



**Adroddiad  
Blynyddol /  
Annual Report**



**Antur Nantlle Cyf  
2007 / 2008**

## A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



**Cyng O P Huws**

It is a pleasure to present Antur Nantlle's Annual Report.

Once again we have reason to thank everyone who has contributed to the work during the course of the year especially Beryl, Dafydd and the rest of the staff and our partners.

Antur Nantlle is indebted to our Board of Director for their dedication, time, expertise and perseverance.

Thanks also to all those who have worked with us on various projects, for their help and support as we strive to create opportunities for the people of Dyffryn Nantlle.

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome new members to our working groups, I am confident that they will bring with them new energies and new ideas. Remember - there is still room to help shoulder the responsibilities!!

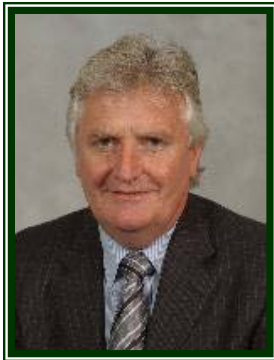
Unfortunately it has not been the best of years for drawing substantial grants for major projects, but in spite of this it has been a busy year, with the Technology Centre at the centre of all the activities. Antur Nantlle are still discussing ideas and funding sources that can bring benefits to the area and in spite of the current financial downturn we will still give our time and energy to develop economic regeneration projects for the sake of the Dyffryn Nantlle community.

I sometimes worry that very few people realise that Antur Nantlle is not a statutory body with an unlimited source of income from heaven. It is even possible that this is how some public bodies sometimes see us! The price of success maybe! But our successes are down to working hard for this area and we will continue to work hard in the future. It is now difficult to imagine Dyffryn Nantlle without the commitment and contribution of Antur Nantlle to community life and the local economy. Our aim is to carry on!!

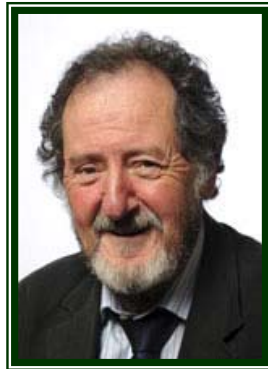
Thanks to everyone who has been involved with Antur Nantlle over the year and thanks also for the honour of being elected Chairman of this very special community enterprise.

Coun O.P. Huws.

## ANTUR NANTLLE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2007 - 2008



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Vice-chairman



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Talfryn Griffiths



Cyng. Dyfed Edwards



Elwyn Jones Griffith



Gwynne Williams



Ben Gregory



Ifan Glyn Jones



Richard Wyn Huws

## **BWRDD RHEOLI ANTUR NANTLLE CYF**

Alun Ffred Jones (Honorary President)  
O.P.Huws (Chairman)  
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Accountant  
Lawyer  
Retired headmaster  
Gwynedd Councillor  
Heating Engineer  
Community Officer Tai Eryri  
Retired headmaster  
Self employed

### **Company Secretary**



Beryl Fretwell

Six meetings of the Board were held during the year together with one extraordinary meeting.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Four directors stood down and were duly re-elected - Gwynne Williams, Ben Gregory, Dyfed Edwards and Ifan Glyn Jones.

### **STAFF MEMBERS**

Dafydd Glyn Owen	Enterprise Officer
Beryl Fretwell	Secretary
Dafydd Henry Williams	Communities First Co-ordinator
Wena Roberts	Communities First Administrative Officer
Nick Thomas	Communities First Youth Development Officer
Glenys Ll Williams	Communities First Development Officer
Bet Hughes	Technology Centre caretaker
Nerys Pritchard	Entreprise Centre caretaker
Nia Wyn Noone	Tŷ Iorwerth caretaker

**BANKERS**  
HSBC Caernarfon

**AREA OF WORK**

Antur Nantlle Cyf operates in the Nantlle Valley and its environs which includes the following villages:-

Carmel, Clynnogfawr, Dinas Dinlle, Y Fron , Y Groeslon, Llandwrog, Llanllyfni, Nantlle, Nasareth, Nebo, Penygroes, Pontllyfni, Talysarn, Tanrallt.

