



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

Thursday 07.10.21, 10:30am on Zoom

1. Croeso ac Ymddiheuriadau / Welcome and Apologies

In attendance:

Delyth Higgins	Renew Wales
Heather Allen	The Carbon Community
Val Wood-Gaiger	Learn with Grandma
Diana Groom	Kidwelly Community Hub
Jenna Morris	Tir Coed
Layla Lucas	Threshold DAS
Peter Hughes	NEST
Perminder Dhillon	CAVS Capacity Building Officer
Jan Barwell	CAVS Development Support Officer
Clare Pilborough	CAVS Engagement Officer

Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies:

Becky (Brandwood – Cormack) [Coed Lleol](#)

Parts of this meeting have been recorded – please find links below to the recorded sections.

- 2. Presentation:** [Renew Wales](#) (Delyth Higgins) ([Recording](#))
- 3. Presentation:** [The Carbon Community](#) Heather Allen ([Recording](#))
- 4. Presentation** [Learn with Grandma](#) Val Wood-Gaiger (Video to follow)

5. Information exchange

Action on Climate Change Discussion and information exchange/ updates

- **Delyth Higgins** Renew Wales
If there are any groups that might need support please contact info@renewwales.org.uk
- **Heather Allen** The Carbon community
The Carbon Community: [Community Science Volunteering Days](#) (October 16th & 17th)
- **Val Wood-Gaiger** Learn with Grandma

Plant a Tree For Granny e-book: Val was 80 in July and could not have a big party but wanted to do 'something' special for her 80th. Climate change is such a big issue; people are not sure what they could do! Planting Trees is perfect – trees turn carbon dioxide into oxygen and it's something that a lot of

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people can and are doing! Moses Wamanga (Uganda) volunteered to create an e-book, [here is the First Draft](#).

COP26 - UN conference on Climate Change-starts at the end of October. Val is an [Ambassador for Climate Cymru](#) and will be attending as part of the Welsh delegation and the e-book will go to all speakers at COP26. They will also be asked to plant something in their countries.

Please send Val any photos of trees or other things you have planted as soon as possible along with your 'Climate comment' and they can be included in the e-book.

Governments around the world are not Honouring their commitments! We can show them that people want Action on Global Warming!

Learn with Grandma film clips:

[Grandma Plants a Tree at Carbon Communiy](#) (4.12 mins)

[Grandma interviews The Carbon Community](#) (10.30 mins)

Dr Charles Nicholls Co-founder and Trustee The Carbon Community

[At Temple of Peace after a Climate Cymru meeting](#).

Learn with Grandma's new website is being developed learnwithgrandma.org/

- **Diana Groom** Kidwelly Community Hub
The Kidwelly hub were very active during COVID but slowing down a little now. We are looking for more volunteers as they have so much they are trying to do. John Burns foundation has given them a large community garden. The objective was to get children and families involved in the project, they have found that the intergenerational relationships need a lot of work. Incredible Edible are supporting with the garden. CAVS volunteer centre will try to help find volunteers.
They are very conscious of Climate Change and that communities need to work from the bottom up to take action on climate change, producing food, recycling, having libraries of things etc. There has recently been flooding in Kidwelly for the first time in years. We have to all pull together quickly to combat this.

There is a lot of anxiety around particularly for young people. People are anxious because they feel helpless, we need to get people to do something active – if they feel they are doing something that can relieve the pressure.
- **Layla Lucas** Threshold DAS
Many things happening: Education department – Volunteering in the community recognition qualification, Food bank, toy bank, clothes shop, terracycle collection, period poverty bank, repair café just launched, Community garden being planned for the refuge.
- **Jenna Morris** Tir Coed
Courses in sustainable woodland management and sustainable carpentry – shortage of women on courses. It is difficult to facilitate conersations around climate change as this can be an extra burden for people – good to be able to signpost people to positive projects.
- **Peter Hughes** NEST
The Welsh Government Warm Homes Nest scheme is open to all householders in Wales and provides advice on saving energy, energy tariffs, and benefit entitlement. The aim is to help make Welsh homes warmer and more energy-efficient places to live.
- **Perminder Dhillon** CAVS Capacity building officer
Perminder is looking at training and development needs in the Third sector in Carmarthenshire now,

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post COVID, and building a sustainable plan for the future. Please share any information on any training you have, with her.

