

Local housing

New housing developments in the village over the past 10 years have been a success, and have definitely increased the number of young families within the village which has had a positive impact on numbers within the school and the general vitality of the village. This project aims to support these sorts of developments.

Reducing fuel poverty

The Welsh Index of Deprivation states that Llanaelhaearn is the 29th worst-off community in Wales with regards to fuel poverty. Antur Aelhaearn is eager to alleviate the problem through direct payments to every house in the village and the introduction of measures such as insulation to reduce the cost of heating our homes.

Existing projects

Sustaining projects that already exist in the village is a constant financial challenge, such as Canolfan y Babell, the playing field, Eglwys Aelhaearn, Cylch Ti a Fi, Eisteddfod Aelhaearn and others. This project would offer financial support to sustain all these worthwhile activities.

Open day for Llanaelhaearn residents:

Come along to the open day at Canolfan y Babell, from 10am - 3pm on Saturday 26/10/2013 and be a part of this exciting development here in your village.



Included inside is more information on:

Antur Gwynt Aelhaearn Project - between £100,000 - £200,000 a year for the village, which will be spent on the following projects :

- An annual contribution to every house towards fuel bills
- Annual contribution to Llanaelhaearn Community Council
- Nursery and offices
- Additional space for Ysgol Llanaelhaearn
- Shop and local housing improvements
- Heritage Centre
- Improving broadband connections
- Support for existing projects (eg Canolfan y Babell)

The future of most of these projects depends on developing Antur Gwynt Aelhaearn

Antur Aelhaearn has been developing a strategy following a public consultation in 2012. A questionnaire was sent to every home in the village and an open day was held so that everyone could share their ideas about the development needs in Llanaelhaearn.

Critically the whole of this strategy depends on securing Antur Gwynt Aelhaearn.

The Antur Gwynt Aelhaearn Project:

This is basically a community wind turbine project led by Antur Aelhaearn. The anemometer has been measuring wind speeds on Y Foel for nearly 12 months now, and reports indicate there is a very good resource on the site. As a result, it is estimated that a 500kw turbine could produce a profit for the village of around **£100,000 a year for the first 10 years, increasing to over £200,000 a year for the second decade**, when the capital repayments for the turbine have been completed.

- The proposal is to use 15% of this profit directly as an annual payment to **each house in the village**
- 5% would be shared as a donation to Llanaelhaearn Community Council.

Other projects that could benefit from the remainder of these funds include:

Children's Nursery

This was the most popular idea that emerged from the public consultation. Antur Aelhaearn has completed a business plan for the nursery, which can be viewed during the open day.

Offices

Modern, new offices in the Antur building could create opportunities for new businesses and employment in the village which would also help support existing local businesses such as the bakery and cafe.

Heritage Centre

Developing a historical centre linked to Tre Ceiri etc would create direct and indirect employment as well as promoting our culture and history. Gwynedd Archaeological Society and CADW support the idea of such a development in the village.

Additional space for the school

There is an opportunity to develop one floor of the Babel chapel as additional space for the school and a link could easily be created between the two sites. The school governors support this idea of creating additional space for the school.

Improving our broadband connection

One problem identified during the public consultation was the lack of high speed broadband which is essential for economic and social prosperity these days. The village increasingly depends on fast broadband connections which would also help support the new offices development.

Village shop

The absence of a local shop has been a problem for the village since its closure in 2011. This is considered a vital service to support.