**ACHIEVEMENTS 2007 / 2008**

Jobs created or safeguarded	67
No of beneficiaries and users of our services	2500
No of people on training courses	82
Community projects and groups assisted	15

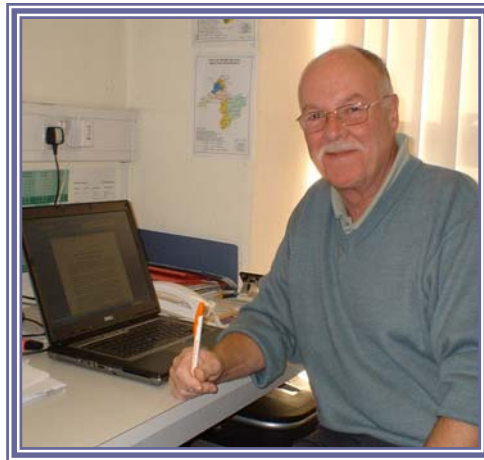
**ANTUR NANTLLE HAVE HELD MEETINGS, DISCUSSIONS AND WORKED WITH THE FOLLOWING DURING THE YEAR**

Gwynedd Council, Talysarn a Nantlle Partnership, Dyffryn Nantlle Community Land Trust, Cyfeillion Cae'r Gors, The Job Centre, The Careers Company, Coleg Harlech / WEA, Coleg Menai, Bangor University, WCVA, The Wales Co-op, the Welsh Assembly Government, Dyffryn Nantlle website group, Mantell Gwynedd, Menter a Busnes, Local Health Board, Gwynedd Federation of Tenants and Residents Association, Welsh Women's Aid, Tai Eryri, Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle, North Wales Police Authority, Grŵp Llys Llywelyn, Canolfan Cymdeithasol Talysarn Centre, Gŵyl Fai Dyffryn Nantlle, Llanllyfni Community Council, Deudraeth Cyf, [Cymunedau@eiGilydd](mailto:Cymunedau@eiGilydd), Menterra, Talysarn Environment Group, Communities Investment Fund as well as other groups and associations in the community.

## ANTUR NANTLLE'S ENTERPRISE OFFICER

Dafydd Glyn Owen

01286 882688 / 07796364279 / [dafydd@anturnantlle.com](mailto:dafydd@anturnantlle.com)



As Antur Nantlle's Enterprise Officer Dafydd has a wide variety of duties to perform. One of his most important roles is to look after our tenants and all our various properties. He attended all of Antur Nantlle's Board and sub committee meetings and also the Talysarn and Nantlle Partnership and Community Land Trust meetings as well as representing the Antur in meetings with other groups and organizations.

Dafydd is always happy to welcome anyone who wants to discuss local activities, people wishing to start a business in the area, looking for work space or with an interest in Antur Nantlle's work.

He has also led on various revenue projects during the course of the year:-

- **A study into computer recycling** [Communities@One](#)

Recycling is one of the main topics of our time and computer and electronic goods are causing recycling problems. With a large number of old computers around, Antur Nantlle decided to look more closely at what can be done and whether recycled computers could serve the need of a disadvantaged community and if there is room for a training programme and possibility of local employment in recycling, repairs and maintenance.

The Enterprise Officer submitted a bid for grant funding from [Communities@One](#) to commission a study which centred on the communities of Talysarn and Nantlle. Jacal Consultants were hired to carry out the study in partnership with Antur Nantlle.

The final report was completed in February 2008 and Antur Nantlle will be discussing the best way forward. Meanwhile if there is any group or individual interested in finding out more, a copy of the full report can be seen at the Technology Centre in Penygroes

- **Traed Trysor Ifanc Treasure Trails**



Ann Evans from Bangor University

The main aims of this project, which came to an end in October, was to encourage children and their families to take an interest in outdoor activities by walking local footpaths in the Nantlle Valley. Antur Nantlle are pleased to have been the local contacts working in partnership with Dr Claire Paisley and Ann Evans, University of Wales Bangor and Ann Owen from the Local Health Board, on this project.



