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**Lydney Community Centre Celebrates Solar Panel Installation:**

**A Step Toward Sustainability**

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024, Lydney Community Centre (LCC) hosted a successful event to mark the installation of its new solar panel system, a project that promises to reduce the centre's carbon footprint and energy costs. Martin, a representative of LCC, expressed his gratitude to all attendees and extended a special thanks to the event's sponsors, the Forest of Dean District Council (FoDDC) and the National Lottery. Further appreciation was given to Mayor Tasha Saunders and Dan from Nimbus, who led the installation of the solar panels.



Martin also touched on the sentimental significance of the project, noting that the solar panel installation had long been the ambition of Derek Biddle who is sadly no longer with us, a passionate advocate for the community.

Mayor Tasha Saunders emphasised the impact of the installation: "This solar panel system will significantly reduce LCC's reliance on the national grid. The addition of battery storage will allow the centre to store electricity generated during daylight hours and use it in the evenings, ensuring a steady energy supply. This system is expected to save LCC approximately £1,900 per annum on electricity costs".

Martin shared that since the installation, the centre's reliance on grid electricity has already been reduced by more than half, highlighting the immediate benefits of the new system.

Dan, representing Nimbus, added that the solar panels now provide 67% of the centre's total energy needs, marking a significant milestone in LCC's journey towards sustainability.

Pearl Biddle, a long-standing supporter of the community centre, also took the opportunity to thank Martin for his ongoing efforts.



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