffer greatly missing family
18. Unable to see family; we have no family in Wales, they all live in England.
19. I work in care system with no ppe at the start I felt worthless politicians and councillors couldn't care less believe me they only care about themselves!
20. My son is ASD and needed school for the routine, his anxiety is beyond. Then getting back to normal after 4 days back, then positive case in his bubble so needed 2 weeks isolation. Xxx
21. Has a major impact on mental health
22. No classes to take my baby who I had in june.
23. Shutting throats for the little ones very bad Masterchef got to do something
24. I am disabled and am not only unable to attend my support groups, but also vital medical appointments have been delayed for myself and my family.
25. Initially unable to see grandchildren at all, now only allowed to see them outdoors.Explaining to a 2 and 3 year old that they can't come in to Nannys house is heartbreaking. Missing them terribly
26. Having a baby during lockdown has been difficult. Lack of support from HV and not being able to allow baby to interact with other babies.
27. Inability to facilitate/participate in group activities eg for older people
28. I was pregnant and gave birth during lockdown.
29. Not able to travel
30. Changes to work pattern, e.g. working from home
31. Not being able too see family
32. Isolation / interaction / mental health
33. The lack of buses
34. Have been shielding since March hospital outpatients appointments cancelled.
35. Unable to visit family living abroad
36. Not being able to see family members
37. Community events have been severely affected, fund raising opportunities not possible, loss of revenue for charitable organisations
38. Limited travel due to buses
39. Reduced ability to visit relatives
40. Can't visit my Mum in hospital
41. I cant visit family in England
42. I found out I was pregnant just before lockdown, my husband has had to miss out on every appoitment which has been such a worry especially as I have to have weekly scans now.
43. Single mother to 5 children impossible to do any sort of food shop bus limited on people no online slots .

44. Travelling to work difficulties
45. Dental appointments Doctors appointments and services, Hospital appointments, Vets appointments and services, family visiting restrictions.
46. Caring responsibilities
47. Struggle to buy things from shops
48. The number 6 is stopping us seeing our 3 daughters and their husbands all together . I feel its dividing us as a family
49. Pregnancy scans and antenatal classes
50. Negative impact on mental health Experience constant state of stress
51. Able to seek work
52. Can't do my normal work, visiting and supporting veterans charities and CIC'S
53. Travelling to and from work
54. Haven't been able to see housebound elderly relative
55. Unable to have contact with grandchildren
56. Elderly parents getting more frail and lack of understanding of the need to self isolate.
57. Interfered with my work commitments and still is as breakfast club aren't running
58. Cancelled holiday
59. Haven't been able to see my family
60. My son has autism so the lack of routine and the anxiety surrounding the virus has had a huge impact on him
61. Can't visit my daughter in a mental health unit
62. As I'm a keyworker, having to balance work, no childcare as children were off school. Mental health issues
63. Daughter still working from home, which I find very disruptive as she works for the council and has to do phone days
64. Not being able to visit my mam in another borough
65. Increased workload/work pressure
66. Limitations with family outings
67. Wife shielding
68. I have been working from home since March 2020. Although our family has been kept safe the effect of not carrying out your usual routines changes the way you think. I have worked in Cardiff for 30 years and suddenly this has stopped. I have been home schooling my daughter whilst woking 9-10 hours a day.

Q4. How accessible are community services and facilities for you and / or your family by public transport? What's the reason for your rating? Are there specific things you think might be improved in the future?

There were 177 responses to this question. A 'Word Cloud' has been generated to show the most frequently used words in the responses and is as follows:



1. Litter picking / keep front of houses tidier a lot of gardens just store rubbish
2. More police on street clamp down on anti-social behaviour
3. I have a bus stop near to my house with regular buses
4. Buses can be unreliable
5. fewer buses for travel needs to be more Ogmore vale based
6. I have no problem accessing things
7. Trees cut in park at rear of Fronwen
8. I don't use public transport.
9. As stated, sorting out the roads they are disgusting.
10. Nothing needs to be done
11. Nothing in the valley, very poor transport. Evanstown is a forgotten part of BCBC - we pay Bridgend not Ogmore
12. Only one bus available to one area
13. Nothing here
14. Nothing around here anymore
15. The bus service is very restricting. No taxi services
16. Buses not reliable
17. Disparate services & transport links
18. Poor outdoor facilities
19. Buses not often enough and last bus is too early. Very poor evening timetable & sunday service is limited
20. Our valley is called the forgotten valley by residents. Our community is broken - Council taken everything away
21. Supported trips out with low cost fares

22. The bus fare is very expensive to go to facilities provided in Ogmore
23. I have lived in Nantymoel for 40 years - best people in the valley!
24. Not enough facilities for younger people 8-18 in the small village of Ogmore Vale
25. I am a non driver and either have to rely on public transport or be lucky enough to beg a lift from friends
26. Public transport is unreliable
27. Buses regular but are too expensive
28. Direct access is required and their are very few that are advertised to generate the desire.
29. Not a lot of facilities to rate.
30. Public transport is limited. No services after certain times.
31. Buses in the valley are unreliable
32. Buses made more accessible
33. community services have eroded over the years to the extent they are practically non existent, such as road maintenance for example undergrowth growing on pavements along the A4061 between Ogmore Vale and Nantymoel, this and many more issues related to environmental areas throughout the Valley
34. I can walk far and can drive, not sure how it is for others.
35. Potholes everywhere
36. Public transport could improve
37. Maybe smaller busses on the routes in the evening
38. Unreliable bus service.
39. Everything is a 30-45min bus ride away
40. I don’t use the local transport, but for those who need it, it seems difficult to organise their lifestyle to the availability of the bus service
41. No late evening buses
42. Yes theirs nothing for teenagers idle hands
43. I don’t use public transport but I am aware that there have been recent changes to bus times in the ogmore valley.
44. Bus service removed from Nantymoel
45. Reduced mobility and no bus service up the Walters Road side of the valley any more
46. Don't use so hard to rate.
47. Don't know. Use car so not sure of public transport
48. We don't all drive bus service unreliable and real let down during lockdown people lost jobs as they couldn't get to work
49. I don't use public transport, so don't know enough about it to rate - no option for this
50. Our bus doesn’t come up our side of the valley anymore, as I don’t drive, I need to rely on my husband and he works.
51. One bus has been cancelled in the valley. If you can drive it ok but most don’t
52. Limited operating times. Better access to public transport. Better communication regarding the services available to the community.
53. I am in a wheelchair so unable to use public transport at all. The Bridgend Community Transport minibus is very limited and only available occasionally due to license issues (caused by budget cuts). It would be lovely to be able to book the minibus on a day of

my choosing so I can go into town, attend hospital appointments etc independently. However, it is so limited that it is never available when needed. The Mem (Boys & Girls Club) in Nantymoel, despite being recently renovated, has great wheelchair access a the door, but the access path to it is narrow, potholed and has a sharp 90° turn with no barrier to prevent coming off the path; my wheelchair barely fits on it and going around the corner is precarious.

54. The fact that the late buses are now cancelled to the valley is appalling. If I didn't have a car I would be trapped all day working from home and all evening at home due to lack of public transport. I am sure many people especially the elderly are in this position which is unfair and will have a detrimental effect on the health and well being of our community
55. Buses stop running to early
56. I don't use public transport
57. I live 100m from a bus stop
58. Disabled access needed into post office and local venues in area and better transport connections on on buses
59. What services? I dont need public transport
60. Buses times have been cut, where other valleys have train services which are improving with the introduction of the metro system
61. Cutting of bus services. You maybe able to get to somewhere but have to wait 2 hours for the next bus to come home.
62. Terrible bus service, almost no advertising,
63. Poor bus service, no taxis
64. Accessibility - just getting to a bus stop might be a challenge for the less fit/mobile
65. Bus time tables cut
66. Not Applicable really. The Valley is pretty much walking distance and I can personally drive. Busses not good enough in timing and frequency I'm told
67. Bus service frequency reduced earlier this year.
68. We don't currently use bus services in our family. Most of the community facilities listed earlier in the survey are in walking distance anyway, or failing that, cycling distance.
69. Public transport often drops off on the route of community facilities
70. More buses would be of benefit.
71. You need a car to live here
72. Don't know of any
73. There's a good bus service to town, but it's difficult to get to other valleys unless you drive to participate in things
74. Evanstown, Gilfach Goch has nothing, and getting to the rest of the Ogmore Valley is a nightmare.
75. No real bus service we are stuck in the middle of a one way in one way out village in rct but we are Bridgend
76. My lack of mobility
77. I am personally ok as i drive and have a car but the bus service has been decreased and route changed so very poor for the residents who are totally in need of this service.

and due to parking in many many areas around the whole of the valley roads are quite awkward for a lot of transport IE delivery vans / trucks and the bus service more available parking areas would be great even though there is not many areas available for this apart from along the cycle track in some areas and old school areas 2 in particular Ogmore and Nantymoel nurseries which have just been left to overgrow and attract rubbish and left !!!

78. I don't use public transport
79. Limited public transport available in the area
80. Bus services are reduced during the pandemic
81. At the moment the buses stop runnin g too early and there are not enough of them, if they are not carrying enough people perhaps they should invest in smaller buses.
82. Services are accessible by public transport. No issues.
83. Public transport is very expensive for those who have to pay
84. There is a reduced bus service in the Valley. However we are fortunate to drive and have a car
85. We have very nearly everything on our doorstep. However, we do have to drive at least 25 minutes to the nearest supermarket to do our food shop.
86. The buses
87. Because i live on a very steep hill hand have mobility issues getting to and from a bus stop is impossible
88. the no.75 bus was stopped,resulting in senior citizens like my wife and i having to walk up a steep hill and 50 steps to get back home.
89. Regular buses. Have own transportation
90. Tried to pick ‘good ‘ but doesn’t allow. Bus service is very accessible from Blackmill to Bridgend or Rhondda areas.
91. We live in a rural area, times for public transport are limited, we need a community facility within our rural village, we have lost our primary school, public house and shop, there is nowhere in the village where the community can meet together.
92. Bus timetables reduced
93. Cut the time of bused so not accessible.
94. Bus service is inequitable. One side of valley is discrimination against the elderly and disabled the other side.
95. Buses should go every 15 mins to encourage people to use them. Cost shouldn't be the factor reducing emissions should be. If it's not convenient to use public transport, people won't use it.
96. Buses are expensive and finish early in the evenings
97. The bus service is not comprehensive enough and is WAY too expensive. It only goes to Bridgend where there isn't much going on. How about transport to Treorchy which is nearer and has more going on?
98. I don’t use public transport but I feel like everything is within a sensible walking distance of a bus stop
99. Don’t use public transport especially since the pandemic
100. Generally good bus links
101. Limited bus options

102. Am disabled and although I can walk with a stick, my other arm is next to useless so struggle to carry anything. Since the removal of the 75 bus have had to rely on lifts and the kindness of others to get out of the valley: as the long, slow, uphill walk home in the driving rain is misery itself.
103. good: 74 bus into town running each half hour on weekdays and saturdays - it's a good service and appears well used
104. Transport links in the valley are disgraceful especially considering the landscape. Less able people are trapped in their homes.
105. Bus services are very limited and expensive, and very little is within walking or cycling distance
106. The bus service is minimal at best and on a Sunday almost non existent
107. I do not live near public transport.
108. We do have access to public transport but these services could be improved, e.g. bus services running more frequently and on time
109. Fairly good variety of activities accessible within walking distance. However, new bus timetables for out of valley experiences not ideal.
110. At the moment they are poor because the service bus has been reduced and the ones that are running will only allow a certain amount of people on.
111. Buses run once an hour and not in the evenings and they changed the route so one side if the valley misses out as older people can't walk far enough to get to the bus stops
112. buses need to be regular and not finish early in the evening
113. Again single mother to 5 children buses limited on space . Last bus 5:30 miss the bus I'm paying £37 as I need a mini bus . It's making me want to move shame as I love area but its not practical at all .
114. Never use public transport
115. Busses have been stopped which limits people using affordable public transport for work
116. Large areas of the valley have lost their public transport.
117. I don't take public transport so unable to comment truthfully, however I know how vital a later bus service is up here
118. not sure in specific area
119. Everything is based in Bridgend
120. Not enough buses. Buses not turning up. Buses too full.
121. Later buses from bridgend to nantymoel as our daughter works shift work and needs the bus for about 9.30 -10pm
122. Not enough late buses
123. For example, There isn't even a playschool in the area, it's lucky I drive, as I have to take my daughter to cefn glas for a playschool.
124. Less busses are now in place which increases the amount of people per bus
125. I can't work after set times due to public transport, I work till 11pm and later depending on how busy we get, yet have to pay taxi to get home, I can't take a Sunday shift as buses start after and finish before my work times. Wanna plan a day out with the kids cant because of how many buses needed we only get a hour or two at set place because if we miss one bus coming home that's it we are stuck and worse part is

