



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

Wednesday 24.02.21
10:30 on Zoom

1. Croeso ac Ymddiheuriadau / Welcome and Apologies

In attendance:

Katie Barrett	Coed Lleol
Anna Charalambous-Green	West Wales Woods
Peter Loughran	Age Cymru Sir Gâr / CAVS Trustee
Val Wood-Gaiger	Learn with Grandma
Clare Pilborough	CAVS Engagement Officer
Jackie Dorrian	CAVS Health and Well-being Officer
Sarah Herbert-Jones	CAVS Development Support Officer
Jamie Horton	CAVS Community Volunteering Development Officer

Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies:

Nancy Hardy	Tir Coed
Kendal Davies	Carmarthenshire County Council
Adam Hearn	West Wales Walking for Well-being
Kellie Cridland	Dyffryn Tywi – Tirwedd Hanes Ein Bro
Helen Whitear	Dyffryn Tywi – Tirwedd Hanes Ein Bro

2. Focus, aims and potential of this network

Clare reviewed the previous [summary](#) of the additional aims- to **raise awareness** of environmental issues and good examples of what is already being achieved by groups, and to **provide support** to the broader third sector and communities.

3. Green Stories Campaign - Good news stories: raising awareness of what is going on in our communities.

The [Green Stories Campaign](#) has been launched through CAVS social media, website and e-bulletin. The stories can be from organisations, groups or individuals (named or anonymous) there are no real rules. This is an ongoing project as the aim is to build up a store of online Green stories, highlighting what is happening in Carmarthenshire.

So far there have been two stories submitted (The Natural Dye Garden at the National Wool Museum and Learn with Grandma). To boost the campaign it would be good to get more stories from Environment Network members. Because the Green Story idea is very broad sweeping it may not be clear what is being asked for so it will be useful to share a variety of different stories as soon as possible so people can better understand the concept and opportunity. The stories can be used to share examples of organisations adopting Green practices etc.

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4. The PSB Healthy Environment Delivery Group

Climate resilience pilot research: The Newcastle Emlyn Climate Resilience Plan and the Final Report on the project will be presented to the group on Friday 5th March.

The project aimed to understand in Newcastle Emlyn:

- potential risks to the community from climate change impacts
- how members of these communities, agencies, authorities, local groups and local businesses can work together with the public sector and others to make these towns resilient to future change
- how this informs wider climate adaptation work across the region

5. Presentation: Katie Barrett, [Coed Lleol](#)

- Katie gave an inspiring overview of [the work that Coed Lleol is doing](#).
- [Coed Lleol YouTube channel](#)

6. Information exchange

Clare Pilborough

- Fairtrade Fortnight now (22 February to 7 March 2021)
[Climate Justice for a Fairer World](#) (Fairtrade Fortnight panel discussion exploring how to tackle climate change & inequality together)
Thursday 4 March 2021 7 - 8:30pm

Kate Barrett

- Free online talk next week - [The Healing Hand of Nature - A Journey From My Garden Into The Landscape](#) Tuesday 2nd March 2pm

Jamie Horton CAVS Community Volunteering Development Officer

- **Carmarthenshire Food Network** is for anyone within the county who is supporting to feed its residents.
The inaugural meeting took place on February 10th 2021 with over 60 participants contributing. The key principals of the network are to connect with like minded individuals to alleviate food poverty across the county; Share resources, skills, experience, knowledge and volunteers, and support one another to support our citizens.
- As part the above Network on **Thursday 4th March 6pm** there is **Carmarthenshire Growers Meeting** for anyone involved in growing food.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/carmarthenshire-growers-cluster-meeting-tickets-142520591927>

Sarah Herbert-Jones CAVS Development Support Officer

Possible funders for environmental projects:

- [Postcode Community Trust \(People's Postcode Lottery\)](#)

Grants £500-£2k (or up to £20k if registered charity).
Monthly rounds Feb-Oct'21.