Two young people from Talysarn who dressed up as clowns for the Trim Trac walk



Sam Tan & Sali Mali welcoming the children back from the final walk of the summer



Dafydd presenting three children from Talysarn with their certificates after they completed several walks from the Secret Steps booklet

Six led walks were arranged during the summer holidays and special characters joined in – thanks to Sali Mali and Sam Tân for helping to bring more children out on the walks. The project helped raise awareness of the benefits of walking, and a group of young mothers gained experience and developed new skills when they were trained as walk leaders. The children enjoyed the challenges of following instructions and solving puzzles along the way following the publication of the Secret Steps booklet.

The Secret Steps booklet has been very popular, many people have walked the walks by themselves or as part of a group and it is good to note that a walking group has recently established in the area. Copies of the booklet are still available from the Technology Centre.

- **An Outdoor Centre for Dyffryn Nantlle**

Following the publishing of the Report on Tourism in the Nantlle Valley, Antur Nantlle's tourism Group saw the need to develop the tourist industry and especially address the lack of facilities for tourists in the area. Dafydd is discussing possible funding with the Communities Investment Fund to commission a study into establishing an Outdoor Centre for Dyffryn Nantlle.

- **Dyffryn Nantlle Business Directory on [www.nantlle.com](http://www.nantlle.com)**

The Enterprise Officer successfully applied for funding to [Communities@One](http://Communities@One) to prepare a list of businesses in the Nantlle Valley and upload them to the nantlle.com website in the form of a Business Directory.

Antur Nantlle in partnership with Robat Jones and his company DREAM Internet Solutions Ltd ([www.dreaminternet.co.uk](http://www.dreaminternet.co.uk)) and the nantlle.com website group, listed over 250 local businesses on the directory. With between 8,000 - 10,000 visitors to the website every month this is an exceptional opportunity for businesses to reach a new market and to have a presence on the world wide web for free. There is still room to expand the directory - contact Antur Nantlle in the Technology Centre or e-mail your business details to [post@nantlle.com](mailto:post@nantlle.com).

**CANOLFAN DECHNOLEG ANTUR NANTLLE TECHNOLOGY CENTRE**  
20 Water Street, Penygroes, Gwynedd LL54 6LR 01286 882688



Location of the Registered Office of the company this is the hub of all the Antur's activities where all the administrative work and reception duties are carried out. The door is open and a warm welcome is offered to anyone who wishes to call.

The large windows are used by the community for their posters to show what is happening locally and the cups and shields are proof that we have very talented footballers amongst our young people. Our congratulations to them all.

Our thanks to Elwyn for ensuring that we get to see the results of the Community Council's gardening competition by putting the photos in the window. Elwyn also makes sure that we have a Christmas tree on the flat roof and we hope the Community Council agree to continuing with this tradition again this year.

Computer courses are held regularly in our training room on the first floor – please call for a chat about what we have to offer. Our thanks the Gwynedd Council IT Department for all their help in maintaining the computer suite and making sure they are kept in good working order. Thanks also to Harlech / WEA College for working with us for almost ten years to offer quality computer



training in Penygroes. We have also worked with the Bangor University and Menter a Busnes to offer a range of courses.

We offer photocopying services; fax machine, internet connection, use of computers, computer courses and a direct line bilingual connection to the Job Centre Plus, The North Wales Police have placed a ‘Suggestion Box’ in the foyer so if you have any suggestions or complaints please call in.

Our thanks to Bet for looking after the Technology Centre, library and Siop 22.

**LLYFRGELL PENYGROES LIBRARY**  
01286 880427

Antur Nantlle’s staff and the Library staff have been working side by side since 1998 and have always maintained a good working relationship. Janice and Anwen have been sharing the work throughout the year and trying to make sure that everyone gets time on the computer is not easy in view of the high demand for the service.