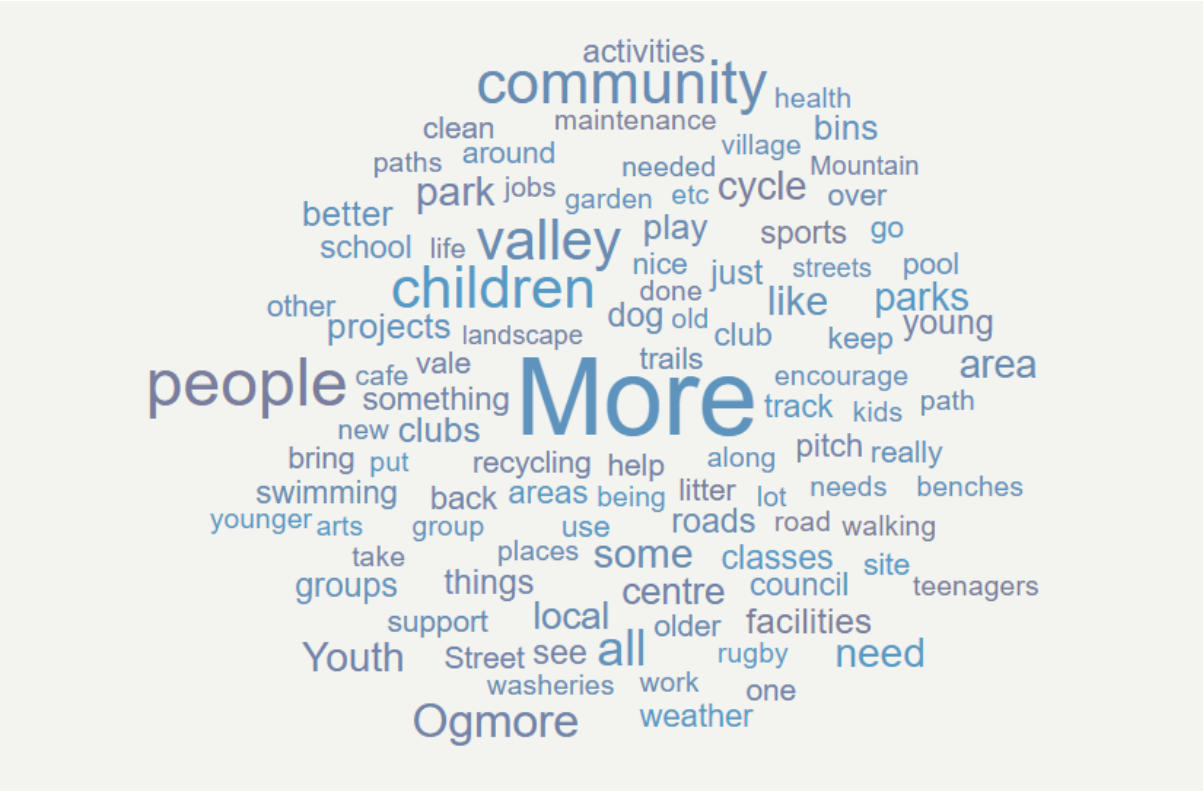
sometimes it's cheaper to catch taxi than pay all the bus fairs. Why we don't have a bus that does turn around at McArthur glen and back to the top of the valley I don't know, yes it means transfer at McArthur glen but most have to anyway so not that big a deal really. Bigger problem is this online survey won't reach the people really effected by transport and lack of community as they all over 60 and not on these platforms to access it.

126. Public transport is poor. A local person has recently campaigned because there were no buses after 5.30 and people could get home from work.also no early buses. Trial is in place but I believe buses stop around 8pm
127. The busses arnt late enough
128. Very limited bus services
129. Public transport in our valley is very poor and only runs one side of the valley.. services have been reduced
130. Very few actual community services
131. Unable to get back from work at night at 10.30.results in £25 taxi, which is equal to an extra £150 a month travel cost on top of the monthly bus pass.
132. Bus only option and this only goes to bridgend, not to other valley areas. This timetable has also been reduced. My local bus stop has been decommissioned
133. I am not aware of any
134. Yes more buses on the route from the Ogmore valley and The Wyndham also re introduce the bus route over to llangeinor and bettws to Bridgend and use your heads and do these routes to accommodate workers going and coming home from work.
135. In evanstown there in no first travel bus to get you to bridgend and stage coach to bridgend is at the top of gilcah Goch not evanstown so a direct bus once and hour help the old people and people who don't drive would be a amazing welcome site
136. Poor bus service since lockdown
137. I have my own transport so often travel. Never reply on public transoirt
138. Not enough places are accessible apart from going via bridgend. No link to Treorchy or Treherbert unless you want to travel for hours
139. Bus only serves on side of valley and ends early evening.
140. More regularly buses
141. Bring back the 75 bus and route. Also later buses
142. Very few community services....a swimming pool would be great and reinstating the nr 75 bus would be a great help
143. Public transport takes a long time to get from A to B. To get to work in car takes half an hr. If I took the bus 3 hrs. Public transport needs to have a similar time to a car for people to use it
144. Bus service taken away on caedu side of valley
145. Public transport has been stopped on our side of the valley and poor mobility makes it difficult to meet public transport and a reduced service
146. We could do with having our buses back to their normal times
147. Hopefully the later busses will be reinstated also the 75 service to go via caedu
148. We don’t use public transport so can’t comment on that
149. I dont use public transport

150. Bus service finishes early now so unable to work the shifts I need to
151. Buses aren't that frequent
152. Improved bus service especially on Sundays.
153. We need a much better bus service to and from the Ogmore Valley in the evenings and on weekends, or at least a reassurance that the current level of service will be maintained. Just be aware that certain areas of the vamkey off the beaten track, I,e, private roads, are not able to receive the Bridgend Community Transport. This adds isolation for Those affected.
154. Dont use public transport
155. Taxi services
156. Bus timetable or lack of
157. Cuts to bus service to ogmore Valley are a concern
158. The stopped the 75 bus
159. My husband and I both drive so public transport isn't an issue for us. However, without a good transport network the valley becomes isolated very quickly
160. After living in America, I am very impressed by public transportation and services here in the valley
161. Not as many buses and times on the ones that we do have dont suit
162. Not enough bus times or services for the area
163. Transport links in the valley are a joke. I drove, but feel very sorry for those who don't!
164. buses
165. the ogmore Valley always lose the things that are needed, we are the forgotten valley
166. Busses are few and far between
167. There not much in the valley. I'm lucky I can drive if I didn't I wouldn't be able to take my son to baby classes or my daughter to swimming classes.
168. Buses aren't frequent in the evenings
169. Buses don't run late enough for my daughter to get home from work being a key worker in a supermarket
170. Buses are expensive, the children in the valley are desperate for some decent parks (it's ours years old and rotten!) They also really would benefit from a skate park and 4g pitch
171. Buses cut and not running as late at night
172. No buses after 5pm
173. Bus every half hour is ok but only until certain times.
174. Don't use public transport
175. Better bus times
176. I don't use public transport but from what I've heard from others there are not enough services.
177. I live on the side of the valley that had the bus route cancelled

Q5. Are there any other projects in particular you would like to see implemented in the Ogmore Valley area? Please tell us about your own ideas!

There were 240 responses to this question. A 'Word Cloud' has been generated to show the most frequently used words in the responses and is as follows:



1. Refurb park benches and benches at top of John Street
2. Skips! So many people can get large items removed from gardens
3. More police on the streets
4. Youth clubs, dance classes, children's club's / activities
5. More things for teenagers to do
6. More dog poo facilities
7. Better more up to date parks
8. Getting the roads repaired so it will cause less damage to vehicles. The whole valleys roads are in a dreadful condition.
9. Use of church other than for worship
10. More childcare facilities, more parks
11. Youth club for children / teens. Somewhere for them to congregate without being a nuisance
12. Need something for the teenagers
13. More for the kids
14. Better communication from community councillors locally.
15. Not enough going on

16. Counselling services - There are drug and alcohol issues, young people and adults need access. If the valley employed guardians / wardens to work with local people , needs to be a person who lives in the community.
17. Carnivals, celebrations, festivals, entertainment for all ages
18. Support for sports facilities
19. Nantymoel playgroup Commercial Street is closed due to leakage of water. It needs repairing and refurbishing. We need this playgroup back in our community. It is an enlightenment for preschool children
20. Regeneration of the High Street with some of the above. Incentives for new businesses.
21. As the Ogmore Valley is semi-rural I feel the scenery / landscape is not shown to its full potential. Pony trekking + dedicated walking routes (not the current cycle track) spring to mind.
22. The nursery rebuilt as it's an important and vital part of the community
23. Re-introduce recycling centre combat flytipping
24. The local mp and counsellors in Maesteg co produce a newsletter for the community. Where is ours. We are the forgotten citizens of Bridgend County. If you don't live in Maesteg or Porthcawl you have no voice. We never see any updates on what the council and MP do for us. My thoughts on this is probably not a lot because if they are working tirelessly behind the scenes they would be shouting it from the roof tops.
25. More wheelchair accessibility in local buildings
26. Fibre to the premises would enable work from home jobs and other benefits. Spend the money lobbying for priority response to this need. The benefits and opportunities genre would raise living standards in the community and reduce the need to address symptoms of inequality, which is where you are aiming much of your finance.
27. Before and After school child care More flowers and general upkeep plus Xmas decks More things for teenagers to do More things for retired people to do in daytime and early evening
28. Id like to see mountain bike trails. Mountain biking has really taking off over the last few months and there's no proper trails as such for us to ride on. We have an abundance of local mountains but no trails. I've spoke to someone from Blaengarw who'd said Ogmore was meant to be part of the three valley scheme and we was meant to have some trails like they have. But nothing was done. Would be really nice to get something official in place so we're not nearly being mowed down by motocross bikes when riding around the mountains on our pushbikes.
29. New changing rooms for ogmore vale RFC.
30. Youth clubs, childcare nursery's, playgroups is essential in Ogmore vale and Nant-Y-Moel
31. Sports activities for the community
32. Definitely flowers in summer, everywhere else has!!!! Christmas lights made such a difference last year Making use of landscape such as chair lifts up bwlch, tabogan run like in north wales Railway with links to cardiff and wider network. Pavements and roads in areas are hazardous Dog fouling and litter a problem, more bins needed
33. All weather sports pitch would accommodate all areas of sporting ie: men, women & children's sports. From football and rugby to netball, basketball & fitness classes. Also I

believe some sort of workshop for 16 year olds leaving school without grades to attend and learn skills with possible apprenticeship opportunities would be beneficial to local youths.

34. Easier ways to dispose of household waste/bulk waste etc .
35. Recycling back in valley would help prevent the continual fly tipping. Also more penalties for people putting their rubbish out too far in advance.
36. It would be nice for the older kids/teenagers to have something to occupy their time or somewhere to go instead of roaming the streets, gaming cafe or something like that would be good. It would also be good to maybe introduce mountain bike trails up here as most of the kids and adults have bikes, myself and my family included, and I feel this would benefit the valley.
37. vastly improve the many environmental problems throughout the valley areas
38. I love that there are so many dog poo bins, and that some have put plastic bins out, it makes things so much cleaner and easier than other areas.
39. Bring the silver band back to life and do more community things like whit walks
40. The river Ogmore should be cleaned of rubbish ,and trees and hedges cut down , the river is becoming very narrow due to the trees etc
41. I would like to see the encouragement of the people to keep their streets clean. Ie the weeds between paving stone . Maybe a best decorated street Christmas time
42. Meadows, flat walking trails accessible in the wooded areas
43. A better supermarket
44. A swimming pool that was promised but never delivered. Perhaps a monthly cafe for residents to attend to be familiar with our local councillors and to know what they do And perhaps get involved without going through all the minutes etc of council meetings. I am sure that the way people will dip in and out of helping without being too involved with community council. It's only doing what they really enjoy
45. Definitely get the community involved with the elderly
46. Sports training facilities for children to youth.
47. Bring back the youth clubs. There is nothing here for children and young people like I had growing up. This valley needs more shops - more shops draw in more trade and creates jobs. We need to support those on benefits and low income to find jobs - lowering crime rates.
48. All weather sports pitch.
49. Clean up of parks and walk ways
50. Repair the roads
51. More local businesses. Signs for traffic going over The Bwlch notifying sheep and speed limit.
52. I think the allotments would be a very good Idea, it would allow more residents to be able to cater for themselves food wise, and have a healthier eating lifesyle. Residents, both private/council or homeowners should be offered the chance to take up an allotment.
53. Personally more social activities for the over 50's, but also more places for young people to meet and socialise with professional support