Funding themes:

- Improving biodiversity and green spaces;

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- Responding to the climate emergency & promoting sustainability;
 - Increasing community access to outdoor space.
- Local Places for Nature fund (National Lottery Heritage Fund & Welsh Government)
Grants costing over £10k. For a nature project in areas of urban deprivation.
[Info session Mon 1st March 2pm](#). Twitter [@HeritageFundCYM](#)

Other funders active in Wales, especially during COVID-19:

- Moondance Foundation COVID-19 Relief Fund
- The Waterloo Foundation (TWF) Wales Fund
- Voluntary Service Recovery Fund (VSRF) - WCVA
- Community Foundation in Wales
- National Lottery Awards for All Wales
- National Lottery People and Places

And more info at www.funding.cymru

Information shared in Chat window

Jamie Horton

- Trees For Carmarthenshire <https://www.facebook.com/Trees-For-Carmarthenshire-102150508414214>

Katie Barrett

- Always happy to help with promoting tree planting activities- please pass them along. Although we do have to be 'fussy' with only promoting good practice - we don't want trees planted in the wrong places!
- I'm not sure if you've heard of INCC - but they are the fab pair Rob and Lizzie, based in Garnant. They've just relaunched Natur Cymru too. I've told them to get in touch re. this group and Green Stories if they haven't already! <https://www.natureconservation.wales/>
- Also if anyone needs advice with future care and management plans for woodlands, Small Woods is always happy to advise.
- <https://llaisygoedwig.org.uk/>

Information shared from non-attendees:

Nancy Hardy [Tir Coed](#)

As you may know, due to the current restrictions, Tir Coed has suspended delivery of our usual woodland activities. We are hoping to get back to the woods with small groups after Easter but, in the meantime, our Activity Leaders have been working hard to produce some engaging online sessions on various topics. Although these are no substitute for a day in the woods, we hope that they will interest our current participants and excite new ones.

We hope to capture the Tir Coed spirit through sessions that will help connect people with nature and are informative and useful, delivered in a laid back and approachable way by our brilliant Activity Leaders. They have each chosen topics that they are passionate about and it really shows in their inspirational presentation.

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Clips of the sessions will be available alongside our new How-To videos on the [Tir Coed YouTube channel](#).

To join sessions, people need to email Fay at admin@tircoed.org.uk and she will send them details of the session that will be delivered over Zoom.

The sessions will be approximately an hour long but we haven't put a finish time in case people want to finish off activities or have questions for the Activity Leaders etc.

[View Bilingual Poster](#)

Dyffryn Tywi – Hanes Tirwedd Ein Bro

Kellie Cridland, Helen Whitear

Below are a few bullet points to give the Network an update on actions the project has undertaken to date:

- Key focus areas for project identified – Meadows, Hedgerows, Parkland and invasive non-native species (INNS) control.
- Recruited 2 apprentices in Environmental Management and Conservation (LANTRA Level 3) who are currently working across Network Partner sites – NBGW, Tywi Gateway, National Trust Dinefwr & Gelli Aur.
- Training ongoing – two training courses run to date (LANTRA Chainsaw Maintenance & Crosscutting with Felling (under 380mm) and hedge-laying) for Network Partners and the wider community of land managers within the project area. Further training scheduled in First Aid at Work and a webinar on INNS Identification and Control.
- **Dyffryn Tywi** Facebook page @DyffrynTywiSMS set up with regular, bilingual contributions from staff and apprentices to publicise project activities and information – [Please follow our facebook page](#)
- Project website currently under development. Hoping to go live in April 2021. We will keep you updated.
- Interventions undertaken across partner sites – 900 trees planted, meadow seed collected from Waun Las National Nature Reserve at NBGW and spread at Network Partner sites Dinefwr Park (National Trust) and Bishop's Palace Grounds (Tywi Gateway Trust). Green hay spread at NBGW for meadow creation in area of Regency Parkland restoration.
- Work in progress – hedgerow restoration at NBGW & Dinefwr and ash die back clearance at Gelli Aur. Commissioned research into Welsh Plant Names and Tywi Valley Meadows. Planning events (Covid depending) for National Meadows Day on the 3rd July 2021 and a meadow week 3rd-10th July 2021.
- 7 case studies in progress based on learnings from Network Partner sites, to be published on Dyffryn Tywi website.

7. Any Other Business

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

Date of next meeting **Thursday 20/05/21 10:30am.**