The Library is an integral part of the local community and offers more than just books and computer use. Father Christmas calls once a year, the staff take part in the Gwyl Fai activities and the younger children are offered a variety of fun activities and story telling during the summer holidays.



That must be a good story!!



Craft sessions in the library

**SWYDDOG ADFYWIO BRO GWYRFAI NANTLLE REGENERATION OFFICER  
CYNGOR GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

The Regeneration Officer, Antur Nantlle Technology Centre, 20 Water Street, Penygroes  
01286 882968



Kelvin Roberts

Helping local groups and organizations has kept Kelvin busy throughout the year. He has been instrumental in securing funding for local projects including Carmel and Y Groeslon Village Halls, Talysarn Band Room, the computer room in the Talysarn Community Centre, the Community Land Trust and Antur Nantlle. The Regeneration Officers are a vital link between the Council and the communities as they are the first point of contact when groups are trying to get a community project off the ground. The expertise available to help with completing application forms etc ensures that viable projects can move much quicker and this makes life easier for volunteers in the community. We thank Kelvin for always being ready with his help and support.

**YMDDIRIEDOLAETH TIR CYMUNEDOL DYFFRYN NANTLLE (Ymtic)  
DYFFRYN NANTLLE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST  
07970574068**



Dafydd Watts  
Development Officer, Dyffryn Nantlle Community Land Trust

Antur Nantlle through the Enterprise Officer have been pleased to help the Land Trust with successful funding applications to the Gwynedd Key Fund and the Tudor Trust for funding to employ a Development Officer.

Dafydd Watts was appointed to the post in November 2007 and we welcome him to his office at the Technology Centre. Dafydd will be working on a Business Plan and creating partnerships to work with the Ymtic on projects that will address the need for affordable homes locally.

**CANOLFAN FENTER DYFFRYN NANTLLE ENTERPRISE CENTRE**  
Llanllyfni Road, Penygroes LL54 6DB



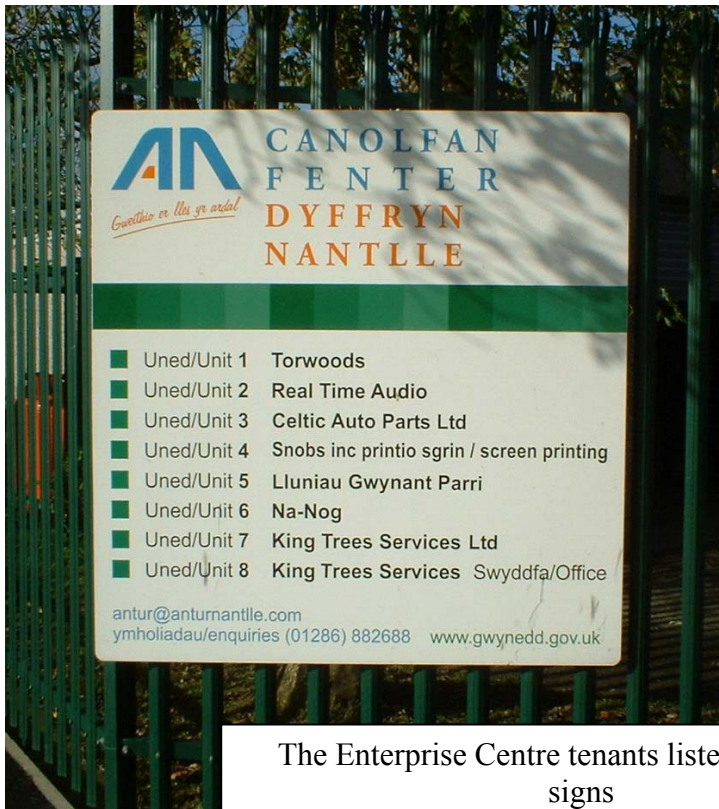
All our small units at the Enterprise Centre have been full throughout the year and the meeting room was well used during this time for meetings, and various courses. We thank Nerys our caretaker for looking after the site and we congratulate her on her recent wedding.