54. It would be nice if the council ensured Christmas decorations reached as far as Nantymoel! They seem to run out before they get to us ☺.
55. Community clubs where adults can meet, chat, have a cuppa and get to know others in the community. Not everyone can sit in a cafe all day. Groups for those with mental issues giving them access to professional help.
56. Not projects but would be nice to see mp and am not just when there's an election coming up Ogmore is a forgotten valley !!
57. Swimming pool is needed along with 4G pitches
58. The eyesore abandoned petrol station sets very poor impression to anyone entering valley. Not sure what could be done - compulsory purchase? Attractive bespoke village name signs could help improve entry impressions to valley, similar to Creigau or Glyn Ogwr?
59. A gated dog area at the bottom of the rugby field in Ogmore. Lighting for the rugby pitch, decent changing rooms. Maintenance to the walls overlooking the river on rugby pitch. The old nursery site next to boules club needs some help, it could be such a lovely little park area. Parks!!! Ours are totally shocking. Youth club in Ogmore or something for the younger ones. Number 75 bus needs to be reinstalled.... I could go on!!!
60. Ideally it would be great to have our roads repaired.
61. More projects for children, better child care as there no nurseries and there really a lack of just children class. Plus the parks are a mess the equipment is so old it's not safe for my 5 my year old or my 1 yr old
62. My concerns are for the children and teenagers they need things to do safely
63. More investment into youth/ older people schemes, possibly doing projects jointly, bringing the generations together and not just giving to one ahe group.
64. Better services for the older youths to prevent repeated vandalism of the park and skate park. Detached Youth Workers would enable the Youth Centre to engage with these youths and try to reduce the vandalism. Alternatively, a more suitable environment than the Youth Club, or making entrance free so that those with no money can attend. Introduce courses that older ones may be more interested in such as computer programming or other such skills that can be taught in the Mem during Youth Club. A community of memorial garden where the Berwyn Centre used to be. It would be lovely to see flowers and a bench rather than an overgrown heap of weeds. What happened to the Community Gardens that were planned near the Bowling Green? More police on the beat, even CPSOs. Craft Social group in the Mem for those who are socially isolated like myself. There is one in the Ogmore Life Centre but it would be nice to have one in this village that isn't just knitting in the retirement flats! Not all of us are over 65, I'm in my early 40s!
65. More benches around
66. Befriending scheme to combat loneliness and isolation for the elderly and vulnerable
67. Defionitely more flowers and hanging baskets throughout the valley
68. Speed camera in Blackmill
69. All weather pitches.

70. I think a project of people growing their own plants or sharing plants from garden that have been thinned out and split and having a competition with a cash price for the best Gardens every year
71. Cameras put on lamp posts to catch these riders riding around the valley all night waking people up. Drunk drivers smashing into cars and driving off, I have lost 4 vehicles and lots of people in my street have lost vehicles, it will get to a point that we won't be able to get insurance. Cameras cameras cameras on lamp posts
72. Are specific for dogs so they keep off playing gields
73. Bring back a recycling centre
74. More for youths. When I was younger we had youth club in Ogmore Vale along with the mem and boys club. Some younger children feel intimidated using these facilities now because of the older ones
75. Emergency preparedness, neighborhood watch, real community meetings with council
76. the old site of the Berwen center in to a garden
77. More police patrols, more speed calming that's what I'd like to see
78. Groups for kids groups for single mums daddy groups activities for families
79. Floodlights on Ogmore Park
80. Realignment of bridge over Ogwr Fawr in Blackmill to improve safe vehicular access to sheep market. Hard speed reductipn measures/traffic calming on A4093 in vicinity of Dimbath Avenue. Removal of roadside hedge from North side of A4093 to the East of Dimbath Avenue to improve visibilty splay for traffic emerging from Dimbath Avenue (URGENT). Further encouragement of community groups to maintain & improve the environment, including financial support.
81. Some of the topics suggested earlier overlap - which is not a bad thing. I value the cycle path very highly, but do not cite it as a priority because we already have one! What we need is for more people to use it. It is quite well used, but I tend to see the same people out every day.
82. Social distancing fun days??
83. nope
84. no
85. stake park with gate to lock at night
86. swimming pool, skate park, rugby field
87. Mountain bike trails legal places for dirt bikes to ride (off road motorbike) Swimming pool
88. All weather pitch would be brilliant. Cycle trails also would defiantly be used.
89. None that I can think of.
90. Keep the cycle paths clean and keep the bushes and grass cut along the paths
91. Proper supermarket or town centre type stores on high street to encourage people to shop locally and build ogmore
92. Fix the roads ,pavements, support for drug addicts to get off drugs
93. More evening classes
94. Just more activities for children maybe swimming or big soft play groups
95. Stop mowing grass areas. Plant wildflowers!!!
96. Something to engage teenagers

97. More dog poo bins please. People have bags & Puck up, but end up throwing them in the trees because they can't be bothered to carry them to the next bin, which are actually quite far apart on the cycle path.
98. Clearing the litter from the cycle path and the river.
99. re plant woodland trees that have had to be taken away and bring back recycling centre !!!
100. Road safety project
101. I think play area improvements are desperately needed.
102. Where nursery school was in Princetown absolute eyesore. And a car parking for bowls club parking terrible in streets
103. Swimming pool which we were primised when they took ours away. Never replaced
104. More computer courses for older residents
105. Make more use of/promote the wonderful walking routes that surround the valley.
106. Get the council to clean up the whole valley, eg: clean all pavement gutters, roadside curbs, roadside edges, roads signs etc etc etc.
107. More things for young people to do and under privilege families. Be good to see more PCSO's on foot in the community.
108. More classes / projects for youths. They need places to go and things to do after school and over the weekends.
109. One of the biggest drawbacks to this beautiful village (that was especially noticeable during the lockdown as my children and I tended to walk around the village) is the amount of dog mess. It's everywhere but we found it especially prevalent on the footpath that runs along the side of the school by the river as well as on the main cycle path. Several times we came home with dog mess on bicycle wheels and/or our pushchair. I don't know how this could be better policed nor how to encourage those responsible to take more pride but it really does ruin the beauty of the village.
110. I am keen for a floral project. Getting everyone to take part in maintenance. We could benefit from adult learning classes ie. Photography/ sewing / a reading club / craft style classes
111. Pre school for 2 years+
112. Our local park is extremely popular with local children of all ages. However the park is in desperate need of a revamp!
113. More community projects to get the people together, to help each other through COVID
114. All weather sports facilities, Ogmore park needs refurbishment,
115. Re open the waste and recycling yard
116. Clean up all the litter. Introduce many more litter bins. Install CCTV cameras to deter fly-tipping. Display "no littering" notices at appropriate points (lots of them, the place is a tip!!!).
117. use unemployed or prisoners to keep all streets and steps etc.weed free and safe to use.council are not doing the job.
118. More communication and organised events Christmas Easter . Childrens clubs at weekends. Shops encouraged to look lovely to see when driving through making people want to stop

119. We live in one of the most beautiful parts of the country. It would be nice to have some tourist attraction to encourage people to visit the valley.
120. A way of teaching people to respect others and the environment
121. A Food Pantry project is being discussed where hampers can be provided to families who are on low incomes or have lost their jobs. Also more need to be done regarding Mental Health issues, discussion groups formed to encourage talks about mental health, support given particularly to the farming community who are most vulnerable. The pandemic has highlighted the need particularly where lockdown has been in force and people are struggling to cope.
122. New paths leading to planka and on planka, replace benches
123. All weather pitch Soft play area and cafe in life centre
124. Longer hours for the life centre, improved soft play at the life centre
125. More projects for young children
126. I'm looking forward to seeing the development of the site of the Berwyn centre. It should provide a great opportunity for young people and community members to enjoy the outdoors and celebrate local heritage
127. Arts & Culture, performing arts
128. More needs to be done to protect the natural environment in ogmore vale, the parks need some serious upgrading, and we really really need suitable parks and projects for children of the ages 9 - 12. At this age they still want to play and climb and explore, but the standard park fare is not necessarily suitable to their needs @seen as a bit babyish) and projects that not necessarily sports based, not all children are into rugby, football, netball and karate. Some children like extreme sports and some are more into the arts and music . There is no facility for these children who want to explore something different.
129. Anything to encourage the unemployed people to get to work
130. A lot of people struggle with diy or even to pay for people to come and do house repairs and maintenance. It would be nice if there was some sort of scheme for people to take advantage of services in their own community, at a discounted cost. Many elderly and health impaired people struggle to do even the most basic of repairs, and/or to pay for them. The same with gardening jobs, as employing a gardener or landscape person can be pricey. In the past, kids used to earn money by going door to door doing gardening jobs etc so it would be lovely if there was some sort of scheme to implement these things. Also maybe a clothes swap scheme done locally to encourage the recycling of clothes, could be done to raise funds. Free Mindfulness and holistic classes as many people are suffering mental health nowadays. Free "how to" courses, such as basic car maintenance, could involve local trades people Proper Christmas decorations!!
131. Anything to bring the community together. Classes, groups, a small scale carnival / summer festival, intergenerational groups between schools and care homes
132. Litter and dog poo wardens
133. Walking groups, Zumba making tourist attraction
134. Mountain bike trail, community composting for garden waste and community recycling for items that can’t be recycled ie crisp packets

135. Traffic calming in Blackmill village desperately needed
136. The children's play park in Park Avenue is in desperate need of up grading. There 15 to 20 children there regularly and the equipment/ facilities there are aweful
137. 4g pitch to being it the area which will also gain an income from people outside the valley Regeneration of the washery site
138. Can we have the 75 bus back, have basically been trapped in the valley since it's demise. Trapped to such and extent that lockdown had little impact on me.
139. Two autistic adult sons who wish to have more access to socialise and volunteer work
140. Swimming pool
141. Better transport links, more youth orientated community projects are needed.
142. Keep all that is there
143. Exercise well being etc for older people but not ones that cost a lot of money
144. More help for the elderly in this time of uncertainty
145. Art classes. Community cafe. More flowers (take a look at all french villages) . They are all adorned with plants. Guided walks about history of valley once in a while.
146. A flying start or some sort of childcare for Ogmore/nantymiek area as there is currently no preschool child care in Ogmore
147. Improved availability of bins around Aber Fields for dog waste. Walkways being maintained in a better state, by trimming hedgerows and cleaning the tarmac to their full width.
148. The life centre is a really good hub for community events. health and wellbeing is so vital to the community so informal courses could be encouraged. They could be supported to do outreach courses in local centres.
149. Train station? More buses later buses . Mother and toddler group. More bins on the cycle track
150. Litter tidying in back roads and paths, recycle centre, regular public skips to curb dumping.
151. A craft group! Particularly sewing. Not sure if there currently is anything
152. Sport
153. communal garden project
154. Litter picking hub.
155. Improvement of washeries area. Initiative to reduce the misery of drugs and the wider harm it is causing in the area, anti-social behaviour.
156. A swimming pool would be amazing! I have to travel to Treorchy to go swimming and there are alot of people from Ogmore Valley that go there
157. An organisation of volunteer drivers linked to surgeries to transport people to medical appts with reimbursement for travelling costs only.
158. More litter pickers, clearing pavements and paths
159. More evening buses. I am car dependent as I work in Cardiff in healthcare.
160. greater opportunities to get involved with the litter picking team. Better awareness of the locations of the public footpaths, there is a sign by the Wyndham Pub indicating one which leads to an enclosed garden
161. Stop wasting money down the old pit wash area
162. nature and wildlife habitat conservation would be great

163. More Bins, swimming bars
164. I'd like to see the old washeries site tidied up. Don't remove the remains of the site, but maybe make them more accessible. Incorporate some way of making use of the local flora/fauna along with information points for the local youngsters to learn about the wildlife on their doorstep. A cafe, or some kind of cycling cafe by the cycle track would be nice. Maybe lay some off road cycling trails in and around the washeries site.
165. More benches around the planka fields. They become unusable, get taken away and not replaced. More bins along the cycle path. More sports and recreation activities for youngsters, to help combat anti social behaviour. Stop people and children riding motor cross bikes all over the playing fields. There's a lot of unacceptable behaviour, but nowhere to report it or get anything done.
166. Something for teenagers to keep them from hanging around play parks.
167. Benches along cycle path to sit and enjoy nature.
168. Play parks
169. More family based things More for younger people More for older people
170. Playschools, playgroups, more activities for children and modernised play parks. After school clubs/groups for all ages, better leisure facilities and more trainers able to organise fitness classes. Activities which bring the valley together like when I was young, such as fairs or parades celebrating our valley
171. More conservation type things we have some wonderful views and animals yet we don't make much of it. would be nice to see more than just a bat box up
172. More support and resources for local youth clubs and sports clubs
173. neighbourhood watch Youth club
174. All weather pitches and improvements to lighting on existing pitches to allow our existing clubs to continue during the dark winter months. Thought an all weather pitch was on the cards but progress seems incredibly slow (even before COVID impacts)
175. A community “shop” where locally made products can be displayed and sold,and also where home made and home grown produce can be displayed and sold. Carnivals, pet shows, garden shows, baby shows. Bring our community back together
176. Sports grounds and Palau areas for the children wasted ground between park and bowling green in Ogmore vale could be turned into football/basketball court as seen in inner city areas like London
177. Inter generational projects Community celebrations
178. Indoor play area, child care, after school club. Parents ability to maintain jobs is heavily impacted by no afterschool club in Ogmore vale.
179. Amount of dog fouling on public pathways is awful. Review of road safety by the crossing. Poor visibility when crossing the road
180. Youth clubs or play schemes would be great. Somewhere that can provide young people with a bit of everything. Arts and crafts/Pool/Sports/Computer games/Trips-cinema or theme park
181. I would like to see in the Wyndham the park upgraded for our children that is the ONLY i repeat the ONLY thing that is here that the council has no other buildings or amenities so perhaps a community hall of sorts can be built also on the build up to Armistice day Poppies could be put on the lampposts to honour the men and women from the

Wyndham who lost their lives in the wars and also for the men and women that are serving now I was bitterly disappointed and disgusted by the Ogmore Valley Community Councils excuse last year that they only put the poppies on the spine route in and out of the Valley the Wyndham was a spine route in and out of the Valley for the men and women from the Wyndham so please put this injustice to right once and for all if the Community Council can laugh and joke about putting poppies last year in a area outside of the Bridgend Council area we would gratefully take those poppies that were placed in the wrong area and that were paid for by our Council.

