



**Rhwydwaith Amgylchedd 3ydd Sector Sir Gâr  
Carmarthenshire 3rd Sector Environment Network**

Wednesday 16/09/2020  
10:30-12:30 on Zoom

**1. Croeso ac Ymddiheuriadau / Welcome and Apologies**

**In attendance:**

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| Clive Poulton       | <a href="#">Carmarthenshire Disability Coalition for Action</a> |
| Diana Groom         | Kidwelly Community Hub  |
| Gareth Tucker       | <a href="#">Ynni Sir Gâr \ Carmarthenshire Energy</a>           |
| Kate Evans          | <a href="#">National Wool Museum</a>                            |
| Nancy Hardy         | <a href="#">Tir Coed</a>  |
| Suzanne Hughes-Owen | Llandysul   |
| Victoria Bancroft   | <a href="#">Severn Wye Energy Agency</a>                        |
| Clare Pilborough    | <a href="#">CAVS</a> Engagement Officer                         |
| Jackie Dorrian      | <a href="#">CAVS</a> Health and Wellbeing Officer               |
| Sarah Herbert-Jones | <a href="#">CAVS</a> Development Support Officer                |

**Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies:**

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| Capt. Mike Smith  | Blue SEAS Green ACRE /Amman Valley Railway Group                                 |
| Helen Whitear     | Dyffryn Tywi – Tirwedd Hanes Ein Bro   |
| Jonathan Williams | <a href="#">CETMA</a>  |
| Jo-Anne Zapettis. | <a href="#">Age Cymru Dyfed</a>  |
| Katie Barrett     | <a href="#">Coed Lleol</a>   |
| Kellie Cridland   | Dyffryn Tywi – Tirwedd Hanes Ein Bro   |
| Kendal Davies     | <a href="#">Carmarthenshire County Council</a> , Sustainable Development Manager |
| Dennis Hills      | Meidrim  |
| Peter Hughes      | <a href="#">NEST</a>   |
| Peter Loughran    | <a href="#">Age Cymru Sir Gâr</a> / CAVS Trustee                                 |
| Sarah Hall        | <a href="#">Wildfowl &amp; Wetlands Trust</a> (WWT)                              |
| Val Wood-Gaiger   | <a href="#">Learn with Grandma</a>   |
| Jamie Horton      | <a href="#">CAVS</a> Community Volunteering Development Officer                  |

**2. Focus, aims and potential of this network**

Points made in the discussion: *(Please see the separate document summarising the discussion on this point.)*

**Good news stories: raising awareness of what is going on in our communities.**

Diana raised the point that many people appear to feel hopeless and helpless and are unaware of the positive projects and work that is happening in their communities and across Wales.

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As a group we should aim to spread the word about the good things that are being done and achievements need to be shared. This can give people hope and inspire them to feel that progress can be made and they will want to participate rather than blank out the problem to protect themselves. (Diana shared a book called [The Future We Choose](#) which suggests to people that the choices they make can make a difference.)

We should find a way to share information with mainstream and popular media e.g. BBC Wales, Wales online, Radio Carmarthenshire etc. to reach more people to make them aware and get them involved.

We are not a lobby group but it would be useful to get regular updates from the Council on how their work is going on the Climate Emergency declaration and Net Zero carbon plan. We can then share this information with the wider 3<sup>rd</sup> sector.

### **Raising Awareness of Climate Change/Global Warming effects and need to prepare**

Clive raised the point that many people seem to be complacent or in denial about global warming and its effects. They won't understand until there is major crop failure or rationing in place. Preparation needs to be made e.g. land needs to be set aside for people to grow food locally and we need to start new ways of working.

Diana and Susanna added that there are already many people and groups growing food and sharing locally e.g. [Incredible edible](#) – this information should be widely promoted.

### **Raise Awareness of Environmental issues with wider 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector.**

Gareth suggested that we should be promoting environmental issues and raising awareness to 3<sup>rd</sup> sector in general rather than just discussing issues within this group. Some Community groups may not be environmentally aware.

### **Offering guidance /expertise on different aspects of Sustainability**

Once organisations decide they want to make changes we should be able to support them to learn how to reduce their carbon footprint, reuse and recycle, grow their own produce etc. as organisations and also how to make lifestyle changes as individuals.

