

Extension survey results and comments

1. Introduction

Following on from the first public consultation and survey in 2020 our architect has produced 4 possible options and each was costed by a quantity surveyor prior to our second public event held on Saturday 20th November 2021. An online survey followed from 28th January to 20th February.

The 4 options were:

Option A - two storey, estimated cost £1m

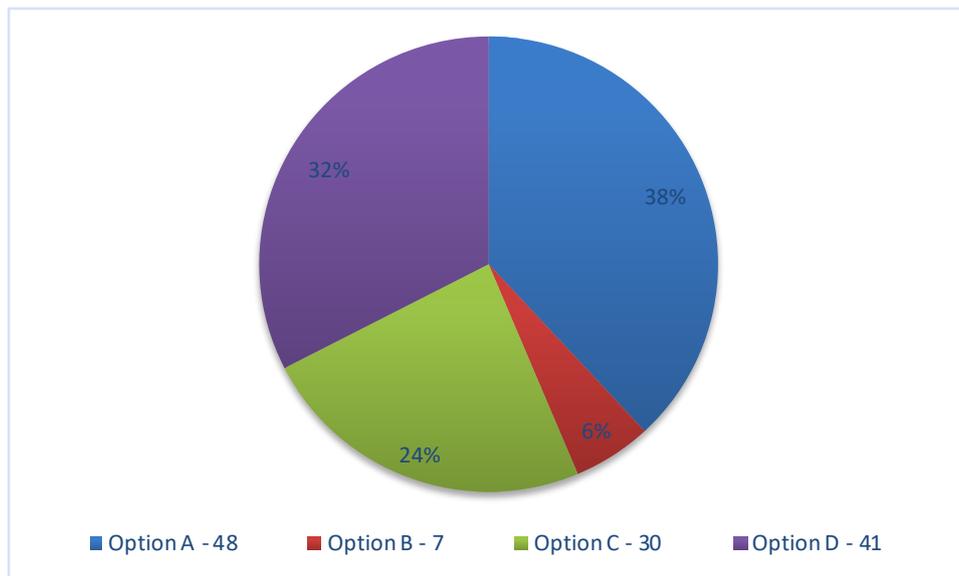
Option B - single storey, limited extra space, estimated cost £353k

Option C - single storey, increased changing rooms, estimated cost £521k

Option D - single storey, changing rooms removed to create more flexible space, estimated cost £488k

2. Results

A total of 31 people attended the Open Day, 13 voted or commented. 116 people responded to the online survey. As can be seen from the chart below Option A is the most popular and the most expensive.



23 people that responded online said they were willing to help with the project. We did not ask those that attended the Open Day but we do have their contact details to follow-up.

There were a considerable number of comments and these are in Appendix 1.

3. Next steps.

There is substantial support and demand for extending the Centre, however, before determining how best to progress the project from this point it is imperative that we understand the Parish Council's position, particularly with regard their intention to build a new sports centre as stated in the PIIP (Parish Infrastructure Improvement Plan).

The results and comments will be published on the website together with the drawings and a meeting with the Parish Council will be arranged at the earliest opportunity.

Roger Turkington
8th March 2022

Appendix 1

Single storey preferred with new changing rooms by the playing field assuming sports clubs revive.
if someone won the lottery and donated I would go for A. Otherwise, if a single story is built it should be in such a way that the 2nd story could be added easily in the future. Also I don't like the multicoloured roofs. As the solar panels appear black, how about the whole lot black?
Cannot really see the point of this white elephant 🐘 it's still going to be underused as is the One already there
We must have changing rooms and maybe a larger bar area to cope which could be two functions requiring a bar
No comments
I don't like the two storey it doesn't fit in ,
Only too happy to help in any way possible to match my capabilities
I think it is a lot of money raise when some people in the village are on the breadline.
I feel that option A is the only option for the village due to future residential building allowing for opportunities for all groups to participate. I harp back to when Stradbroke playscheme couldn't secure a regular booking for this as it conflicted with the swimming pool needs and other regular clubs , families involved missed out on much needed support with childcare. There were no other affordable or suitable venues available for the scheme so therefore it closed, I welcome this extended multi use facility for the future.
The changing rooms need to be kept if there's any chance of continuing cricket or football
Although option 1 is ambitious and expensive, it will future-proof the facilities in the growing village for many generations to come. Of course, I will support any option going forward and think we should consider the following:- * I think it's difficult to progress a plan that removes the changing rooms without something else firmly confirmed to replace the facility (e.g. sports pavilion). * The additional space on the second floor could be equipped with workstations as a bookable co-working hub. This is something that communities should be considering now that remote working is commonplace post-pandemic. * Sports and fitness classes would appreciate a sprung floor in the main hall. * The Webb Room or other area near the bar could be reimagined into a welcoming, comfortable soft-furnished bar lounge. I think there is scope for making socialising in the centre more pleasant. * Up to date technology for remotely managed heating, security and alarms should be included in the plans and budgeting.
I know Stradbroke has been lacking sports clubs for some years now. But to see the changing rooms disappear completely or not get refurbished to the current standards would be a shame. It gives the village no hope at all to get sports clubs up and running again. For instance stradbroke youth fc are slowly building their way up In ages, this could then open up an opportunity to create a new seniors team. And the village cricket needs changing rooms and facilities to keep running. If there is no sports clubs or facilities what do you expect young children/ teenagers to do.
The double story looks hideous.
My grandson is disabled and we sometimes we have to wait for other people to come out of the disabled changing room before we can go in. Likewise, others users of the facility have to wait when we are in the changing room. My grandson is 12, autistic and I cannot take him into the main rooms, more individual changing rooms please for people in our situation.
Not too sure about the green facade, the other option looks better. Overall, this looks to be a great investment for future generations in our villages though
I would like to keep the building visually in keeping with the area, i.e. for instance, weather-board cladding over metal exterior.
The opportunity to access space for all activities that are associated with an expanding and evolving community and to properly plan for the future is paramount. How often can we revise this if we find that the double story option was not taken.
Obviously I would think the option of people living in Stradbroke would take precedence over mine