Permynder mentioned the film 'Pad Man' – here is the [film trailer](#)

- **Clare Pilborough** CAVS Engagement officer

Support/ funding

The National Lottery Community Fund - Together for Our Planet (funding)

Application deadline: 18/11/21

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/together-for-our-planet>

Local Places for nature (support and resources)

<https://www.keepwalestidy.cymru/pages/category/nature>

Starter and Development packages to create garden spaces e.g. wildlife or food growing gardens etc.

Training

Threshold DAS – [Environmental Awareness: Level 2 Full Qualification](#)

Tir Coed Woodland courses- [Welcome to the Woods and Sustainable Woodland Management](#)

Jobs

Cwmaman Environment Development Officer

An exciting opportunity is available to apply for the role of Environment Development Officer with Cwmaman Town Council. The role will work closely with local and regional partners to promote, enhance and monitor the natural environment and Green Infrastructure of Cwmaman and the wider Amman Valley.

More information can be found at the link below and application forms can be requested from

<https://www.environmentjob.co.uk/jobs/83146-environment-development-officer>

Closing date: 17.10.21

Food Network Assistant

<https://cavs.org.uk/2021/10/carmarthenshire-food-network-assistant/>

Closing date: 18.10.21

Community Food Member Coordinator

Fare Share Cymru <https://fareshare.cymru/staff-vacancies/>

Closing date: 15.10.21

Other information

- One Planet Standard Launched <https://oneplanetstandard.org/>
- Campaign for Better Public and School Transport for Carmarthenshire – [Facebook page](#)
- [Eden Project festival of discovery 11-13 November](#)

CAVS network meetings

[Carmarthenshire Health and Well-being Network - next meeting: 23.11.21](#)

[Carmarthenshire Food Network - next meeting 30.11.21](#)

See all CAVS networks here: cavs.org.uk/engagement

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Information shared from non-attendees

- **Becky Brandwood – Cormack** [Coed Lleol](#)

I am the new Woodland Wellbeing Project Officer for Coed Lleol (Small Woods Wales), covering Carmarthenshire.

My role is to establish effective partnerships, for example with referral agencies, 3rd sector organisations and landowners (of all sizes!) in order to develop woodland based wellbeing programmes across the County. The sites will be chosen based on their suitability for the activities, and importantly their proximity to areas of identified need for intervention.

I am currently settling into the role, having only started on Monday! and will be busy scoping sites, partners, and areas most in need of our work over the coming weeks. I hope to present more fully at your next network meeting but in the meantime I would welcome anyone getting in touch if you feel we could collaborate. Many thanks and look forward to meeting you all soon.

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- **Carmarthenshire Fair Trade Group**

Members of the group are placing stones, decorated with green hearts, around the county to raise awareness of Climate change in the run up to COP 26.

6. The Carmarthenshire PSB Healthy Environment Delivery Group update

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

- The group are looking at what can be done to assist in reducing phosphate levels (Phosphate is the most harmful nutrient in fresh water and has the greatest impact in terms of climate change particularly in drought conditions and sunny weather. It is an essential plant nutrient and critical for healthy ecosystems but in abundance, especially soluble phosphate in the water courses, can be harmful. There are two causes of phosphate, agriculture and chemicals such as washing up liquids.)
- The Local Authority's Net Zero Carbon plan – the group aims to work together to identify and develop opportunities for collaboration regarding carbon reduction
- Discussions around the resilient Carmarthenshire section (Environmental issues) of the assessment of Well-being (see 7) .
- Newcastle Emlyn Climate Resilience Plan's Report. Two recommendations from the report have been given priority:
 - Community Led Emergency Response Plan – the action is to build on the Adpar Community Response Plan (flood plan)
 - Climate Risks and Asset Map

7. Carmarthenshire Assessment of Well-being

Brief overview/reminder about the Public Services Board's Assessment of Well-being, with a focus on the Environmental section of the survey. (This has now closed 09.10.21).

8. 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 20th January.

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