182. An all weather pitch on the Planka Nantymoel. It hasn't been the same since they used to put up the windmills
183. I would love to have the petrol station pulled down and the houses at the entrance to the village all painted in lovely cottage colours (like Tenby) and have hanging baskets so the it looks more inviting and will attract people to come and see. The drive I to the valley was the original reason I chose to move to Ogmore vale because the landscape is breathtaking. Unfortunately it looks like a shanty town as we approach the petrol station so please help give us a face-lift and attract new people!!!
184. All weather pitch
185. Landscape Berwyn Centre Site. Plant up areas of planks fields. Wild flowers for bees/wildlife. Encourage wildlife walks. More bins on cycle track. Keep hedges cut back and bring weed killing street sweepers back
186. Recycling depot reopened in Ogmore Vale.
187. Better Street lighting, Improved cycle track, made wider and better quality maintenance, more maintenance on the planca.
188. Stop cyclists on our roads they should use the cycle track that's provided. They are very dangerous on blackmill bends and valley roads it's safer for them and us for them to use the cycle track that the council paid a lot to get laid
189. Childrens parks & tennis courts really need some tlc. Verges need tidying up & potholes abound all over the valley
190. We have a lot of hand gliders in the area. Perhaps a hand gliding centre with accommodation as we have a lot of people walking and cycling. Promot the area as and out door exercise place.
191. Sport facilities
192. Community environmental projects that encourage children, young people and families to take part. Youth clubs and topical youth projects Adult social events and places to meet that aren't pubs or clubs
193. Improved parks for children and cycle paths maintained as often Brocken branches on track in Nantymoel
194. More support for the voluntary organisations already part of the community.
195. Soft play centre
196. Bike pump track for mountain bikers in the valley's kids would absoultley love it.
197. Youth clubs All weather pitch Mother and Baby groups
198. Just a decent gym would be nice. Halo is there but the gym is horrendous.

199. More groups for the youth and elderly. For the youth more life skills like cooking, car maintenance, basic electrical skills and money management. For the elderly more group activities.
200. Remove yellow lines on the roads where not needed
201. Something for wellbeing but also something for youngsters as theres nothing much available
202. Better outdoor facilities ie children's basketball/tennis courts and play area.
203. Have a new tots play are in Ogmore life centre for young children and parents to socialise
204. Cut back of poorly maintained verges on maintained roads and public footpaths where vegetation is Overflowing, Bins please. The amount of rubbish littering our highways is significant. A valley CCTV system or community based one to provide public protection.
205. Definitely something for the children there is nothing up here for them! Especially teenagers they just ruin the parks and skate parks
206. Update the parks
207. The valley is a mess. More skips and options to recycle rather than having to use own transport and queue 2 hours to do the right thing
208. Maintenance of cycle track. There are areas now which are dangerous through tree roots causing the tarmac to rise. Unpleasant on a bike but worse, I have fallen there whilst running and cracked a rib. Worst area is just north of skate park where there are trees on both sides.
209. Swimming pool or parks
210. I am raising funds for new park equipment so more help to reach our goal from the council would be great. The valley has no after school childcare facilities and a general lack of facilities for younger children.
211. A river clean up project is desperately needed. The state of the ogmore is just shameful.
212. More bins, concrete benches (so they can't get pinched)the bridge by the old washeries fixed and the flooding by the washeries sorted out better places to walk the dog
213. More craft facilities get the community together, community halls for personal trainers to hire and kids have some where to go instead of littering our local pitches
214. More toddler groups and more cleaning of paths and park surroundings.
215. Support and help with the Adare Street playground, which a local mum has established and is fundraising for. It shouldn't be the responsibility of the community to fundraise and provide such essentials as playgrounds for our children. The provision for children in the valley is woeful. Additional activities such as martial arts, cubs/ scouts would be popular and keep the kids out of mischief!
216. Definately more things for children, the parks are rubbish the skatepark only for older children there isn't much activities groups for young children to be involved in if there is its limited numbers there is no places like soft play for children to go if weather is bad. No after school clubs or term time clubs for children to go to, the Berwyn centre was a great place when I was younger having shows available aswell as discos for children to have fun. Childcare is non existent making it harder for people to find or go to work.

Arts and crafts would be good like workshops cooking workshops. Ogmore valley is beautiful with amazing views but just lets us down with the lack of things for children

217. Speed cameras put in places where young boys race cars in open places causing dangerous conditions for other drivers and people out walking. Safer community we need. More lighting in certain areas such as the planka, as can be very dangerous when I'm walking my dogs late in the evening at winter time. Also better lighting on the Aber road and the badge factory lane again for safety reasons when walking at night
218. road name plates
219. Definitely need more facilities for the younger people of the valley
220. more bins and dog poo bins needed around the valley and on cycle track.
221. More bins on the cycle track. Repair the bridge over to the washeries. Tidy up of the path over the washeries
222. Cycling initiative
223. Foraging
224. An arts group that focuses on landscape drawings of the valley, meditation group, women's boxing classes
225. More stuff for children, classes ect. There a lack of child care facility and classes in the area.
226. No
227. AstroTurf, improved parks, more play opportunities
228. Clubs for children with disabilities
229. Mental health projects
230. skate park 4g pitch
231. There is very poor availability of wrap around childcare for children of school age. This makes it incredibly difficult for both parents to be able to work, especially when you also consider the poor transport connections
232. Parks and leisure for young people
233. mental health support such as counsellors need to be readily available with waiting months and having to travel
234. Utilize the flora and mountains, we could look at outdoor activity centres much like the one planned for Tower Colliery Aberdare.
235. No projects in particular, just bring us in line with other valleys. We don't need fancy things just basic clean streets, clean drains, no dog mess, no tipping, proper roads. We are the forgotten valley.
236. Recycling site
237. More facilities for children and young people
238. swimming pool and new football goals placed on the ogmore vale rugby field
239. local tree planting schemes
240. How to communicate better with residents

Q6. How would you rate the services and facilities currently being provided for people and communities living in the Ogmore Valley area overall? What's the reason for your rating? Are there specific things you think might be improved in the future?

There were 151 responses to this question:

1. The amount of facilities is improving on the whole
2. Very little provided
3. Not a lot for families
4. Overgrown in back lanes
5. It would be quite nice if the bin men could put bags on the path rather than leaving them blow down the road
6. The roads
7. Nothing needs to improve
8. There are no facilities in Evanstown / Gilfach Goch
9. Lack of public transport
10. Never really know what's going on. No communication in the Valley
11. Services seem to be reducing - yoiung people and elderly need to be prioritised. Stop wasting money on Xmas. Rather hold street competition for Xmas decs.
12. Condition of skate park
13. Litter in side streets, entertainment events e.g. Carnivals, festivals, more involvement for all ages to regain community spirit.
14. Nothing in the valley for the community at any level and age
15. Areas up in the Valley appear to get forgotten, no lights, no flowers, no festive decorations, not enough waste bins

16. All children, bank, library, community centre, public toilets, all closed / moved. Council cannot afford to maintain.
17. Compared to other areas of BCBC as we feel forgotten! I live at the top end of the valley which is designated as a Conservation Area, but this seems to be used as an excuse to not improve or upgrade the area
18. Don't know of any mental health help local
19. Loss of community places i.e. The Berwyn Centre
20. Not really much on offer
21. Apart from the leisure centre what have we got??
22. Maesteg gets newsletters from the MPs about new things happening & I don't recall ever once receiving something like in Ogmore
23. Youth is very well run, however not many other facilities. A swimming pool should be added as swimming is a life skill and the majority of children cannot swim.
24. Lack of vision, action and motivation by people of influence. Motivated people are silenced. Selectfull rehousing of people. Flying Start
25. After the loss of our Berwyn Centre I am aware of the recent refurbishment of the memorial hall but not quite sure what facilities are on offer there. It might be a good idea to advertise what is on offer and consider accommodating working families when doing timetables.
26. Free cash machines,re open the amenity site,more benches along the cycle track and public toilets somewhere along the track.
27. Need stricter rules and penalties put on the population and more encouragement to keep their homes and surroundings clean and tidy.
28. far better maintenance of the parks and walk paths throughout the valley. For example the provision of seats around park areas
29. Hardly hear of the majority of services avail, maybe better advertising
30. In my opinion the river is my main priority Difficult sometimes to have house insurance
31. The council could cut the grass and all the overgrowth more often
32. We don’t have a lot of anything in Ogmore vale
33. The local youth clubs are excellent
34. I don’t know if I am ignorant and I’ve done problem on anyone? but what is available for people of the Ogmore valley?
35. More groups for the lonely and the teenage
36. Can't answer that as don't use any services/facilities
37. Ogmore leisure centre and the very limited sports clubs for children. However as we know, these are all privately run and we have nothing from our council who we pay a lot of money too. This includes overgrown trees and bushes/poor roads, all of which contributes to the physical look of our valley - deprived and uninviting. This is a beautiful place! Let’s show it off
38. Theres nothing left in this valley. May as well block us in an drown us all.
39. Top of the valley, the forgotten area
40. even thought there are a few shops here, i have not seen any village cafe's around, or bakeries, it would be lovely to have these, also, when I was a child there used to be a

man that used to come round in a van selling bread, eggs and milk and other things. He would come into your street and "toot" his horn so you knew he was there, and he was reasonably priced too. It helped the locals, especially the elderly or people with young children or no transport that couldn't afford to go shopping every day. They used to buy their essentials like bread, milk cheese and eggs off him, which used to tide them over until they could go do their main shop on the weekend. I think this could be something that could be considered

41. You tell me what is out there for all age groups, if you're not a local at a pub or part of a club or association
42. Everything seems to be geared up for children and not adults
43. We lost our swimming pool , Berwyn centre , youth centre all the cash goes elsewhere in the borough To Bridgend Porthcawl or Maesteg we are worth nothing in Ogmore
44. Cycle hire... Park runs
45. Better wrap-around childcare options. More community events, eg. Organised Firework Display on Planka could be great (and possibly attract income), if promoted and stalls made available? Social distancing could be possible outside.
46. We don't get anything , we are the forgotten area of the valley. No decent park area, nothing for our dogs, no youth club for our youngsters and no decent flood lights/changing rooms down our field.
47. There is a huge lack. There needs to be more of everything x
48. Accessing social groups for disabled people is very difficult given transport issues and lack of locations. Buses not running into the late evening means it is difficult for those who work and have to use public transport, and traps young people in the village, creating boredom and the consequences thereof. I feel like we are the Forgotten in the Valleys.
49. Public transport Community Council planting beds and it would be nice to be provided with hanging baskets on our lamp posts in this part of Bridgend benches and seating areas areas better maintained and weeds in pavements and roads maintained
50. There are plenty of centres for services but are not being utilised properly
51. very little services for the people of the valley. Parks have not been revamped for many years. A 3g pitch is desperately needed for the children to play sport on, as the field is generally flooded when we have had a lot of rain
52. Have to travel to access good quality educational projects etc
53. We have too many small, single-purpose facilities. This is OK when things are going well, but when a building needs repairing it causes problems. Evidence - Berwyn Centre, Scout Hall, Bryant Centre. The Ogmore Valley Male Choir has a building all to itself, thanks to a lottery grant a few years ago, but now the Berwyn Centre is demolished there is nowhere for young people to practice modern music without disturbing neighbours across a wide area. The Memorial Hall could be used by more groups and services. This has other spin-off benefits. Someone who is socially-isolated might attend to do one thing, and be referred to another activity in the same building. The same principle would also work with health facilities. It doesn't make sense for Ogmore Vale GP surgery and the health centre to have separate buildings within 50m of each other. OK that can't be put right straight away, as they are already in existence.

