Safer Communities Third Sector Forum  
Wednesday 18th April 2018  
10am – 12pm  
CVS Falkirk and District

Present:  
David Gardener (DG) (Chair)  
Stacey Munro (SM) (Minute Taker)  
Lynda-Ross Hale (LR)  
Scott Williamson (SW)  
Donald Johnston (DJ)  
Dave Park (DP)  
Julie Benei (JB)  
Wendy Diack (WD)  
Fiona MacLeod (FM)  
Geoff Reid (GR)  
CVS Falkirk and District  
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Cyrenians  
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
Community Enterprise  
Stewart Road Community Group  
Victim Support  
Royal Bank of Scotland  
SACRO  

Apologies:  
Dru Baker  
David Stewart  
Police Scotland  
Falkirk Foundation  

1. Welcome and Apologies  
The Chair welcomed forum members to the meeting and introductions were made. The apologies were noted as above.

2. Review of Previous Minutes  
The previous minutes were agreed to be an accurate record and passed by the forum members.

3. Workforce Development Programme – Scott Williamson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
SW advised that the presentation was supposed to be delivered by himself and Dru around the community safety hub; due to unforeseen circumstances this will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

SW delivered a very informative presentation around the workforce development programme and the main points are as follows:

SW also highlighted that they are working on the prevention and protection programme which issues free in home fire safety visits any partner organisation who visits service users at home can refer anyone they think may be in need of a home fire safety visit, where the fire service attend the property and carry out an assessment of what risks are present and what could be done to manage these. The contact details to book or refer for a home fire safety visit are as follows:
He also noted that there are leaflets available on the Fire Scotland website in pdf format which can be downloaded for anyone who may find these useful. SW advised that free smoke alarms can be given where there is a need as well as letter box blockers.

SW advised that the app is called learnpro, which is available to download through any of the app stores. The e-learning module is only available once a person is registered. There is an assessment at the end of the e-learning module which should be completed at to end the course. The training is primarily aimed at those who visit service users in the home setting.

He also advised that in 2016 there were 45 fire related deaths in people’s homes and 39 of those people were known to other services.

SW discussed the steps with the forum members of what they can expect when going through the module. The first part shows a risk profile, which lists the most likely people to have a fire, for example, elderly, smokers and hoarders. When completing an assessment you can build up a profile of each person to see why they are more likely to have a fire in their homes.

Each factor in the module will give the user more information by clicking on each section to expand and provide examples and further useful facts. He also discussed what some of the common causes of house fires are, for example someone falling asleep whilst smoking, this can cause the bedsheets to set fire from the ash of the cigarette, to prevent this they can provide flame retardant bedding.

The module also shows information on smoke alarms and heat sensors, along with the relevant information on why they are needed and the best areas of the house to have them fitted. The fire service does provide free alarms when conducting a home fire safety visit.

There is a new safe and wellbeing house located in Cambuslang which is used for training, and can be set up to show what hazards are in the house which people can walk through to complete the training. There is a module aswell as an app which goes through risk recognition along aswell as the safe and wellbeing house. This can be used by organisations for training, there is a presentation given first and then a view of the houses which shows the way a fire can spread through a house. The safe and well house can also be set up in 8 different ways depending on what training the organisation wishes to receive. Any organisations who have workers who visit people in their homes who may want to receive this training can get in touch with SW to organise this.
4. **Review of Terms of Reference**

DG advised the forum members that the terms of reference are reviewed annually. They are available on the CVS Falkirk website for anyone to access under the representation tab. He advised that the forum representative contact details will be added onto the dedicated Safer Communities webpage on the CVS Falkirk website. Other updates will be made in line with the other forum terms of reference.

The online discussion boards are currently under review and an update will be given to forum members when available. All forum members present agreed to the terms of reference for this year.

5. **Forum Rep**

DG advised all forum members that LRH has nominated themselves to be the representative for the Safer Communities Forum, no members present had any objection and LRH was accepted. LRH will be working alongside DG to decide upon the themes and speakers for the upcoming forum meetings and agreeing agenda items. She will also be invited along to meetings as representative of the forum, rather than her own organisation, supported by DG.