### **Involving Children in Environmental projects**

Education of children on these issues is very important.

## **3. Argyfwng Hinsawdd / Climate Emergency**

- **Lessons learnt from community action on the environment** [Report](#) from *The National Lottery Community Fund* – “How our grantholders are finding solutions to the climate emergency at grassroots level and how we can continue to engage and mobilise our whole community.”
- **Climate Action for Churches** [Tuesday, 29 September, 2020 | 09:30 - 11:30](#)
- The PSB Healthy Environment Delivery Group\* has met twice since March. Three points to share from their current work are:
  - **Tree planting** -the group is looking at developing a scheme in Carmarthenshire and would want to involve 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations and community groups. Clare is in contact with Ioan Williams from NRW and will update the group when more information is available.

- **Climate resilience pilot research [project in Newcastle Emlyn](#)** exploring
  - potential risks to the community from climate change impacts;
  - what needs to be done so that the town can cope in the future; and
  - how resident, groups and local businesses can work with the public sector and others to make the town resilient to future change.
  
- **New ULEV (Ultra Low Emission Vehicles) Task Group**  
 Gareth Tucker from Carmarthenshire Energy was involved with setting up this new group and is also a member of Low Carbon Swansea Bay. The group had a positive meeting to look at EV fleets and charging points in the PSB and to explore potential for a south west regional (NPT, Swansea, Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire) EV charging network for public sector organisations.

\*Under the Well-being and Future Generations Act, Carmarthenshire PSB was charged with creating a Well-being Plan for Carmarthenshire.

One of the objectives of the plan is “Healthy Habits - People have a good quality of life and make healthy choices about their lives and environment.” This goal is being taken forward by the Healthy Environment PSB Delivery Group which has been working on an Environmental and Climate Change Risk Assessment.

This meeting will be informed of the work taking place in Healthy Environment Delivery Group and will be able to feed back to it.

[Healthy Environment Page](#) from [Carmarthenshire Well-being Plan](#)

Excerpt on the Healthy Environment Delivery Group from the [Carmarthenshire Public Services Board \(PSB\) Well-being Plan 2018-2023 Annual Report 2019-20](#) :

A priority for the Healthy Environment Delivery Group is to tackle climate change and some regional work on severe weather events was commissioned by NRW, working closely with the PSBs in Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire. In February 2019, the work began gathering data and a trial public engagement event has been held to capture the public’s perception of climate change risks and potential adaptation and mitigation options.

Following the project conclusion, it was identified that a more targeted approach was needed and two of the at-risk communities identified by the project are being engaged with on a detailed level - Newcastle Emlyn in Carmarthenshire and Fishguard in Pembrokeshire. Work was commissioned in February 2020 to deliver this targeted approach, focusing on building resilience within these communities in readiness for the effects of climate change.

The project will involve in-depth work engaging with key stakeholders to develop a plan for building climate resilience through identifying the direct impact of climate risks on their situation and place and seeking their responses on how to build resilience. A report will then outline the project’s findings and make recommendations, focusing specifically on outcomes and solutions, and outline a path for progression.

The engagement was planned for March/early April 2020 with the report being published in April. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the original timescales for the project have not been able engagement with stakeholders, which will begin in July, using online opportunities including meetings and webinars.

#### 4. Yr Amgylchedd a Lles /Environment and Well-being

*Clive:* Carmarthenshire Well-being plan – concerns with whether public transport is being given a high enough priority in local developments.

*Diana:* Anxiety and Stress apparent in individuals - Far more evidence of this than ever before there are expressions of a general unease a sense of insecurity and lack of control. Climate change is one of the causes of this. Communication about what good things are being done is important to combat this.

#### 5. Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth / Information exchange

##### **Suzanne Hughes-Owen**

Suzanne is setting up an allotment scheme in Llandysul and would like to see what other people/projects have done.

This might be another aim of the group to facilitate experience and knowledge sharing and peer-learning/mentoring.

##### **Diana Groom** Kidwelly Community hub

The group are looking to do small projects in the community. The Tin Shed Museum will hopefully be moving to Kidwelly from Laugharne.

##### **Jackie Dorrian - CAVS Health and Well-being officer**

There is a strong link between Health and well-being and the environment – great for people's health.

