

BRO DDYFI COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Redevelopment Newsletter



News Update

Works continue to be progress at pace to the redevelopment of Bro Ddyfi Community hospital. Since the last news letter the main front block roof tiles and solar panels have been installed, along with replacement roof trusses to all other areas. Junction improvement works have also commenced in line with planning conditions. The hospital staff were also delighted to welcome Carol Shillabeer, *Chief Executive PTHB* and Kirsty Williams *Vice Chair PTHB* who visited the site to see works taking place.

Community Benefits

The project brings wider community benefits and social value to the area such as employment, training and apprenticeship opportunities. Targets include providing a minimum of 10 local jobs 10 apprentices and 300 weeks of training.



Community Benefits - Willmott Dixon Stand at Coleg Ceredigion Opportunities Fayre and Ysgol Tywyn's Tetrahedron Workshop

As part of the project teams commitment to 'social value' lead contractor Willmott Dixon have been engaging with local schools providing careers advice as well as a number of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) activities. Since February's newsletter Willmott Dixon have undertaken a STEM day at Ysgol Tywyn,

which included hands on activities and talks from members of the team discussing different engineering roles in the construction industry.

Willmott Dixon also visited Brecon High School, which was a carousel day of Giant Tetrahedron workshops with year 10 students and a myth busting activity on the roles and routes within construction.

Coleg Ceredigion Aberystwyth Opportunities Fayre, which to showcase careers and opportunities within the local area, focused on work experience and training available through Willmott Dixon and the site

We look forward to providing an update on these and other social value initiatives in our next newsletter.

"I was delighted that my first visit to a Powys hospital since my appointment as Vice Chair was to see the developments at Machynlleth. With work now moving forward at pace it was exciting to see how the new facilities are taking shape. I look forward to a return visit when local people, and those who deliver our services are benefitting from this much needed investment."

Kirsty Williams
Vice Chair, Powys Teaching Health Board

Environment & Ecology



Electric Vehicle Charging

As part of the development the existing carpark will be resurfaced and relined to maximise car parking capacity. In addition, PTHB will be installing an array of six electric charge points. Further ductwork will be in place to futureproof the site for predicted growth in the uptake of electric vehicles.

This will create accessible charging for staff and visitors to the hospital, working towards Welsh Government's vision for charging in Wales. This will support Welsh Government's vision that by 2025, all users of electric cars and vans in Wales will be confident that they can access electric vehicle charging infrastructure when and where they need it.

Solar Panels

Our Roof design incorporates photovoltaic roof tiles to the front block of the hospital allowing us to harness energy from sunlight to generate electricity, lowering our reliance on the national grid. As the building sits within a conservation these innovative panels have been chosen for their appearance which is in keeping with the traditional slate roof covering.

Sensory Garden

February's newsletter described 3 community engagement projects which will be taking place as part of Bro Dyfi Community Hospital Reconfiguration. One of which will be to develop a sensory garden at the heart of the development which can be enjoyed by staff, visitors and patients

The idea of a sensory garden is that landscaping, features, plants and other garden materials are selected for their appeal to all five senses. The aim is to offer a richer and more therapeutic experience to a range of people with different needs. The space will create a protected, tranquil place for people to enjoy being, working and socialising outdoors.

Our aim at Bro Dyfi Community Hospital is to provide a wellbeing space which could also be used 'therapeutically' for other services such as mental health and/or rehabilitation. The design of a 'drop off canopy' will also act as a sign-post for the new entrance and give an opportunity to celebrate the history and significance of this site.

During the month of May we will be undertaking a series of workshops involving our Art in Health coordinator, Environment and Sustainability Manager and other local representatives to create this space for all to enjoy.



April Progress Photos



April Progress Photos - Roof Slates