



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

Wednesday 25/11/2020
10:30 on Zoom

1. Croeso ac Ymddiheuriadau / Welcome and Apologies

In attendance:

Clive Poulton	Carmarthenshire Disability Coalition for Action
David Thorpe	One Planet Centre
Peter Loughran	Age Cymru Sir Gâr / CAVS Trustee
Susan Smith	Community Connector Plus Carmarthenshire
Clare Pilborough	CAVS Engagement Officer
Jackie Dorrian	CAVS Health and Well-being Officer
Sarah Herbert-Jones	CAVS Development Support Officer

Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies:

Dan Snaith	Keep Wales Tidy Cymru
Kate Evans	National Wool Museum
Katie Barrett	Coed Lleol
Nancy Hardy	Tir Coed
Peter Hughes	NEST
Val Wood-Gaiger	Learn with Grandma
Victoria Bancroft	Severn Wye Energy Agency

2. Focus, aims and potential of this network

Clare presented a summary of the points arrived at in last meeting's discussion. Please see the [summary presentation](#), along with the [full notes](#) previously circulated.

The main focus was summarised into two main actions - 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.

Taking one of the action points identified, a Green Stories Campaign will be launched to share good examples of what is already happening in the third sector and in our communities.

CAVS will start the campaign as soon as possible in the new year.

The campaign will ask groups to share their stories with us by

- completing a short questionnaire about what they are doing – text and photos
- creating a short video clip in their preferred format

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These stories and video clips can then be compiled and shared digitally, via email, social media and websites, and if possible also as part of the [Connect2Kindness](#) project.

Groups will be asked to register and add relevant information to [Infoengine/Dewis](#) if they do not already have a presence on there.

This is a first step in raising awareness of good practice happening and hence also the environmental issues.

4. The PSB Healthy Environment Delivery Group

Information points from the meeting on 03.11.20

- **Tree planting project** the group is looking at developing a scheme in Carmarthenshire and would want to involve 3rd sector organisations and community groups. They are waiting for funding confirmation will update the group when more information is available.
- **Climate resilience pilot research [project in Newcastle Emlyn](#)** is continuing. The next meeting is on Thursday 26 November between 4.30 - 6.30pm building towards a Climate Resilience Plan for the area.
- Brecon Beacons National Park - [Sustainable Development Fund](#) is available for groups in or on the borders of the National Park.
- A proposal for a National Nature Service for Wales is being put to Welsh Government - This is a country-wide movement for action to restore nature whilst building the regenerative economy

5. Information exchange

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

Clive highly recommended this film - The Need to Grow <https://grow.foodrevolution.org/?orid=732509>

‘Zero waste urban farm outperforms conventional agriculture without toxic chemicals. We need regenerative agriculture. Soil scientists estimate that at the rate we are developing our farmland, we could have fewer than 60 years of soil left on earth. But the good news is that there ARE solutions, if we choose to embrace them.’

David Thorpe [One Planet Centre](#) Llandovery

The One planet Centre - encourages cities to become ‘One Planet’ cities. ‘We help organisations of all sizes reduce their ecological footprint with straightforward and proven solutions and methodologies, training and capacity building.’ There are manuals/guides available on their website for cities and for individuals.

A pilot ‘Solutions’ website is begin developed in partnership with Swansea Environment Forum for different audiences e.g. individuals, households etc. The website will have generally applicable solutions but also specific local information – the aim is to use the model to develop further websites for different localities.

National Lottery Community Fund Survey deadline 30.11.20: [Help us design our next Climate Change funding programme](#)

Susan Smith Community Connector Plus Carmarthenshire

Important to promote positive messages and hyper-local relatable issues.

Involved with [Connect 2 Kindness](#) and [Connect Carmarthenshire](#) which is about informal volunteering, helping each other within our communities, focussing on doing things locally which ends up helping the planet.

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Jackie Dorrian CAVS Health and Well-being Officer

Jackie reasserted that there is a strong link with Health and Well-being and the environment. There are other networks working on this e.g. Social and Green Solutions for Health Group and WWAMH's - Nature Based Health Services Network.

Sarah Herbert-Jones CAVS Development Support Officer

Sarah suggested we discuss Circular Economy at a future meeting, there are various projects in Llandoverly and Swansea focussing on this concept and also [WRAP Cymru](#)

Possible funders for environmental projects:

- [Waterloo foundation](#)
- [National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)
- [Welsh Government Communities Facilities programme](#)

Information shared from non-attendees:

Nancy Hardy [Tir Coed](#)

Tir Coed are open for referrals for woodland volunteering. They can also offer woodland activity days for groups. Full until the Christmas break but now planning for the new year.

Marie Turke [Incredible Edible Camarthenshire](#)

If anyone is interested please join their facebook group.

[Llanelli Train Station Shared Vision Meeting](#) - Community consultation event regarding a proposed community garden in Llanelli 03.12.20 (Marie Turke will be discussing community food growing and ideas for unused land).

Val Wood-Gaiger [Learn with Grandma](#)

Val has shared information about an Easy Walking online Guide she is developing she would like input e.g. 'photos and brief descriptions of suitable walks near you'. Please [see information here](#).

Val also featured in the [Eden Project Festival Nov 2020](#)

6. Any Other Business

Centre for Alternative Technology CAT has [newly developed webinars](#) as well as online short courses and online events covering a wide range of topics relating to sustainability (from practical building tips to in-depth explorations of how we can rise to the climate emergency).

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

Date of next meeting in February/March TBC.