It is important to the Foundation phase taught in schools and to set up more Forest Schools to get children and young people into woodlands.

##### **Kate Evans - [National Wool Museum](#)**

Exhibition of hope – contribution date end of December <https://museum.wales/articles/2020-04-03/Create-your-part-in-the-National-Wool-Museums-Exhibition-of-Hope/>

Sensory Trail/Garden –intergeneration garden in consultation with the local community open for interested people/groups to be involved.

##### **Gareth Tucker [Trydani](#) and [Camarthenshire Energy](#)**

Carmarthenshire Energy's main work is on:

- **Renewable energy** – community renewable energy schemes – community venues etc  
Local supply models and community share offers
- **Electric Vehicles** – Carmarthenshire Energy have installed an EV charger at Xcel Bowl and soon the Black Mountain centre  
There is a Zoom event Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 6-7pm [Electric Vehicle Charging points at Sports Clubs and Community Venues](#) (for community facilities with a car park looking for different ways to generate income)
- **Education** – work on renewable energy with secondary schools and community groups

**Clive Poulton** - [Carmarthenshire Disability Coalition for Action](#)

CCC consultation on EV charging on kerbsides at home. Issues with how this can be rolled out- temporary rubber cable protectors for electric cables are a problem for pavement users. In Wales there are a high percentage of homes (40%?) with no driveway so people have to charge their cars on the road.

**Nancy Hardy** Tir Coed

The delivery program of the LEAF project will start in November but for the moment will be different due to COVID. Delivery will take place at Mynydd Mawr Woodland Park (near Tumble) over the winter. Nancy has been developing an outdoors schools program for Key Stage 2.

*Links/info shared:* <https://gov.wales/155m-scheme-help-plant-more-trees-opens-application>

**Victoria Bancroft** Severn Wye Energy Agency

Working on Rural Futures project and now the Foundational Economy Challenge Fund project.

*Links/info shared:*

Climate-and-ecological-emergency-bill <https://theconversation.com/the-new-uk-climate-and-ecological-emergency-bill-is-exactly-what-we-need-heres-why-145522>

Buy Nothing Project <https://buynothingproject.org/about/> Juliette Fey in the Ferryside What's on Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/232967956806051/>

Llandovery Recycle Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/407733743197146>

Free Trees: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>

Victoria says: Heritage Lottery Fund may giving away free trees (not Keep Wales Tidy) -

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/news/new-funding-community-environment-projects-wales>

**Sarah Herbert-Jones**

*Links/info shared:*

Community facebook groups: Jamie Horton, CAVS Community Volunteering Development Officer has been working with many different community groups on Facebook during lockdown. This may be a way of communicating messages to communities when we want to get information out.

Community Halls: CAVS is in touch with Community Halls within the county recently in particular concerning reopening. We can share relevant information with them e.g. re community renewable energy schemes and setting up EV charging points.

Funding: The funding Wales website has a wide range of funding opportunities including lots of family foundations and trusts as well as large funders <https://funding.cymru/>

Information: There are useful information sheets on CAVS website regarding Climate Change and Campaigning. <http://www.cavs.org.uk/information-sheets/>

Training: CAVS may be able to help with setting up training courses on how to get ideas out and working with the media and also training for wider 3<sup>rd</sup> sector.

**Peter Hughes** Nest [www.nest.gov.wales](http://www.nest.gov.wales)

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Message sent from Peter: Members can contact Nest on 0808 808 2244 to discuss eligibility for home efficiency improvement measures to improve efficiency and reduce their energy bills. More information is available at [www.nest.gov.wales](http://www.nest.gov.wales)

## **6. Eitemau Agenda'r Dyfodol / Future Agenda Items**

The Focus of the group will be revisited.

If anyone has suggestions or requests for agenda items or presentations, please contact Clare.

Peter Hughes from NEST has offered to give a short presentation.

## **7. Unrhyw Fusnes Arall / Any Other Business**

CAVS can help with Funding, Volunteering, Governance issues etc.

Upcoming Event: [Reopening Community Centres in Carmarthenshire Thursday 30th September 2020 10-11:30am](#)

Anyone is welcome to forward information that they wish to share for Clare to circulate to the group.

Date of next meeting 25/11/20 10:30 am on Zoom.