6. **Community Safety in Camelon – Dave Park, Our Place Camelon**

DP informed the forum members that the Camelon Our Place Vision is to make Camelon and Tamfourhill a safer, happier and more attractive place to live, putting local people first with more for everyone to do together from cradle to grave.

He advised that the project is now in its 4th year out of 5. The first 2 years were focused on recruiting people and being out in the community to identify the key issues that would benefit from project funding. 4 core themes have been identified.

- Putting Local People First
- More for everyone to do from the Cradle to the Grave
- A Safer Place to Live
- Using a more attractive environment

The focus for the Safer Communities Forum today is A Safer Place to Live, issues that have been identified are:

- Addressing anti-social behaviour and impact of addiction
- Establishing a community safety group
- Camelon advice shop
- Improving the environment, in particular opening up the greenspace and parks.
- Road safety
DP advised that there is a total funding provision of £1.5m and that over £1m of this had been allocated to projects already. There is a provision of £300k that has been allocated to deliver projects that address the above issues.

There are two community sessions planned which will be held on 26th at 6pm at Camelon Junior Social Club and 3rd May at 6pm at Camelon Community Centre. There has been 3 broad themes decided for the sessions which will be looking at setting up a community safety group in Camelon, having a potential criminal justice pilot working with Cyrenians, and potentially setting up small community hubs in the area.

DP is looking to work with organisations that may be able to input in any way, and informed forum members that the information sessions are open to all who are interested. For further information contact Dave by e-mail: dave@communityenterprise.co.uk

7. Third Sector Partner Updates

Victim Support
WD informed the forum members that victim support had a new CEO join them last year and have secured a 3 year government funding and have been working on a new strategy, so some of the things they do may look different in the future. They are currently working in paragon housing and Ochil View in Alloa providing outreach work.

Stewart Road Community Group
JB advised the forum members that the Stewart road community group was created in October 2017, in response to the level of antisocial behaviour in the area, and are currently looking at what support and funds are available to them at this time. She also noted that there was some issues with fly tipping and drug use in her local area. DG has some information on participation requests to send to JB after the meeting.

Royal Bank of Scotland
FM informed the forum members that due to the majority of the community branches of royal bank of Scotland closing she is setting up drop in clinics in the community to be able to assist people who need help with banking issues.

They are able to provide scammers and fraud training, along with free presentations to give people alternative ways to carry out their banking and to teach them about digital safety. She also carries out home visits to those who may benefit from it throughout the Forth Valley area.

FM also informed the forum members that Royal bank of Scotland want to be there for their community even though the branches are closing, they are looking at events to attend as well to be a point of contact. They are looking to make people aware of what is still available to them as service users and what they can do without using an instore branch. Her contact details are email: fiona.macleod@rbs.co.uk or phone: 07990 783 076
SACRO
GR informed the forum members that they have two main aims, which is to preventative and restorative. They want to prevent young people and help change the behaviours they have to ensure they don’t commit the same offences again. The restorative part is to help the other people involved to restore justice, and could lead to an open discussion about the offence that was committed which can lead to having action plans in place to help change the behaviours.

Cyrenians
LRH gave a brief overview of what cyrenians do as an organisation as some forum members were unsure who they were. She also mentioned that they are in the process of trying to gather funding to help restore the floral clock for Dollar park, they are trying to get the mechanism fixed and the flowers arranged they are in need of fundraising help to get the clock working.

8. Forum Themes and Speakers
DG advised that this item allows forum members to input to what they would like to discuss and what speakers they would like to hear from for future meetings.

LRH advised that she would like to give a presentation on Cyrenians and what they do in the area, to raise awareness of the projects and some of the information they are working on.

FM also noted interest in giving a presentation around the friends against scams project the Royal Bank of Scotland have running. DG advised that this would be useful and he would possibly link her with another group to give a presentation together.

DG advised that he will try and arrange for Dru Baker from Police Scotland to speak at one of the upcoming meetings this year.

9. Update from CVS Falkirk
Aspiring Communities Staff
The new Aspiring Communities Staff started at CVS Falkirk on 3rd January 2018 – Andrew, Calum, Dale and Marnie are working to form links with the communities that they are working in, supported by Claire and Sammy, and the rest of the CVS Team.

