

Jobs boost as plans for new health centre are revealed

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FORTY jobs will be created at a multi-million pound state-of-the-art health centre in Felinheli.

In plans due to be presented to Gwynedd Council's planning committee next week, the village's current surgery would be replaced by a new facility, located on land off Beach Road.

The health centre would be built by third party company Amcen Cyf, who are based in Pwllheli, and leased back to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

The project would also involve work to realign the nearby Lon Las Menai cycle track.

Plans for the site, opposite the monument known as Dinas Camp, would see a new building consisting of service rooms, a reception, consultation rooms, and space for health visitors and nurses.

The part single storey, part two storey building would have timber cladding on exterior walls and a slate roof.

The innovative design of the building is of a similar appearance to the Nefyn health centre which was also built by Amcen Cyf in 2008.

It would include parking for 14 members of staff, 21 visitors, three disabled parking bays, and three emergency services parking spaces.

The proposal includes landscaping around and within the site with a mixture of trees, hedges and flowers.

An informal footpath towards the Menai Straits will be renewed and improved with the intention that the community council or Gwynedd Council adopts it in the future.

Gwynedd Council's planning department are recommending the application is approved, subject to conditions, with the centre catering for a list of up to 5,000 patients.

Alternative sites in the village were also sought, including the current surgery, Conservative Club, the

Plans to be discussed next week



DEVELOPMENT: A new medical centre, similar to the one in Nefyn, will be built in Felinheli

former school and former railway station, but the site on Beach Road was deemed to be the most suitable to replace what is Y Felinheli's current "substandard" doctor's surgery.

A spokeswoman for the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board said: "Amcen are responsible for the planning application which is based on a building design agreed with the general practice of Dr P White and Partners, and the health board.

"It is hoped that the planning application will be successful, allowing Amcen to appoint a contractor to construct the new building.

"It is anticipated that the new development will be completed by late summer 2012.

"On completion of building work the centre will be owned by Amcen and the GP Practice, with the health board entering into an initial 20 year lease for the use of the building.

"The new building will enable the further development of community health care services for the Felinheli community"

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Salsa night

GWYNEDD Hospice at Home is holding a special charity salsa night to raise vital funds for the charity.

The event takes place at the Carreg Môn Hotel, Llanfairpwll, on Friday, February 18.

Doors open at 7pm, with a beginners salsa class at 7.15pm, and a Rueda class at 8pm.

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The event is held with support from Jobcentre Plus, Careers Wales, Construction Skills, Coleg Menai and Coleg Meirion-Dwyfor.

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Newsfile

Flooding warning

PEOPLE are being urged to prepare for possible flooding as forecasters warn of several days of very wet weather.

River levels are rising, and, with the persistent heavy rainfall forecast across Wales, flood warnings could be issued for a number of communities.

The main areas of concern at present are the western half of Wales.

There is currently a flood alert in place in Gwynedd.

Agency staff are on alert receiving updates from the Met Office, monitoring river levels and on stand-by to check on flood defences and install flood barriers if necessary.

The rainfall could also lead to some localised flooding from surface water and drains unable to cope with the increased volume of water.

The Agency is advising people to listen to local weather reports and updates in the media and at the Met Office website.

They should also find out if they are at risk from river flooding by going to the Agency's website or calling Floodline on 0845 9 88 11 88.

To register for Flood Warnings Direct, phone the Floodline number.

Jeremy Parr, from Environment Agency Wales, said: "The Met Office forecast persistent heavy rainfall over the next few days. As the week goes on river levels will continue to rise and we are likely to issue flood warnings for some communities in Wales."

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