**Cynllun Ffensio Stad Ddiwydiannol Penygroes**  
**Fencing project on the Penygroes Industrial Estate**



The Gwynedd Council, The Assembly Government's Regeneration Fund and European Objective 1 funding came together to upgrade the Industrial Estate in Penygroes by putting up new fencing and new signs

Antur Nantlle had a chance to work with the Council on this project and we are grateful for the excellent work that has gone into the new fencing and signs in the Enterprise Centre.



The Enterprise Centre tenants listed on the new signs

**SHOP / WORKSHOP, 35 SNOWDON STREET, PENYGROES**



‘Connect’ traded from the shop for almost ten years but the time has come for Martin Lewis our tenant to move on. We wish him well with his future plans. We therefore have a shop and workshop to let in Penygroes. Please contact the Enterprise Officer on 01286 882688 for more details.

## Siop 22

10 Water Street, Penygroes, Gwynedd LL54 6LR



This building is ideally situated in the village center and is let as four office units.



Matom is located on the ground floor and Gruff Owen works for the Welsh Religious Buildings Trust in Office 2. The trust take into their care old chapels and other empty religious buildings that are of historic or architectural importance. For more information about the trust's work, contact Gruff on 01286 881365

Gruff Owen from the Welsh Religious Buildings Trust

Marika Fusser works for Planning Aid Wales in Office 3. Planning Aid Wales is a registered charity which gives free, independent advice to people and groups who need help in finding their way around the planning system. Marika can be reached on 01286 882834 / [www.cymorthcynlluniocymru.org.uk](http://www.cymorthcynlluniocymru.org.uk)



Marika Fusser, North and mid Wales Development Worker for Planning Aid Wales

For all graphic design work and web page production contact Justin of Gringo Designs in Office 4 on 01286 882561



Justin Davies from Gringo Designs



**Y BARICS**  
**Nantlle, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL54 6BD**

It is always a pleasure to visit this unique and lovely site in Nantlle



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Patrick Brennan runs his business Eryri Mouldings in Unit 1.



Uned  
2

Activities in Llys Llywelyn are always well attended drawing visitors from Nantlle and a much wider area

Peter and Wendy Midwinter with their model railway company 'Railways Unlimited' are busy repairing, selling and arranging exhibitions in Unit 3



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After four years Jan Chipps decided to move on from Unit 4. Our best wishes to Jan with her plans for the future.



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Christine Matthews creates her artworks in Unit 5 whilst studying art in the Bangor University.

**Tŷ IORWERTH**  
**39 Water Street, Penygroes, Gwynedd LL54 6ES**



It is hard to believe that 5 years have gone by since Antur Nantlle completed the Tŷ Iorwerth project which helped guarantee the presence of the bank in the area and secure the future of one of Penygroes' most important buildings.

**HSBC**

The HSBC bank operates five days a week for 2½ hours every day Monday to Friday.

**WELSH WOMEN'S AID – Wales domestic abuse helpline 0808 8010800**  
(Offices 1, 2, 3, 4 a 5)



Tracy Owens Helpline Manager with one of her colleagues.

The helpline offers a confidential, bilingual service 24 hours a day to women, children and men who suffer domestic abuse.

Antur Nantlle are pleased to offer a location in Penygroes for this vitally important countrywide service.



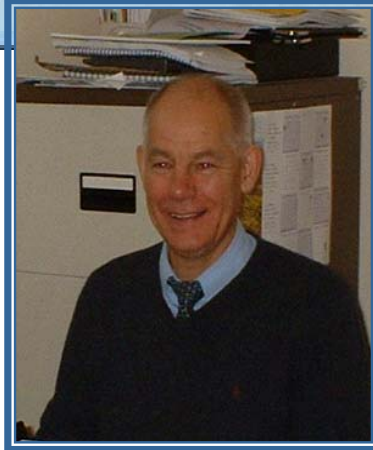
Cris Jones

Cris Jones offers translation services in Office 6 and Ben Gregory is in Office 7 with the Nicaragua Appeal.