The communities the staff are working in are:

- Bainsford
- Bo’ness
- Bowhouse
- Camelon
- Denny
- Dunipace
- Kersiebank
- Langlees
• Maddiston

“Your Place, Your Views” Consultation Event
Falkirk Community Planning Partnership (CPP), Central Scotland Regional
Equality Council (CSREC) and Falkirk People’s Rights and Equality Group are
holding a “Your Place, Your Views” community consultation event on Wednesday
18th April, 6:15pm – 8:15pm at Grangemouth Community Education Unit, Abbots
Road, Grangemouth, FK3 8JB.

The consultation invites people living in the east of Falkirk (Bo’ness, Blackness,
Grangemouth and Upper Braes areas) to provide their views on where they live.
To book your place, please visit the Eventbrite page.
Alternatively, for further information, contact CSREC by phone: 01324 610950, or
email: admin@csrec.org.uk

Believe and Achieve: Ability Roadshow Drop-In Session
As part of their commitment to continue to support people with disabilities in their
own communities, Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is co-
ordinating the “Believe and Achieve: Ability Roadshow” on Monday 23rd April,
12:30pm – 5pm at Grangemouth Town Hall, 27 Bo’ness Road, Grangemouth,
FK3 8AN.

This drop-in session provides an opportunity for anyone to find out more about
activities and support available in the Falkirk area that they, or someone they
know, can take part in. There will be representatives from a variety of
organisations to talk to about what they can offer in terms of advice, information
and contact details for services which range from leisure, employment and
welfare.

Teas, coffees and light refreshments will be available in the bar area.
There is disabled access into Grangemouth Town Hall, and parking available in
the Asda car park situated just behind the Town Hall.

For further information, please visit the Falkirk Council website.

Community Heritage Scotland Event
As part of the Community Heritage Scotland project, Ergardia Museums and
Heritage and Northlight Heritage are holding an event on Saturday 21st April,
10:30am – 4:30pm at the Birnam Arts Centre, Station Road, Birnam, Dunkeld,
PH8 0DS. Refreshments will be provided.

The day will involve a series of informal discussions and workshop sessions.
Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with people who are in interested in
heritage in other communities. Discussions will focus on topics, such as how
attendees define community heritage, and discuss how to encourage new and
diverse audiences.

To book your place, or for further information, please visit the Eventbrite page
**Future Forum Dates**

Connecting Volunteering Forum (Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May) – theme of this meeting will be Celebrating Success in the Widest Sense, looking at different ways of celebrating the success of your volunteers. There will also be a discussion on some of the opportunities and ideas for Volunteers Week.

Community Care & Health Forum (Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} May) – Jennifer Paton from the Minority Ethnic Carers of Older People Project (MECOPP) will be attending to share information and raise awareness of the 3 Rs (Rights, Responsibilities and Respect) project. In addition, the forum will be joined by Alex Finlay, who will provide an overview of Living Well Falkirk. There will also be a chance for attendees to share information on their organisation and projects they are involved in (Falkirk Fire Station).

- Economic Resilience & Employment Forum – Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} May
- Voluntary Sector Children’s Services Forum – Thursday 31\textsuperscript{st} May (2pm-4pm)
- Community Transport Forum – Thursday 7\textsuperscript{th} June
- Tackling Poverty & Inequalities – Thursday 28\textsuperscript{th} June

Unless highlighted, all forum meetings will be 10am-12pm here in the CVS Falkirk meeting room.

**10.3 Key Messages**

The three key messages from the forum meeting were:

- The training information received regarding Scottish Fire and Rescue service
- Some community groups are in need of extra supports
- The information received about the Our Place Camelon project.

**11. AOCB**

Cyrenians are having an event on Saturday 28\textsuperscript{th} April, at the walled garden in Dollar Park; this will be a lunch time concert between 12pm – 1pm. There will be a local group playing in the bandstand; this is to raise awareness of the space and to have people using it again. All are welcome to attend.

Our Place Camelon are holding a showcase event on Sunday 20\textsuperscript{th} May between 12pm – 4pm at the Ochil Tree Club. All are welcome to attend.

**The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 18\textsuperscript{th} July 2018 at CVS Falkirk.**