However we should try to co-locate different services as much as possible when the opportunity arises. On the food bank question, I am conflicted. I don't mind using food banks as a temporary measure, but they seem to be almost an official part of the welfare state. It is less stigmatising for people to have money to buy the food they want, and to be honest would be easier to organise. We need to think about what it feels like to be on the receiving end of these services, and think about how we could make it a less demeaning experience. Also put in services to make repeat use less likely, such as budgeting advice, cookery classes etc.

54. They are just the usual, nothing really unique to other places
55. Since the closure of the Berwyn Centre, there has been very little attempt to create a replacement. What I would like to see is boys and girls club up and running as soon as possible, to have some focus for the people of Nantymoel and Pricetown.
56. Not enough of them
57. It's just poor all the way around , scruffy houses, drug addicts , joy riders
58. So far no issues in the area just needs a spruce up
59. Don't know of any
60. It's not very visible. Don't really know what's happening anywhere.
61. Evanstown is lost to Bridgend. We have nothing here and no one seems to want to help us achive anything.
62. we have good schools, a leisure centre, a few shops, play areas (some need to be updated) and variety of clubs its more involvement with residents and help with some costs to keep these things open and people to keep the community clean and help to do so !!!
63. We have nothing
64. Compared to adjoining areas, money is not being spent in the Ogmore Valley. More Xmas lights & hanging baskets in summer as other areas have are needed
65. More variety of shops would be nice.
66. Maybe that all the services that are available should be advertised more.
67. I am not aware of services and facilities
68. There are basic facilities but playgrounds are run down, usually full of litter etc. I don't think there's much for older children/teenagers to do either.
69. the leisure centre works to providing classes however they are not for everyone and some are daytime so do not reach for people who work. There is not much else available for people
70. There are lots of different opportunities for adults and young people, i do think a bigger, better park would benefit the local children and a local supermarket (if only small) would benefit families and elderly people who are unable or restricted to travel.
71. There is no community services and facilities particularly in Nantymoel
72. The park is in an awful state, it is unsafe and not well maintained. (Walters Road) There are no facilities for children to continue to play sport during the awful weather.
73. Because there is NOTHING in the valley
74. Investment in area - lots of run down buildings
75. see previous answer

76. Need more input and regular updates for whole community not just hear about the event afterwards
77. Not enough funds available to maintain past services
78. The overall provision of services and facilities for the Ogmore Valley area are fair, however in the rural village of Glynogwr it is poor, with no provision at all. A Community facility is desperately needed where activities and services can be provided, there is only one building and that is the Church and a Community Development Project has been formed in order to acquire funds to install such a facility. Fund raising events have been held prior to the pandemic, however we are unable to continue at present. Applications for funding are being undertaken in order to cover the costs involved which are extremely high.
79. Poor lighting high crime low employment poor access no police presence no support
80. Limited grass / green area cutting and maintenance It feels like the rubbish and recycling collections are only what we get for the council tax we pay
81. So much could be improved. Roads and some pavements are poor up here, needs proper maintenance. Green areas properly maintained. A lot of attempted break ins happen around the area. It would be great if something could be done to help people feel more secure. We often have places and services took away from us instead of improvements made and that really needs to change. Residents need to be properly listened to, not everyone can make a community council meeting, or even know that you exist and that hasn't changed in years! The council needs to work much harder on communicating and interacting with the public. A monthly newsletter could help a great deal as not everyone is online. Regular surveys distributed. People should have more say in where money is spent in the local area.
82. There's not much going on and we seem somewhat overlooked.
83. Recycling more and home green energy
84. Generally able to find information . Village notice boards very helpful and informative
85. No money seems to be spent look at the garw valley and bridgend
86. All inaccessible without the 75 bus.
87. N/A
88. Lack if street lights and pot holes in many roads constantly
89. Besides fixed sites such as sport pitches and playparks there are almost no services. Library and sports/fitness access is limited and poorly managed, youth groups and other outreach projects are almost nonexistent.
90. Im still finding my way around and still hearing of services that I may not use due to my age/sex/work etc
91. Swimming pool and berwyn cente. Ogmore hall all demolished, nothing built in their place, after the promises. Rejuvenation of washery site never accomplished. No local cinema Christmas decorations provided by the council are abysmal.
92. The area is very deprived. Most “community projects” take place in other areas of Bridgend and more effort & money seems to be put into areas that already seem to be doing alright such as porthcawl, pencoed, Brackla. Morale is very low in the valley and it’s no surprise when the council keep taking things away and cutting funds
93. BCBC are continuley taking facilities away from the Ogmore valley

94. Its a great community, if you can involve them in the development of future projects. a bit like Caerau development trust
95. Feel like a curfew stuck in a valley
96. There are a fair few things available or were pre covid, but not always at a time or day convenient for my family.
97. Valley has been historically run down, no public toilets in area, swimming pool shut down, very few shops, council is persistently trying to offload the bowls/tennis club to the members everything in valley seems to be underfunded.
98. Financial cutbacks have reduced opportunities
99. quite often see people litter picking and there is a great community spirit
100. currently good range of services
101. It's been said time and time again. We are the forgotten valley. Hourly bus service, wind turbines covering every part of the valley and more on the way, over flowing bins, no hanging baskets, lack of Christmas decorations, other than last year Christmas it had got increasingly depressing. Maesteg, Porthcawl, Bridgend, Cefn Glas and other areas all sparkling, nothing where we live. One tree up the other end of the valley. Huge holes in roads. Lack of police presence, more anti social behaviour. I love the valley it's such a shame it's been allowed to get to the state it has.
102. More services for children and young adults desperately needed! Even when my daughter was a baby I had to travel to brackla to take her to a language and play session. If people can drive anywhere there isn't any facilities in the valley.
103. Yes we have a small library and gym,, and some good pubs with great food but unless you drive or worse drink drive you can't enjoy them fully
104. Sports clubs told they will have heavy rental bills for pitches. Lack of support and resources for local youth and children's clubs. Only sports centre is private. Valley relies a lot on volunteers to maintain green areas and develop areas for community to enjoy. Roads have lots of potholes. Trees and pathways overrown
105. There isn't really much. If there is it isn't well advertised
106. What are the services?
107. Limited access to all weather sports facilities. Existing facilities poorly maintained e.g. Ogmore Park cabin and pitch lighting. Very limited opportunity to hire indoor facilites
108. We have no facilities moved here 6 years ago and nothing is here for children or adults
109. Basic services are available, and the quality is basic
110. Children's Parks are not maintained to the same standard as town centre parks, bus service is inadequate when so many people work in hospitality and care and are already struggling to keep jobs. The valley is not presented to the same standard as closer to town, ie.. Flowers, signage, Xmas decorations. Lack of street lighting puts people at risk.
111. No investment in the area. Public areas poorly maintained such as children's parks.
112. Very poor in The Wyndham has said earlier there is only a run down Children's park our Village has been overlooked for years i personally think that there will not be any change here as other places like Porthcawl take priority over our village these surveys help people like yourselves that put them out there but it will not help myself or other residents of The Wyndham our voices have been overlooked in the past and I think the

same will be in the future myself saying this will make no difference to our village but probably give you a good laugh and you will probably think that I am a moaner.

113. Theres nothing up here we are the forgotten valley
114. Small shops are good, good selection of food outlets, but there are a number of beautiful old buildings which could be utilised much better rather than falling into delapidation.
115. Lights on planka/Ogmore field for rugby/football training All weather pitch
116. Never seen the Councillor never see any positive action put into play apart from off people's own backs. This valley is left with nothing.
117. Few places to eat and socialise. Too much H&S considerations this puts off community get together like carnivals and fetes
118. O. V. is a forgotten Valley..
119. I live in the Wyndham which gets overlooked for everything there's not one council owned building here just a run down swing park also we get overlooked for the poppies on the lamp posts
120. No visible policing so lots of noise nuisance and bad driving. Residents clean up the verges etc as bridgend council seldom does and dog fouling is a huge problem
121. Nothing to do really
122. There is nothing at all in the valley for young or old
123. See previous answer - these are needed because there is currently nothing or insufficient available for all
124. What services are provided? If any not advertised enough. This valley is so overgrown you have problems just to be able to walk around, a good cutting back+clearing of trees +brambles is one service that should be provided - +on a regular basis.
125. Too many facilities are closing in the valley, for example recycling centre should have never closed
126. There is a sense that this valley is forgotten, with Bridgend, Maesteg and Porthcawl getting the lion's share of any new projects.
127. I've lived there for a year now and I have no idea what community services are available. Maybe if there was a leaflet or something through the door to explain what's available there.
128. There is lack of communication to the people in the valley . Not everyone is on Facebook or have computers. What about a monthly or quarterly news letter .
129. Don't really hear of much. Things aren't advertised
130. Total lack of teenage amenities to keep them occupied
131. Always missed off. Recycling services need to be better. Another missed collection this week. Restore bus services to the Caedu and Stormy Lane areas of the valley. How on earth can elderly people get out and about without them? Better monitoring of cars parked illegally on junctions and side roads. Highways act rules applies but not enforced. Dangerous and guesswork involved when navigating especially top of Caedu and Suffolk.
132. We are a forgotten valley

133. I hate to moan but it really feels like we're the forgotten Valley. We need More bins Road improvements More vegetation management The Life centre is under utilised, it shuts on sat and sun afternoons More bins needed on the cycle track More benches
134. The valley has poor schools and nothing to cater for children. We have a boys and girls club but that's not suitable for everyone
135. There is nothing up here
136. What we have is just ok it can be better
137. More for a wider range of ages not much to do with a toddler in the area.
138. It's a depressing place to live. Everything is rundown and poorly maintained. There's not much to entertain kids and what little there is, is often vandalised.
139. Nothing up here
140. Safety reasons such as lighting are very poor. You g boys racing in cars at night causing danger to the public. Lack of facilities to keep children and teens occupied
141. We need our leisure centre to be open throughout the day so people can access the gym, library etc
142. I love it here
143. There is hardly anything. It's started improving but there still not much.
144. The valley isn't very disabled friendly
145. the only parks are completely run down, field is only accessed by a very dangerous road
146. There isn't much about. Only leisure centre run by halo. Nothing from the government/council really
147. More could be done, things take a long time to happen
148. Other than street lighting a refuse service and a couple of community centres and playing pitches, nothing much else up here.
149. There are a few facilities but most not available to working people, ok if you don't work.
150. It feels like a forgotten valley at the moment. Slowly services are being taken away or reduced.
151. What service's unless you are on face book you don't get to hear anything Face to face contact would be more beneficial

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Q10 Are there any other comments or feedback you would like to give to Ogmore Valley Community Council?

There were 111 responses to this question:

1. Get more Christmas lights it's so sad that they stop at Walters Road and restart on the clock
2. Encourage private sector investment and lobby for fibre to the premises.
3. Keep up the good work we are the loveliest valley let's make it even better
4. A lot of money could be made from having some official mtb trails in the valley. That in turn would be more money coming into Ogmore. More money to help fund more schemes to benefit our beautiful valley.

5. The majority of pavements have overgrown foliage, also lighting in the dark never works which is dangerous for runners.
6. A centre for childcare playgroup is very much needed in the Ogmore Valley, as there is nothing at all available! Only from Lewiston and Blackmill is childcare available if you live in those areas
7. Need to be more proactive and listen to concerns of residents
8. Keep up the hard work. Although peoples opinions can seem critical, your dedication is very much appreciated. Thankyou!
9. Thank you for your hard work and please carry on the good work supporting and improving our beautiful valley
10. To be far more proactive within the area
11. Nantymoel is forgotten valley
12. Could it be possible to advertise events and community clean ups and get something set up for the older “youths” who can be absolute pains in the never minds
13. More access to know who and now to contact councillors
14. We are supposed to be receiving money from the windmills people are not sure where it is going, we would like a say on where it is spent as we have to look at the eyesore’s and hear the noise from them daily.
15. Our Valley needs a good clean up! All children’s parks need maintenance
16. Listen to the people and how they would like to be involved without too much commitment.
17. Our community spirt is alive and well but our support from local governments need some upgrading
18. It would be nice to see some flower pots by the Ogmore Vale sign just before the old Jehovah Witness hall and more Christmas lights Caedu side of the valley
19. We need a swimming pool or family sports centre eg. Ten pin bowling pool snooker air hockey machine. I fear for our children growing up as theres nothing 4them to do
20. Repair the roads and the pathways around the planka
21. How do you find out what is happening in the valley?
22. I was in the Labour Party and various councils for many years it's a waste of time nothing ever changes I hardly recognise the valley I grew up in 60years ago politicians cared then they weren't just in it for the money good luck with the changes you hope to implement but I won't hold my breath.
23. There is nothing up here for anyone ?♀□
24. We need things up here for the future generations. I’ve had enough of people bashing them. Yes there’s bad apples, but a youth club in Ogmore, dog park, ASD friendly youth club, basketball court needs all the glass removed. No.75 bus reinstalled. Changing rooms and flood lights for Ogmore field.
25. Our valley is beauitful but we need investment. We need more funding on every front. I feel as though are valley get forgotten about.
26. As I have stated there are things in progress for the older it would be nice for some learning fun activities for the little ones garden etc
27. Keep up the good work and thanks for all that you do.

