



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

Tuesday 25.05.21
10:30am on Zoom

1. Croeso ac Ymddiheuriadau / Welcome and Apologies

In attendance:

Anna Charalambous-Green	West Wales Woods
Clive Poulton	Carmarthenshire Disability Coalition for Action
Layla Lucas	Threshold DAS
Helen Whitear	Dyffryn Tywi – Tirwedd Hanes Ein Bro
Kellie Cridland	Dyffryn Tywi – Tirwedd Hanes Ein Bro
Clare Pilborough	CAVS Engagement Officer
Jackie Dorrian	CAVS Health and Well-being Officer
Jamie Horton	CAVS Community Volunteering Development Officer

Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies:

Val Wood-Gaiger	Learn with Grandma
Dan Snaith	Keep Wales Tidy Cymru
Diana Groom	Kidwelly Community Hub
Kate Evans	National Wool Museum
Katie Barrett	Coed Lleol
Kendal Davies	Carmarthenshire County Council, Sustainable Development Manager
Sarah Hall	Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT)
Sarah Herbert-Jones	CAVS Development Support Officer

2. Presentation: Dyffryn Tywi – Tirwedd Hanes Ein Bro (Helen Whitear)

Helen gave a very interesting and inspiring overview of the Dyffryn Tywi project. The Dyffryn Tywi project website will be launched in June as an on-going and future resource. In the meantime please visit their Facebook page [@DyffrynTywiSMS](#) for project information.

3. Focus, aims and potential of this network

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

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- **Other ideas for raising awareness** of projects/organisations/groups.
Clare suggested CAVS hold an online Environmental Conference/Fair to share what you are doing and perhaps also an opportunity to promote to Green volunteers.
The idea is for groups to present their work/stories in short timetabled slots. This could be, for example, a staggered event of shorter lunchtime/afternoon/evening sessions throughout a week in September.
- Please contact Clare with feedback on this or any other suggestions and if there is anything that you would like to see on [the Environment Network section](#) of CAVS website.

4. The PSB Healthy Environment Delivery Group

Some points to share from the Healthy Environment delivery group's current work:

- The Newcastle Emlyn Climate Resilience Plan and the Final Report on the Climate resilience pilot research project is being considered by the group to decide the best way to take forward its recommendations.
- The group have been asked to consider what can be done to assist in reducing phosphate levels.
- Hywel Dda University Health Board explained their decarbonisation plan: HDUHB have made a commitment to reduce their carbon footprint and contribute towards the Welsh NHS aspirational target to be 'net zero' for carbon emissions by 2030 . [NHS Wales decarbonisation strategic delivery plan](#)
- The NRW funded Tree Planting project mentioned at previous meetings has been completed through the work of Town and Community Councils - Llannon, Llanedi, Pembrey and Burry Port, Llanelli and Llanelly Rural Community Council.

5. Information exchange

Clare Pilborough

- Carmarthenshire Spring Clean Cymru : [Friday, 28 May, 2021 - Monday, 14 June, 2021](#)
 - Tuesday, 8th June – Tumble. Meet outside the family centre, off Heol y Neuadd – 10am-12pm
 - Wednesday 9th June – Llwynhendy. Meet next to the MUGA on Heol Gwili – 10am-12pm
 - Thursday 10th June – St Clears. Meet at the rear of the main car park – 10am-12pm
 - Friday 11th June – Llandovery. Meet next to the castle in the car park – 10am-12pm
- Green Alliance 'Racism in the Environment Sector' [webinar June 16th 10am](#)
- NRW: [Wales environmental information portal](#) may be of interest.

Anna Charalambous-Green West Wales Woods

- Circular Economy: West Wales Woods have joined the Circular Economy for Carmarthenshire initiative. They produce biochar in the woods and home grown, sustainably sourced, vegetable-based body products and now have a business advisor helping them with these environmental products which they are hoping to sell locally. This would make a great Green Story to raise awareness of the Circular Economy concept. (For information on Circular Economy for Carmarthenshire [please see the webinar slides from March this year.](#))
- West Wales Woods are working with Llais y Goedwig and Coed Lleol to raise awareness and lobby the government:
 - They are calling for Social Forestry to be recognised

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- They want further amendments to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) Act 2995 as the size restrictions for community sheds in community growing areas etc are too small. They are asking Community Growers if the size allowed for sheds and polytunnels is adequate for their communities. For more information see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/224874001178723/permalink/1419064705092974/>

Layla Lucas Threshold DAS

- Threshold's education branch offers a free accredited Environmental Awareness course Level 2
 - this is currently available as part of the LIMITLESS project (for working women in Carmarthenshire)
 - next month it will be available also as part of an Active inclusion project for men and women over 25 who are unemployed or economically inactive.
- Threshold are opening a Repair café in Llanelli in August.

Jamie Horton CAVS Community Volunteering Development Officer

- [Carmarthenshire Food Network](#) is for anyone within the county who is supporting to feed its residents. The next meeting is this Thursday at 6:30pm- [register here](#).
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.
- [Volunteers Week](#) is next week: 1st – 7th June :
 - On Saturday June 5th World Environment Day the focus is on **Environment and conservation volunteering**
 - [Carmarthenshire Acknowledges Volunteering Stars](#) Please send Jamie information about your volunteers (asap) to nominate them for recognition during Volunteers week.

Jackie Dorrian CAVS Health and Well-being Officer

- **Funding:**
National Lottery Heritage Fund: [Book a 1 to 1 session](#)
[People and Places National Lottery Community Fund](#)
[Lloyds Bank Foundation](#) - We have a Meet the funder session 6th July 10.30 am [register here](#)
- **Health and Well-being**
The next Health and Well-being network meeting is 10th June 2021. [register here](#)
- **Infoengine:** [Infoengine](#) is the directory of third sector services in Wales. If your group is not on Infoengine already it is worth registering so that people can find or be signposted to your services.

Information shared from non-attendees:

Val Wood-gaiger Learn with Grandma

Val has sent her apologies – she was unable to attend the meeting due to connection problems. [Please see the information here with which Val would like to share.](#)

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6. 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 TBC - If anyone has any suggestions for a possible outdoor gathering e.g. to show people around their outdoor project please let Clare know.