**COMMUNITIES FIRST  
TALYSARN AND NANTLLE PARTNERSHIP 01286 881103**



Glenys William  
Development Officer



Dafydd Williams  
Co-ordinator



Wena Roberts  
Administrative Officer



Nick Thomas  
Youth Development Assistant

Antur Nantlle became the Grant Recipient Body for the Welsh Assembly Government's Communities First Programme in the Talysarn Ward in 2003 and it is good to see the two villages of Talysarn and Nantlle benefitting from the programme. This is the first time since the decline of the slate industry that this area has had special treatment – this is a long term funding strategy to develop the potential of local residents, instill pride, improve the quality of life, which will in the longer run create employment and bring economic benefits to the area. With Dafydd Williams co-ordinating the activities, the Talysarn a Nantlle Partnership has been meeting regularly to ensure that the area gets the best possible outcomes from this very important programme. The Partnership office is situated in the Community Centre Talysarn and Dafydd is also available to the residents of Nantlle every Wednesday at Llys Llywelyn.



New staff have been appointed by the Partnership during the year. Gareth Jones left his post as Youth Development Officer to pursue his career as a school teacher and Nick Thomas was appointed to the post. We wish Nick well as he undertakes his new duties.



A group of young people from the area who took part in a two day outdoor activities programme with Nick

In January 2008 Genys Lloyd Williams was appointed by the Partnership as a Development Officer. Glenys will be helping local groups to develop projects and help establish new groups.

One of the most important activities of the current year was the Planning for Real® community consultation in Talysarn a Nantlle. The final report has been published and will provide the Talysarn and Nantlle Partnership with a comprehensive agenda for developing an Action Plan for future developments. The Planning for Real® report can be seen on [www.nantlle.com/planning-for-real.htm](http://www.nantlle.com/planning-for-real.htm)



Planning for Real®- A3D model of the area built to scale used to encourage local people to bring their ideas to develop their community

We look forward to working with and assisting the Partnership as they embark on the next phase of the Communities First Programme and look forward to seeing projects developing which will benefit the Talysarn ward in future.

## CONCLUSION



A view of Snowdon Street Penygroes showing the Technology Centre on the left and Tŷ Iorwerth on the right – two important buildings in the center of Penygroes in the ownership of Antur Nantlle and together with four other sites in the Nantlle Valley there are plenty of reasons to congratulate the Antur on a successful track record.

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It is the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> year in the history of Antur Nantlle and our company is still striving to make a difference in the community of the Nantlle Valley, we are still looking for new ideas and projects that will benefit this area through social, environmental and economic development.

We look forward to exciting times ahead as we welcome new members to our sub groups. Following the publishing of the ‘Report on tourism in the Nantlle Valley’ the Antur Nantlle Tourism Group have identified the need to develop the tourist industry in the area and address the need for more places for visitors to stay locally. Our Industrial / Economic sub committee have been looking into different recycling projects, hydro energy, biomass and much more. The Victoria Hotel in Penygroes is a cause for concern for us and if anyone has a brilliant idea to develop the Vic – please get in touch!!

We look forward to seeing future developments as the Communities First Programme progresses. Antur Nantlle are here to help in any way that we can to ensure the success of the Partnership’s projects

We will also keep working closely with the Community Land Trust and wish them every success with their affordable housing programme.

Convergence funding is now being released in Wales – we hope some of this money will reach the Nantlle Valley. Antur Nantlle are willing and able to play a part – big or small - in any projects that may develop with Convergence funding. We have plenty of expertise on the Board and years of experience in community development – we can pride ourselves on our successes since the beginning and of having executed all projects to the required standard

We are here to listen, to discuss ideas – pulling together as a community is the best way to ensure a better future for us all. We would be happy to hear from anyone interested in helping us with our work



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