Project Newsletter – April 2020

Works on the Badenoch and Strathspey Community Hospital Facility Project have continued to progress during March despite the ongoing impact of the current Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

During the month of March, focus has been on completing the sub-structure blockwork; the preparation and casting of the ground bearing concrete floor slab, commencement of the SFS Works and the progression of the Roofing and Cladding. upper floor concrete slabs.

The project being designated as essential and all workers involved being keyworkers, we have continued to progress works on and off site in a safe manner taking due cognisance of all current guidelines and good practice information issued by the government and the construction leadership council. All parties to contract have worked closely, and continue to work closely, to ensure works progress during these unprecedented times.

Project feedback

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Upcoming works onsite:

In April, upcoming works onsite include:

- Ground Floor Concrete slab pour
- Progressing SFS installation
- Roofing and Cladding works,
- Drainage and external works
- Setting out internal partitions

Community E-Newsletter

The projects e-newsletter will be updated regularly during project delivery. To view updates including progress photographs and community engagement activities, please visit https://spark.adobe.com/page/z8TeYfKUcbiVx or scan the following QR code:
Timber donation to Strathspey Railway

Senior site manager David Cruickshank set up an arrangement with local business Strathspey Railway who rely heavily on donations and volunteering from the local community.

Strathspey Railway require large amounts of timber to power coal steam engines and will make use of surplus timber and pallets which are surplus on site and which cannot be taken back by original suppliers.

In February 2020, Strathspey Railway collected their first load of pallets and Balfour Beatty are currently exploring additional ways in which we can provide further support in the upcoming months ahead.

Support for SCDI STEM education celebration event

On Thursday 6 March John Cairns (Community Benefits Advisor) hosted a STEM challenge workshop at the SCDI Highland STEM celebration event.

The SCDI event was attended by over 100 pupils from across the Highland & Island region, with each school in attendance promoting their STEM project as part of the regional competition.

Schools in attendance included Sgoil Bhreascleit (Isle of Lewis), Glenurquhart Primary, Newmore Primary, Bishop Eden Primary, Avoch primary, Park primary, Millburn Academy, Charleston Academy, Dingwall Academy & Forres Academy.
Protecting nature: focus on local ecology

As part of the scope of works, Nevis Environmental have created a restricted zone on the west side boundary of the site and it is in this area where lizards have been in hibernation throughout the winter period.

Along with the reptile relocation, Nevis created a bee bank and artificial reptile hibernacula (two large hibernacula on well drained soil (adding gravel when needed), adding logs/pipes/rubble and then covering with turf; and three scattered log piles (made from felled trees) to encourage biodiversity across the receptor site as well as the common lizards.

Nevis also translocated an ant nest that was found on the construction area and moved it to the receptor area. As well as the common lizards, species of particular importance on the site were small scabious mining bee and northern hairy wood ant.

The range of works demonstrates the care which is given throughout the project to the local natural habitat within the project boundary which is located within the Cairngorms National Park in Aviemore.

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