28. Keep championing the bus company for full service, please! I may not be able to use it, but it is still vital to so many people.
29. Just please provide public transport in the evenings
30. Local community councillors never hold any surgeries in the valley of evanstown even before lockdown or no suggestion box all contact with problems have been put in place
31. Buck your ideas up and listen to the people and not what you want to do
32. What is the difference between you and bcbc.what do you do, why do you exist
33. Better support for fitness classes, there are spaces available but access can be difficult. Additional parks for skating and bikes, pricetown can be intimidating when older kids are there and younger can be a bit scared
34. Thank you
35. Need more parking in Ogwy Street single yellow lines are there and it's one of the widest roads in the valley so not sure why they are there
36. Decent, well-paid employment is the top thing our valley needs. We need re-training opportunities for people made redundant in current and previous hard times. There could be a role for social enterprises to help people into work. We are not going to get big employers back into the Valley, but that doesn't mean we can give up on our young people. Also we need proper fibre broadband to every home so people can work from home effectively, even if this is part-time.
37. The council don't care about the residents in this area yet they charge 1000 in council tax , roads are full of pot holes therefore cars are being damaged Disgraceful council , nantymoel is forgotten area
38. I think control over house building is required. More effort into growing local employment opportunities....how about trying to attract some non retail employers. Need to be cognisant of the valley becoming locked in when /if the new Tondu development goes ahead.
39. The lack of easy access to a close household recycling centre is an issue for us, every time we go to the brynmenyn site there is a long queue. I am concerned that it is encouraging people to flytip instead of disposing of their waste properly.
40. Asked about hiring a room in the mem, before the renovation, it was more expensive than the Arts Centre in Bridgend, which makes it quite inaccessible
41. Please stop ignoring Evanstown, we pay our taxes and like everyone else only we dont get anything in return.
42. Evanstown Gilfach Goch should be part of rct
43. Help us
44. More residents only parking, free up wasted space for cars. Ensure businesses, especially pubs provide parking for customers so that residents are not crowded out.
45. No thanks.
46. need more activities and clubs for young children. More childcare/ nursery Welsh courses
47. We have a very friendly and beautiful community, it would be amazing to see that grow with such subtle changes.

48. Stop the local volunteer grass cutters from spraying weed killer everywhere!! It is a health hazard and must be stopped. I have seen them on numerous occasions spraying the public seating area opposite my house. Simple weeding would be sufficient and safe
49. yes. resign
50. Please educate people on the necessity of clearing up, after their dog has defecated.
51. if you could get dog wardens to patrol the area and sort out those owners who will not pick up their dogs mess
52. Bring the valley back to life! More information, more heritage and more help to make the valley smile
53. Would love a recycling centre
54. I think it important that the community trust the work of the Community Council and that they see that they are being supported. That includes the isolated rural areas as well as the valley areas.
55. Having soft play at the community centre would get more people together at the centre.
56. there not their
57. The work that volunteers are doing in the valley is fabulous and to be commended
58. Blackmill bravos are amazing and have been working non stop around the community
59. Traffic calming desperately needed in the village - road bumps
60. The bottom of Ogmore Rugby field has.not been returned to how it was.
61. Without all the valley having access to public transport, anything done will not be accessible/viewable by all the community.
62. Please look at the bus service, i work in hospitality and finish around 10.30 on sunday nights the bus service finishes around 5-6 so i have to pay a large amount of my wage for taxis. Thank you
63. You spelt there wrong! Fed up of the valley being forgotten. All money seems to be spent in bridgend maesteg or porthcawl for improvements.
64. I hope this survey does justice and not just broken promises growing up in the valley in the 70/80's we were spoilt for choice as kids and adults now there's nothing apart from the sports centre. Kids had youth clubs Saturday morning clubs later night cafe swimming pool etc it's a shame as our kids are missing out on doing these things. More classes for adults that actually stay would be good .
65. All Community Councillors should be far more visible to their respective Communities and should already be aware of the needs and views of their Community and, be far more proactive and approachable in taking the Ogmore Valley forward.
66. It's a really Friendly place to live as well as stunningly Beautiful
67. there are quite a few drains that have become buried with grit. During heavy rain leads to localised flooding. The corner of Fairy Glen has been retorted but nothing has been done to rectify it. Please can you chase it up?
68. Start listening to the valley people
69. Great to see a community council reaching out
70. I think I've ranted enough. 👍

71. There are lots of issues in the valley, parking, speeding cars, littering / fly tipping, dog fouling just a general lack of pride. Lots has been done in Blackmil to improve appearance to encourage pride. Would be lovely to improve community pride.
72. Sort out the pot holes, never mind useless signs flashing up the speed limit
73. More buses needed regularly as buses are now getting full which rules out the seating strategy on buses
74. Yes get some money spent and get some facilities in the valley children are having to go to play football in Bridgend despite Wyndham having a team as Wyndham has nowhere affordable to train when the nights are cold wet or dark
75. Yes get your act together and listen to people and take their observations and do not dismiss them to ignorance.
76. I have some concerns at the boy racers late at night and that there are opportunist burglars - wondering if Cctv would be a gois detergent. May also catch dog fowlers! I would also like to know what's happening with the Japanese knotweed situation
77. Would be good to know who community council representatives are
78. Come and speak to the people of the valley not just the select few. Be visible not just at meetings
79. More street cleaning needed and clearing of weeds etc from street guttering. Pot holes filled.
80. Stop ignoring the valley
81. We want poppies in the wyndham
82. This is a lovely valley where most people look out for one another. It would be nice if there were some flower planters like other areas of bridgend. TLC is definitely needed in this community.
83. More bins on cycltrax as there is always rubbish being thrown there
84. The environment needs to be looked at! Tree trimming, grass cutting. Some places are out of control and becoming inaccessible. These have been reported on fix my street but nothing has been done.
85. Get and talked to people, especially the children and young people!! Surveys are OK but face to face talking cannot be beaten!
86. This valley desperately needs a decent bus service, young people can't go out in the evening if only to the cinema as no bus home. I can't meet my friends in the evening for a meal as no bus home+what about the workers who finish after a late shift. As for there being no bus for the people living up the Cwm or the other side of Ogmore is just disgusting.
87. Wyndham park needs to be sorted. It's terrible .
88. Just to reiterate, I've been living in the valley for over a year and I just don't know what activities are available in the valley.
89. Yes. We have no childcare facilities whatsoever, no preschool and no after school club which is making people not even want to live in the valley. The lack of these facilities is shocking compared to the vast amount they have elsewhere. When my youngest starts school I don't understand how I'm supposed to work?! Got no problem placing druggies up the valley to live and running the good working class people out due to them and no childcare facilities!!! Disgusting

90. We have less facilities in the Valley now than I was a child. It feels the the valley has been forgotten.
91. Remove yellow lines from the roads where not needed
92. Parts of the valley look run down and there needs to be more things for youngsters
93. keep up the great work in supporting valley. Thanks for all your efforts
94. Would like to see more active community involvement, door to door speaking as to what is needed. Not everyone is able to access the internet.
95. More community council officers to discuss matters
96. Thank you for the survey
97. Sorry to whinge. I know your resources are limited
98. The community council do these best they can but without more help from BCBC there is only so much they can do. I appreciate how hard their job is and I feel BCBC forget that Ogmore Vale is here half the time
99. keep up the good work x
100. Please stop taking from the Ogmore valley and start giving the biggest mistake you made was shutting the recycling centre
101. Keep up the good work
102. I think the survey was a great idea.
103. I think the residents of the valley should be allowed to put their ideas forward and we then get to vote for what we would like to see in the valley. It shouldn't be decided by people who don't live here
104. WEEDS ON SIDE ROAD. SO YOU CAN PARK
105. Only that their actions are for good of themselves and not for their community
106. Keep up the great work
107. Ogmore vale is a beautiful valley and with the right funding ect it could be the best
108. Street lighting very poor in the valley.
109. The Ogmore Valley appears to be the forgotten valley, there is nothing whatsoever up here. Council tax increases each year yet we have nothing to show for it. A lot of other valleys, Massteg/Blaengarw appear to have had money spent on the valley.
110. We desperately need better transport links as there are very little jobs in the valley, almost everyone needs to travel. Also reopening of the recycling centre would help cut down on fly tipping.
111. Communicate

Appendix 4: Summary feedback from key stakeholders

List of key stakeholders consulted:

- ABMULHB – Local health nurse - Enfys Lewis
- Age Connects Morgannwg – Helen Davies & Tina Down
- Alzheimer's Society - Dementia Connect Local Services Manager, Bethan Phelps
- Awen Cultural Trust – Chief Executive, Richard Hughes
- Bad Bikes – Andy Mackay
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Wales – Chief Executive, Joff Carroll
- Bridgend Carers Centre - Carers Link Worker, Karen Evans
- Bridgend College – Helen Davies
- Bridgend County Borough Council Officers:
    - Local Community Coordinator for Ogmore Valley Area - Maria Bennett
    - Sustainable Development Team - Local Area Energy Strategy and Smart Energy Plan - Michael Jenkins
    - Community Asset Transfer Officer – Guy Smith
    - Active Young People Department – Jo Delve
    - Community Network Builder – Louise Bowman
    - Flying Start – Tina Haddon
    - Employability – Victoria Oram
- Eclipse Wales Services Limited – Alison Westwood
- Hafal – Jason Cockings
- Keep Wales Tidy – Projects Officer, Brian Jones
- Nantymoel Boys and Girls Club – Ken Davies
- Ogmore Valley RFC – Secretary - Simon James
- Our Welsh Farm Caravan & Camping – Eira Edwards
- Pant Y Wal 'Community Fund' – Dale Hart
- Platfform – Counsellor, Shaun Sincock
- Pobl Group - Manager Bridgend Local Support - Gaynor Peploe
- V2C – Community Living Manager, Elizabeth Willington
- Welsh Centre for Action on Dependency and Addiction - Lead Peer Mentor, Sarah Morgan

ABMULHB – Local health nurse (under 5's) - Enfys Lewis

Services:

- Not much currently being delivered – two mother & toddler groups and one playgroup

Challenges:

- Single parents with young children getting isolated.
- Diet & nutrition. Limited supply of fresh fruit and veg in shops – travel to Bridgend for shopping is costly and time consuming.
- Isolation due to pandemic storing up problems for the future.

Opportunities:

- Lots of good shops in Treorchy but no bus.
- Lovely walks and parks in the area – good opportunity to get people out and about.
- Classes showing parents how they can cook from fresh.

Age Connects Morgannwg – Helen Davies & Tina Down

Services:

- Age Connects support the elderly via their Hospital Discharge Service, involving visits for up to 6 weeks after they have been discharged from hospital. During that time they help service users through things like: undertaking benefit checks to improve their financial situation, providing emotional support, signposting to other providers e.g. Care & Repair for adaptations in their homes to help them to be mobile / 'Falls clinic' to help them be more steady on their feet.
- Also volunteer programme – e.g. telephone befriending, 'reaching out' programme - helping people reconnect with their community and do the things they would like but struggle with.
- Digital Communities Wales grant – small group training in use of IT (smartphones, tablets, echo dots) and social media platforms.
- Also help their service users to become more engaged and encourage them to join community groups to help alleviate isolation and loneliness.

Challenges:

- The advice to stay-in given to older people during the pandemic has had a massive impact on them. Lacking in confidence to get out and about, impact on mobility. Older people getting referred on to 'mobility service'
- More of an emphasis in times of reduced resources to get people to go to attend services outside of the house rather than in their own homes.
- Transport – frightened of using public transport.
- Need convenient, accessible community venues that are affordable. Instead of charging per hour, charge a £1 per person.

Opportunities:

- Establish a local forum for the area to coordinate activities.

Alzheimer's Society - Dementia Connect Local Services Manager, Bethan Phelps

Services:

- 'Dementia Connect' service: Dementia Advisers, on line meetings, plus contacting GP surgeries to offer services.

Challenges:

- Reaching and engaging with people in the first place, getting referrals. Knowing the best forums to access.

Opportunities:

- Is there an opportunity to provide a hub or platform just to let people know that we are there?
- Sharing knowledge of what's going on.
- Is there an opportunity to establish a 'Forum' for residents?

