

BRO DDYFI COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Redevelopment Newsletter



News Update

Now that the main construction work is nearing completion the Willmott Dixon team are continuing to advance the internal fit out. The Mechanical and Electrical (M&E) installation and internal decoration are both progressing well with flooring due to be laid during October. Externally, the work to the fascia / soffit to the perimeter is underway with further external improvements including the render of the front elevation and car park works due to commence this month.



This month we have an updated project QR code. Simply scan the code (pictured left) using the camera on any mobile device to access the latest 'Matterport' model.

The model allows you to take a 360° walk through the site and see all the latest construction progress.

This is an exciting phase of the works as it reflects the countdown to opening the facility in the early part of 2023.

"I'm really excited that we are getting close to the completion and opening of our new mental health and wellbeing unit. Machynlleth has been crying out for a unit which inspires health and resourcefulness in it's approach to mental health. It will be a modern and welcoming facility dedicated to improving the emotional wellbeing experience of people in the Bro Ddyfi area. It will be an opportunity for different partner agencies to come to Machynlleth to achieve this goal. We hope that our new facility will enable clinicians to share skills and knowledge and offer more comprehensive services closer to the community we serve."

David Owen
Mental Health Team

Bro Ddyfi Community Hospital

1917 - Machynlleth Red Cross Hospital



A Red Cross auxiliary hospital was opened on the site in August 1917, with beds for 48 soldiers to recuperate from war wounds. The nurses were local women who had spent three years training, and medics gave their services free. The hospital was supported by gifts from local people.



1860 - Machynlleth Union Workhouse

Bro Ddyfi Community Hospital has a rich history. The hospital site was originally built in 1860 as the Machynlleth Union Workhouse.



1920 - King Edward VII Welsh Memorial Hospital, Machynlleth

The facility reopened as a hospital for tuberculosis patients, re-opening as the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital in 1920.

Car Park Upgrades

As part of the improvements to Bro Ddyfi Community Hospital, Willmott Dixon will shortly be undertaking works to improve our existing carpark. This will include new curbs, resurfacing, white lining, additional spaces and improvements to pedestrian access. 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.

In order to undertake these works, we will need to temporarily close certain areas of the carpark which will restrict our current parking capacity on site. The works will be undertaken in three phases in order to mitigate the loss of spaces as much as possible. Signage will be in place to explain this temporary car parking restriction to visitors.

On behalf of the project team please accept our apologies for this inconvenience. This short term disruption will lead to a more accessible, safer and user-friendly car park for our patients and visitors.

Healthy Environments

At this point in the programme plans are being finalised which focus on enhancing the hospital environment. Interior design, wayfinding, signage, artwork and landscaping designs are all being refined.

As part of this we are very pleased to share that we have developed three public art commissions which include; a feature sculpture at the hospital entrance, a wall mural within the main entrance and a series of poems / transcriptions to be displayed as wall art. We look forward to reviewing the submissions and providing an update in future newsletters!



Sketch Design for new sensory courtyard garden

Over the Years

1948 - Machynlleth Chest Hospital

The hospital then joined the National Health Service as the Machynlleth Chest Hospital in 1948 and subsequently evolved to become a its present role, Community hospital.



2022- Bro Ddyfi community Hospital Redevelopment

Construction is well under way to improve health and social care by developing a new community 'hub' in Machynlleth. This is made possible by the £15million capital investment from Welsh Government.

The development at the Bro Ddyfi Community Hospital will firmly establish Bro Ddyfi Community Hospital as an integrated health and well-being facility for the local community. As well as integrating primary care services into the hospital site, the facility will also provide a base for health, local authority and third sector teams, encouraging improved integration and efficiency and supporting wellbeing, prevention and health promotion.

The development will also address urgent essential works to building fabric & Infrastructure