

Press Release:

Big Lottery award for local community hub and business

Cwmni Cymunedol Cletwr has been awarded a Big Lottery 'People and Places' grant of £497,000. In conjunction with additional money that now has to be raised, this award will enable the community run hub and shop/cafe enterprise to buy the Cletwr services and to re-develop the site.

Designs for the new build shop, cafe and community hub in Tre'r Ddôl, have received planning permission from Ceredigion Council. The new building and its accompanying landscaping will give a facelift to the old Cletwr site and has been described as a 'gateway' building for north Ceredigion. The plans, produced by Tomos & George of Machynlleth, resulted from a process of discussion and consultation during 2013-14. The new Cletwr will be attractive, efficient to run and built according to sustainable principles.

"The success of the Lottery application is because of all the work that has been put into the pilot project, Siop Cynfelyn, since it opened in May 2013", explained Shelagh Hourahane, Chair of the Board of Directors. "Getting this award isn't down to filling in forms correctly, it is because we have a project that staff, volunteers and all our customers have proved is a good one and one that is supported by the community. We are not trying to compete with other business in the area, but we are developing a unique community hub that provides a range of social, cultural and economic services in conjunction with a shop and cafe".,

More detailed information about the project and the plans for the new Cletwr are available on www.cletwr.com. Please visit the website and our face book page to follow the progress of the project.