Awen Cultural Trust – Chief Executive, Richard Hughes

Services:

- Betws Life Centre and services for people with learning disabilities delivered via the 'Wood B' wood workshop on Tondu Industrial Estate and the 'B-Leaf' project – a plant nursery at Bryngarw Country Park.
- Bryngarw Country Park at the foot of the valley is also becoming a 'Destination Gateway' with Valleys Regional Park funding. £600K investment. New Education Centre, improved Visitor Centre. Looking to do more with volunteering e.g. Ambassadors. Bryngarw has had one of its busiest years during the pandemic – 26,000 visitors in August alone.
- No physical presence in the Ogmore Valley itself though, so tend to take on more outreach work. Work closely with Halo to deliver in Ogmore Valley area e.g. support Halo to run the library.
- Also use the Boys & Girls Club (the Mem) in Nantymoel.

Challenges:

- Wellbeing is going to be a huge challenge going forward, specifically for the next two – three years.

Opportunities:

- Looking to work in partnership with organisations and community groups in the valley e.g. V2C.
- Outreach work with schools in the Valley.

- ‘Uplifting’ mental health benefits of arts & culture.

Bad Bikes – Andy Mackay

Services:

- BAD Bikes is a charity that provides resources for young people living in the ward of Blackmill and surrounding areas, by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities.
- The primary aims of the charity are twofold:
  - To educate and help young people to develop their skills, capacities and capabilities so that they might participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
  - To provide recreational and leisure time activities in the interests of social welfare.

Challenges:

- Better coordination of youth activities in the valley.
- Better services and facilities for young people.
- Better engagement of the young people themselves in co-producing the services that are largely being designed for them at present.
- An over reliance on volunteers. Needs more coordination in terms of volunteer management and development.
- For the Council the main challenge is to support the various local groups that operate in the area in a much better way.
- More robust guidelines for disbursing monies coming through from the Windfarm.

Opportunities:

- Promote what’s going on in the Valley for young people via the large screen in Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen (CCYD)
- Build coordination of various youth activities via the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wales (Joff Carroll – see below)
- Put in place more robust guidelines for distributing windfarm grants.
- Look at introducing a part-time ‘Community Development’ function / role in the Valley.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Wales – Chief Executive, Joff Carroll

Services:

- Established as an independent youth services provider since 1925.
- Arose out of the need to provide activities for the children of miners in South Wales, now a national organisation.
- Very strong presence on the Ogmore Valley, the third ever Club was established and is still running (and thriving) at ‘the Mem’ in Nantymoel.

- Other Clubs in the area include those at: Wyndham, Bad Bikes (in Blackmill – see above), as well as others just outside the Valley at: Betws, Aberkenfig and Wildmill.
- Clubs in the area were actively engaged in the Bridgend Reach supported heritage trail project. Young people were actively engaged in identifying the sites of former coal mines and helping provide content for interpretation panels along the route. Joff thought that this was an excellent initiative to be engaged with.
- At the Club in Nantymoel, they have just won Lottery funding to do some post Covid project work and in conjunction with Renew Wales are using Lottery funding coming through the Climate Action Boost Programme to engage young people in things like: turning wasteground into an allotment, recycling projects etc.
- At Betws too they are creating an allotment area around the Eco-Lodge.
- At a wider level their 'Youth Exchange' project has been particularly successful in helping young individuals to realise their potential.
- The national organisation runs a 'Youth Forum' with a strong representation coming from the Ogmore Valley Clubs (talk to Youth Engagement Officer Jack Elsbury and Youth Work Manager Jonathan Price)

Challenges:

- Need to set out to get a better picture of what young people currently want & need, most especially with respect to mental health issues following Covid.

Opportunities:

- BGCW are to be running 'mindfullness' sessions for young people at Betws in the near future.

Bridgend Carers Centre - Carers Link Worker, Karen Evans

Services:

- Bridgend Carers Centre specialises in the provision of information, support and short break opportunities to carers throughout Bridgend County Borough.
- The Centre provides one to one support including emotional support at appointments in the Centre and at home.
- The Centre provides a diverse programme of activities to enable carers to maintain their caring role, including trips, holistic therapies, social events, training, information events and opportunities. In addition the Centre also provides specialist welfare benefits advice, legal advice and person centred counselling for carers.

Challenges:

- People afraid to have external carers into their homes during lockdown which is increasing the pressure on family members.
- People need someone to listen to them, face to face support that's not available through social services, someone to genuinely recognise their needs rather than just act as a 'tick box' exercise.

Opportunities:

- Help bring project work into the Valley. At the moment a lot of the support is provided in Bridgend.

Bridgend College – Helen Davies

Extracts from email sent to consultant: 24.11.20

- We have in the past delivered some workshops to gauge interest in the learning activities in the following subjects; Gardening, IT and Catering sectors. however whilst the workshops were well attended, formal courses did not result from this due to a number of barriers , such as childcare, travel issues and financial support so it would be great if we could engage more with interested learners.
- We offer many PT course which are suitable for Outreach programmes and which I have divided into 3 sections for ease of understanding;

  1. Community College - Hobby and Leisure courses

  Due to the current restrictions of Covid we have transformed our portfolio of courses to remote delivery where possible and all of these would be accessible to learners, provided they have a device (tablet, laptop, chrome book) Our Community College programme offers a range of hobby and leisure courses which are all accredited, free of charge and provide an excellent way of entering a learning environment. I have attached the link for your perusal;

  https://www1.bridgend.ac.uk/community-college/

  2. Learn Direct - E Learning

  We offer ESW courses via our Learn Direct programmes as well as a wide range of E Learning opportunities across many sectors. Most courses are free of charge and fully funded with a certificate to evidence achievement. If you should require further information on specific courses then please let me know.
  https://www1.bridgend.ac.uk/subjects/learndirect/

  3. Part Time (Non Curriculum) courses - Open Courses and bespoke

  All PT courses - non curriculum have now been transformed to virtual delivery or a blended style to enable learners to study safely. Most of these courses are available as an outreach programme provided they do not need specialised resources, if face to face delivery is required then risk assessments and protocols would need to be developed as per NHS & Government guidelines.

  I hope this gives you some understanding of what is available and I look forward to hearing from you and developing future programmes.

BCBC - Local Community Coordinator for Ogmore Valley Area - Maria Bennett

Services:

- Local Community Coordination is an important part of Bridgend County Borough Council's preventative approach to maintain independence and wellbeing. This is a service to support people whose needs would not usually meet the eligibility criteria for care and support. It aims to support people by promoting individual strength and resilience.
- Recent projects in the Ogmore Valley include things like the 'Community Plant Swap Project' set up in association with Cllr Margaret Lloyd.

Challenges:

- Linking up the Coordination work with that of the Community Council. Would like to be more connected!
- Engagement is a real challenge. Lots of people doing a lot of good stuff but not succeeding. If they were to be able to get together and swap notes that would help.
- Lots of politics with a small 'p' and wariness of new initiatives because of failures in the past.

Opportunities:

- Maria is an asset and a resource that could be used more!
- More information about what's going on locally. One single point of contact.
- More opportunities to work together both with the Community Council and with other external providers.

BCBC - Local Area Energy Strategy and Smart Energy Plan - Michael Jenkins

Services:

- One of only three demonstration areas in the UK.
- Priority to deliver heat de-carbonisation in the Ogmore Valley by moving towards the installation of heat pumps.
- Not overnight. Some schemes are aiming to roll out a hybrid scheme which would enable householders to keep their old gas boilers, but an air source heat pump would be installed to reduce the dependency on using gas for heating.

Challenges:

- Main challenge is the housing stock – solid wall terraced houses are invariably inefficient in holding in heat, heat pumps don't work as well if the house isn't well insulated, so a programme of energy efficiency improvements is required to run alongside.

Opportunities:

- Project getting underway in Nantymoel looking at 100-200 homes to improve their energy efficiency – e.g. draught-proofing etc. Michael has a need to engage with the community to raise awareness of the opportunity and increase participation.
- Future projects also in the pipeline. One called 'LEAP forward' which is a digital 'end to end' service. Householders then log in to the 'portal' and share their meter readings and EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) data [N.B. Where householders don't have a certificate this is arranged as part of the project]. Once the data is logged the 'clever algorithms' help devise a series of practical actions the householder can undertake to decarbonise their home, together with costs and savings. The portal also then can provide support in financing any improvement schemes and source vetted contractors to undertake the work. OVCC could promote the opportunity and help enlist householders in the area.
- Michael would really like to keep the dialogue going and build relationships with people on the ground.

BCBC - Community Asset Transfer Officer – Guy Smith

Services:

- Support for the identification and development of Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Projects within the Ogmore Valley area.
- Current projects being developed or in mind for:
  - Nantymoel Memorial Hall – refurbished with £250K legacy funding from Berwyn Centre.
  - Wyndham Bowls Club – their pavilion is now called the Nantymoel Community Centre, has been improved – only completed CAT so far.
  - Ogmore Vale Bowls Club – already managing bowls green and have improved it, looking to take over pavilion and extend it, also adjoining tennis courts to be revitalised or turned into mini MUGA.
  - Ogmore Vale Playing Fields – utilised by Ogmore Vale RFC, their pavilion is currently closed. Refurbishment is looking unlikely as it's in a poor state of repair.
  - Feasibility study underway regarding Aber Fields (The Planka) – currently used by Nanymoel RFC and Wynham B&GC – pavilion in reasonable state of repair, possibly the site for a new all-weather pitch. Primary School close by so could benefit from dual use.
  - Nantymoel RFC – pavilion (OK) pitch suffering with drainage issues.
  - Lewistown Playing Fields – currently subject to two EOI's
  - Evanstown Community Centre – poor state of repair and challenges in terms of governance. Possibility to extend rugby club changing rooms / pavilion at welfare park rather than try to address issues at the community centre?

Challenges:

- Capacity of organisations taking the projects forward.

Opportunities:

- Build on remit of previous commission to build capacity of building managers and do something on a more local basis?
- Utilise engagement of business advisers through Guy's CAT programme?
- Is there a possibility for the Community Council to get involved and provide support?
- Development Trust for the area?

BCBC - Active Young People Department – Jo Delve

Services:

- Working with young people in school settings supporting them on well-being issues.
- Lots of programmes e.g. developing play, physical literacy, emotional well-being

Challenges:

- Engaging with the families and parents.
- Helping parents to see that they play a key role in developing the 'physical literacy' of those in their care – this would make the role of teachers and schools that much easier.
- Residents don't know what's going on around them!!
- People aren't going to come into the Valley, so we have to rely on our residents.

Opportunities:

- Support and recognise volunteering, especially in key providers e.g. the rugby, football and boys and girls clubs. Look at the 'Timebanking' scheme that took place in the Garw Valley as a model? Free membership with Halo?? Encourage the next generation!
- Can we engage the businesses on the local industrial estate? Employee volunteering / gifts in kind.
- Probably lots of funding around for volunteer engagement and development. E.g. 'Community Chest' grants to support volunteers to train as coaches – bring the training to the Valley too.
- Courses for Youth Workers?

BCBC - Community Network Builder – Louise Bowman

Services:

- The community Network Builder supports the Council's ambition to develop an enhanced range of opportunities that help build resilience in communities by increasing opportunities in community hubs and venues that add to existing support.
- Operates as part of the Health & Wellbeing Team within BCBC.
- Has set up and / or become involved in a range of network initiatives including:

- The Dis Network – Disability inclusion in sport which includes
- BING – Bridgend Inclusive Network Group - training for local clubs and groups in how they might be more inclusive.
- Louise has undertaken an extensive mapping exercise and has established a comprehensive database of local groups offering services and facilities.
- Louise undertakes collaborative working with the likes of BAVO and the Local Community Coordinators – including Maria Bennett the Community Coordinator for the Ogmore Valley area.
- Works with public health teams through Halo and Awen for example to improve the adaptive equipment in public buildings e.g. Ogmore Valley Life Centre.
- Has worked with Paula Lunnon at the Wales Coop on a Young Carers / Carers project.

Opportunities:

- Plug into the various networks that Louise has set up / is involved with:
  - Mental Health Network (run by Hafal)
  - Active Young People (AYP) network (run by BCBC – see above0
  - Parents Network associated to Heronsbridge School
  - Sexual Health team – run by Rhian Meaden (public health)
  - Young Carers and Carers Networks – Carers Centre (Kathy Prodfoot and Lily Gallagher)
  - Older Persons Link – Super Agers Project – Sarah Rossington-Harris

BCBC - Flying Start – Tina Haddon

Services:

- Flying Start provides free help and support for children under four in certain areas. It aims to improve their chances and give them a 'flying start' when they go to school. It is funded by Welsh Government. The support includes:
  - high quality, part-time childcare for 2-3 year olds
  - a health visitor to help with any issues you have
  - access to parenting support
  - help with early language development
- The areas covered in the Ogmore Valley include the LSOA areas at Blackmill and Lewistown.
- Two new buildings were erected to accommodate the service. The decision to build anew was taken because of the need to meet the childcare standards which was easier in a new build rather than retro-fitting an older building.
- The buildings are used for childcare in the morning in Blackmill and in the afternoon in Lewistown. Childcare staff move from building to building.
- A health visitor is based at Blackmill and the speech & language team is based at Lewistown.