As a user of the gym and my wife using the hall, I think this looks like an ambitious, well thought-out and credible plan. Great opportunity to future proof the centre for village envelope expansion
I have never used a changing room at the community hall. More function rooms for small exercise groups would be most welcome especially if the main hall is busy.
The extension would be good for the people of Stradbroke
At the moment there is very limited parking in Stradbroke. With the community centre, doctors and swimming pool/gym all using the same car park there is often parking issues. Are there any plans to improve access to parking?
As a frequent everyone active user a larger floor space with storage facilities would be a priority
There is limited parking and often a coach parks there using about 3 spaces. This is not there for people using the centre. With the numbers increasing will the coach be stopped from parking there or will additional spaces be made available.
Aesthetically, the single storey extension looks better. I believe the sports changing rooms should be nearer the pitches. Also the additional storage is needed by clubs.
Option A or option D both look good from the point of view of Everyone Active running group exercise classes in the facility, but I can understand that there is also a need for changing rooms for people using the outdoor pitches, so I have put A as my first choice, but D would also be good just from our point of view.
In my opinion the cost of option A will provide greater flexibility in the future thus proving more economical.
I was a little concerned about the lack of changing facilities with this option, but am assured that, if they are needed in the future, they could be provided more cheaply by constructing a separate building
1. My preference is option B because if and when changing facilities are built by the sports field, whether or not as part of a sports hall, the existing changing facilities could be removed to convert to option D which occupies the same footprint. This would be a further expense; however a more easily raised additional sum in the future than the total needed now for plan D which would be my preferred option in the long term. 2. The proposed office reception looks like a lean-to after thought. Surely it should be properly integrated into the whole with the same brick skirting. 3. The computer generated metal cladding looks ugly. There are several examples of attractive contemporary non timber cladding in the village already.
Makes sense to provide separate changing facilities providing this can be funded and match the timescale of adaptations to the existing building. Sympathise with dance and exercise groups. If demand is there and a suitable floor cant be provided in option D then you will have to review A.
I feel the exterior look of the new extension should be more in keeping with the present building
The best of luck in these strange times
I guess the final decision will rest on the finance available
I think a further review of where storage areas are sited, in relation to clubs & events will occur. Clubs currently need groundfloor storage for equipment, which is not available at present to all groups. So having storage allocated on the first floor, does not seem sensible in the scheme of things; particularly as a lot of existing users are in the mature age group. Thank you.
I believe there is a problem with getting volunteers for maintenance running of the community centre, I would be surprised if this changes with any type of refurbishment
Hope it gets built because it looks good and improves the building
You need to make it clear as to how parking areas will be affected/provided.
Growing community around Stradbroke. Need to build for not only now but the future.
Well done!

<p>Option D is the best as a single-storey building is sufficient provided there is enough room and flexibility which this option provides. As the current changing rooms are very rarely used it would be unwise to spend money on them and it is time to transfer them elsewhere if needed. I prefer the black cladding and would like to see the main building eventually clad in this as well.</p>
<p>Arhcitect has made the most of the area. The bar would need to be user friendly to both sides of building with room for 2 to work and serve if hiring the back rooms for events. Car pakring needs to be considered - more spaces required in the village in central location for growing population and visitors. Any grants required will need evidence of commitment from users groups and new activities. Worry about fundraising from village as all organisations are short of funds and will resent one project taking precious spare funds. Need for.....?.The village facilities needs to be identified and all utlised but the Community Hall must be kept up with modern requirements.</p>
<p>If there were willing adults to lead the various groups you claim you have turned away, there might be a need for one function room.</p>
<p>Impressive plans but nothing can be progressed until the issue with the Sports Clubs 99 year lease is resolved. Speaking on behalf of Stradbroke Cricket Club the extending of the changing rooms is not a deal breaker if costs are prohibitive, but it is reasuring that unlike the first 'consultation' the opinions of the sports clubs are being listened to.</p>
<p>This extension is now vital for our expanding village and demand for more diverse activities for small groups. A single storey would be in keeping with the current building and withn our means of advancing. If the changing rooms are transferred to the playing field this would help with the costs. It would be good to see drama back in the village.</p>
<p>Well presented. Hope we can move forward</p>
<p>I believe the two storey option gives the Centre 'futurebility' and should accommodate new building due for construction in Stradbroke. Solar panels are also preferred as it may take sometime to recover the cost but in the long term it adds to energy efficiency and saving. Although moving changing rooms to a sports pavilion may be preferred, there may still be a need to be some retained in the Centre. If baby changing facilities need to be installed thye should be.</p>
<p>Wonderful forward thinking plans. Excellent for hiring out and attracting new business to the area.</p>
<p>Please no black cladding - lovely big Suffolk skies here but black not a good option for 6 months of the year when it's overcast and gloomy. I think expanding the kitchen facilities is good - it will encourage more use of the Centre for parties, celebrations and community food events</p>
<p>In general it's nice to see amibtion to improve the facilities of the community and we are in favour of the operation going ahead in some form. The village should have the chance to enjoy a wide range of activities which we believe comes from building for the long term, such as with changing rooms for a football lteam that doesn't exist yet but hopefully will in the future. PS table tennis and badminton club would be great.</p>
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<p>Looks good but I do feel you need a better ground floor kitchen and bar area - having worked in both areas - in order to do justice to your new plans, these areas do need to be updated and improved. Both contribute to the Centre income as they are used for events.</p>