- The buildings are shared with the community at the times when not in use by Flying start, but childcare provision takes precedence.
- Trying to deliver some outreach work, but restrictions on funding make this a challenge.

Challenges:

- It has been noticeable that children returning to regular provision are sharing less and showing signs of delayed development as a result of being away from the programme.

Opportunities:

- Programme has good links with local schools and has developed activities with the wider community e.g. 'Welly Wednesdays'. Opportunities to further promote these types of events.

BCBC - Employability – Maxine Barrett

Services:

- Employability services delivered through five different programmes:
    - Bridges into Work – for over 25's
    - Communities for Work – for 16+ (Communities First postcodes)
    - Communities for Work + - for 16+ (any post code)
    - Nurture Equip Thrive – 16+ - action plans to help career prospects
    - Working Skills for Adults – 16+ - qualifications up to level 2
- People that come to the service go through a triage process that diverts the person into the programme best suited to their needs and helps refer them on to other provision.
- Drop in sessions held all over County Borough – Ogmore Vale Life Centre is Thursday 9-12

Challenges:

- Prior to the pandemic the main challenge was in getting the right training and support in place for each individual.
- During the pandemic it has been very difficult to engage with people – digital platforms haven't been anywhere as effective as 'face to face'

Opportunities:

- Working with OVCC to help reach out to local people
- Using local platforms to publicise Employability activities and events as well as getting key messages across and marketing information about Employability programmes – if the message comes from local people it's more likely to get through.

Hafal – Jason Cockings

Services:

- Hafal is the principal charity for Mental Health in Wales – offering a diverse and comprehensive range of services locally including:
  - Direct support
  - Domicialliary and palliative care (in conjunction with NHS) – Recovery Programme
  - Support for loved ones and carers – including short breaks & respite opportunities
  - Campaigning nationally and locally on mental health issues
  - Runs a 'service user network group' as well as a 'Carers Group' and 'Carers Forum'
- Services are also offered at the national level that are accessible locally and these include things like:
  - Mental health 'Money Advice Service'
  - An online forum for people with mental health issues called 'Clic'
  - A series of 'sanctuaries' (hostels) located throughout Wales.
  - A Covid response service
- Hafal is a members led organisation so is very in tune with the needs of the people that use its services

Challenges:

- Not reaching out as well as it would like to in meeting the needs of people living in the valleys.
- People with mental health issues were not deemed as 'vulnerable people' during Covid and have therefore missed out on some services
- For some the fear that Covid has brought with it has compounded their mental health challenges.
- As a result of Covid Hafal has actively redeployed its services channelling their efforts into direct action where needed e.g. doing the shopping for some clients.
- Hafal has also ensured that its core services haven't suffered and have remained 'open for busainess' when other organisations have 'shut up shop'
- Communication and engagement has become a huge challenge, especially because of the fact that many people with mental health challenges are islolating.

Opportunities:

- Work with the Community Council to help change the 'midset' of people in the Ogmore Valley area.
- Support organisations to come into the Valleys and deliver more of their services there rather than expecting people to travel into Bridgend.
- Use the opportunity to celebrate the positive things that Covid has done for us all e.g. better digital communication – which has enabled better communication with a whole cohort of the client group that weren't engaging before.
- Jason has been looking at the impact on mental health of previous world catastrophes and has discovered that the effects can be hard to see, but profound and prolonged.

Eclipse Wales Services Limited – Alison Westwood

Services:

- Eclipse have been working with community venues in the county, developing sustainability, but with the current situation and ongoing pandemic, they have started a network of Community Pantries with the aim of addressing food security in these difficult times.
- There are currently 3 pantries operating in the Ogmore Valley at Bryncethin Community Centre, the TRA House in Lewistown and Nantymoel Boys and Girls Club – 'The Mem.' Unlike the Foodbank this is not a crisis led service, but is an opportunity for families on low incomes or with issues such as redundancy, reduced hours at work, difficulty getting to the shops etc. to buy a bag of food for £5.
- The food is worth £15 approximately and is supplied by FareShare Cymru.
- They are also trying to build links with local retailers such as Tesco.

Challenges:

- Getting sufficient volunteers to keep the pantries going.

Opportunities:

- Better promotion of the pantries.
- Support from OVCC in helping to identify and engage local volunteers.

Keep Wales Tidy – Projects Officer, Brian Jones

Services:

- KWT has located one of only five 'Tiny Forest' projects at the former Berwyn Centre site in Nantymoel. The idea behind the project is to create small pockets of woodland the size of a tennis court, each planted up with 100 trees including 25 different native species. Despite lockdown restrictions KWT has managed to engage a small number of local volunteers and plans to engage the local schools too.
- KWT has previously initiated two 'Local Places for Nature' projects in the Ogmore Valley area – in Wyndham and at Aber Playing Fields.
- Brian was also in the process of establishing a KWT 'Community Hub' scheme (a venue where volunteers can meet and a store for litter picking equipment) in the Ogmore Valley before the pandemic struck. This will be progressed as soon as lockdown is lifted.
- National 'Litter Champions' scheme was so popular it had to be stopped early because it was over-subscribed.
- Continue to provide support to local environmental groups most especially Ogmore Valley Priide.

Challenges:

- Biggest challenge is in engaging the community and getting information out as to what projects and initiatives are going on. Need to plug in to local social media channels, but

recognised that word of mouth works well and that the local community councillors can assist in that respect.

Opportunities:

- Promote the Community Hub when it comes to the point where it is about to be launched.
- Help continue engagement at 'Tiny Forest' established at former Berwyn Centre site.

Nantymoel Boys and Girls Club – Ken Davies

Email sent to consultant: 19.02.21

Very pleased with the new committee, you seem to have settled in and are making contacts with the community. As we are in lock down the club is closed but we still pay bills. The money from the wind farm will able us to try and influence the public to use our cafe and even the clubs facilities which are all indoors. Keep up the good work. Yours Ken Davies.

Ogmore Valley RFC – Secretary - Simon James

Extracts from email sent to consultant: 09.02.21

Services:

- We are predominantly a rugby club, we offer senior rugby for adults as well as a relatively newly formed veterans team which is for people aged 35+.
- Alongside this several years ago we teamed up with Pontycymmer RFC to set up Valley Ravens which is our mini & junior section. This has been a massive success with over 100 players aged 6 to 15 now registered. Due to this success we have now also set up Ravens Tots which is for 3 to 6 year olds and before the most recent lockdown had over 40+ children attending our sessions.

Challenges:

- We do have a clubhouse away from the field which is owned by us. We offer the use of our function room, free of charge, for anyone who shows an interest either for parties or group meetings/activities. We also have a multi gym in the club which is available to all our members (when lockdown allows)
- Premises: As above we have our club house on Tynywedd Row.
- Our field on Bridge Street, Ogmore Vale is rented to us by BCBC but we have shown an interest in the Community Asset Transfer. The playing surface is one of the best in the area and we lose divert few games due to weather as the drainage is excellent but one of the things holding this back at the moment is the state of the changing facilities which we believe to be a hindrance rather than an asset!
- As mentioned above the changing facilities are a mess so we are looking at how we could fund the rebuilding/renovation of these.

- I believe the facilities are, or at least could be available, but it seems people what everything yesterday and don't want to help to get them, which is frustrating. One of the ideas we have for the possible new changing facilities is to have a small 'hall' which could be used by other groups as a meeting place. As it is directly on the cycle track we believe many walking/cycling/running groups could use it.

Opportunities:

- From my own personal point of view I've never had to really get in touch with them (OVCC) but I'm sure if they were to contact the clubs directly and find out what these organisations wanted, how they could advise them or even point them in the right direction this would be considered a great deal of help. Unfortunately whatever they do there will always be someone who doesn't agree with it. Damned if you do, damned if you don't.

Our Welsh Farm Caravan & Camping – Eira Edwards

Services:

- Caravan & camping site + links in with other tourism providers in the area. Eira also sits on the Rural Development Local Action Group (LAG)

Challenges:

- Signposting on the cycle path (National Cycle Network Route 4) which links into the Ogmore Valley Community Route (NCN 883) is poor.
- Because of Covid all meeting & eating places are shut and there is a fear that when they do open back up that local people will still be wary of visitors. Also, most places are shut on a Monday anyway.
- Access to food is important for visitors. Tonyrefail is good for take aways but not such a variety in the Ogmore Valley.

Opportunities:

- Better communication.
- Would be great to have listings of local events as well as those that happen at the Bridgend County Borough level.
- Why not revisit the 'Village Ambassadors' idea and ensure that there are clued up local people that can feed information through about what's going on locally.
- OK to develop Facebook & Twitter, but should also develop use of other platforms including Instagram and Pinterest. Eira would be happy to help develop a Pinterest platform for the area!
- Eira is also able to link more people in the Ogmore Valley area into a Facebook page for tourism https://www.facebook.com/BridgendBTA

Pant Y Wal 'Community Fund' – Dale Hart

Services:

- Pennant Walters is the company that developed the Pan-y-Wal and Pant-y-Wal Extension windfarms that are the source of funding for a community benefit fund that contributes £60K p.a. solely for the Evanstown area, and a further £100K for the wider Ogmore Valley area.
- Dale indicated that the company was keen to have a 'material impact' in the area and had set out to facilitate support for things like; local sports clubs, youth clubs schools etc.

Challenges:

- The primary challenge has been the unmet desire to ensure that the £160K that they contribute to the Community Fund is matched to other external funding sources, thereby helping to add value to their contribution.

Platfform – Counsellor, Shaun Sincock

Services:

- Drug & alcohol counselling service for people living in the BCBC area.
- Referral through ADAS Assessment Team

Challenges:

- Noticeable that there has been a big uptake in service provision since lockdown

Opportunities:

- Would like to be included if there is a 'Providers' Network' established.

Pobl Group - Manager Bridgend Local Support - Gaynor Peploe

Services:

- Commissioned by the local authority, Pobl's aim is to help people remain in their homes in the community and prevent homelessness.
- In partnership with Maria, Community Co-ordinator, Pobl organised a 'Healthy Actions Event' which they are hoping would be an annual event. This event was successful and was attended by the community and many organisations that offer a wide variety of support.
- Also offered a weekly drop in session at Ogmore Valley Life Centre prior to lockdown.

V2C – Community Living Manager, Elizabeth Willington

Services:

- V2C has 6,000 properties across the County Borough.
- Elizabeth's team offer housing based services including things like; conducting repairs, helping people move in and out, helping older people move into sheltered accommodation.
- Helping make communities more attractive to live in.

Challenges:

- Getting out to see people suffering with loneliness and isolation.
- People reluctant to move during Covid.
- People wanting to move closer to the coast as a result of lockdowns.

Opportunities:

- Provide platforms to be able to talk about what V2C does and as a way of helping to find out what the local community wants & needs.
- There is a sheltered housing scheme in Dinam Close, Nantymoel, that (with the permission of residents) might be used more by the wider community – has a communal lounge that can host small meetings & talks etc.
- Talk with Marie Kiff and Natalie Taylor at V2C to find out more.

WCADA - Lead Peer Mentor, Sarah Morgan

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Services:

- Welsh Centre for Action on Dependency and Addiction
- Cyfle Cymru supports clients from the age of 16 upwards with any mental health issues, (starting from mild anxiety upwards) and/or substance use issues, (alcohol, prescription drugs, illicit drugs) in a mentoring capacity and look to ideally support individuals with recovery find tools to manage day to day struggles or barriers, encourage them to participate in Personal Development Sessions and completing courses. Depending on the client and where they are with regards to recovery, stability and progress they look into volunteering and potentially finding employment - if it's right for the individual. The criteria for accessing Cyfle Cymru support requires that the individual cannot be in employment.
- At the moment, they are promoting a 'Walk and Talk' group, (where clients can safely get out and about with others that are in similar situations as them) Actif Woods Groups, (they offer mindfulness, Bush craft, Woodland Walks and skills etc.) The Big Sure, (offering Yoga, Preparing Gardens for Winter, Music Therapy, Meditation, Creative Writing, plus sessions on Eating Disorders, Coping with Effects of Trauma and a number of other things) plus they're still offering a large number of courses, employability and

training, (we're also sourcing various individual or group training for clients that are more stable and potentially ready to take that step further) and obviously offering all clients regular 1-1 mentoring support whether it be by phone, text or Zoom appointment.

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