



**Safer Communities Third Sector Forum**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019**  
**10am – 12pm**  
**CVS Falkirk**

**Present:**

Scott Malcom (SM)	CVS Falkirk and District
Becca Heggie (BH) (Minute taker)	CVS Falkirk and District
Lynda Ross-Hale (LRH) (Chair)	Cyrenians
Allan Young (AY)	LGBT+ Youth Scotland
Bill Gray (BG)	Denny Community Council
Bryan Mackie (BM)	Police Scotland
Debbie Jupp(DJu)	Committed to Ending Abuse
Donald Johnston (DJ)	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Gavin Grant (GG)	Police Scotland
Kirstin Abercrombie (KA)	SACRO
Maria Ferrari (MF)	Cyrenians
Sarah McHardy (SMcH)	Families Scotland
Stephen McLaughin (SMc)	Police Scotland

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed forum members present and introductions were made. There were no apologies given.

**2. Review of Previous Minutes – 17.04.19**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the previous meeting.

**3. Hannah Dickson – Scottish Community Safety Network**

HD introduced herself to the forum and then gave a presentation around the Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN) strategic plan which is available on the CVS Falkirk website.

The SCSN are the strategic voice for any officers and practitioners who work in community safety. They are responsible for the strategic development in the public, private and voluntary sector.

The strategic plan was co-produced with their members and partners.



The outcomes of the strategic plan are to improve leadership across the community safety sector, ensuring it's valued and integrated across relevant policy areas.

#### **4. Third Sector Partner Updates**

##### **4.1 Denny Community Council**

BG informed forum members that there is currently no strategic connection between the community council and the safer communities' forum. BG noted the community council didn't feel it was beneficial to them as they would prefer to focus more on their operational needs rather than strategic. BG also noted there is room for development in Denny West and feels more involvement is needed at the community council meetings.

##### **4.2 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

DJ informed forum members Fire and Rescue Service along with Police Scotland will visit the residents of Camelon at their homes on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July to discuss any local concerns, address any issues in the area and give safety advice as part of a new Community Safety project, Street a Week initiative.

DJ informed forum members in February 2019 the legislation to smoke detection in the home changed. The regulations will come into force in February 2021 meaning all domestic properties in Scotland, regardless of tenure, should have the same levels of detection to increase fire safety.

The standard requirements are:

- One smoke alarm installed in the room most frequently used for general daytime living.
- One smoke alarm in every circulation space on each storey, such as hallways and landings.
- One heat alarm installed in every kitchen.
- All alarms should be ceiling mounted and interlinked.
- Carbon monoxide detector to be fitted where there is a carbon-fuelled appliance.

For further information please view the [Tolerable Standard Guidance](#) Chapters 16 and 17.

##### **4.3 Police Scotland**



SMc informed forum members' community police in Larbert and Grangemouth are currently tackling ongoing issues of anti-social behaviour in public places specifically play parks.

GG informed forum members present drug related deaths are a main focus of his work and is currently an ongoing issue in Falkirk.

BM informed forum members he works in crime prevention and his main focus right now is financial harm against elderly and vulnerable people, this could be phone fraud, computer fraud or door step crime. BM noted he would like to give a presentation at the next Safer Communities forum in relation to Banking Protocols.

**Action** – BM to link in with SM regarding presenting at next Safer Communities forum.

BM informed forum members he is currently doing ongoing work with Neighbourhood watch Scotland within three local authority areas. Alerts have been set up to check crime in the area. If there are any reports of an elderly or vulnerable person being a victim of fraud then an automatic alert is sent to Rural Watch who will then inform Neighbourhood Watch Scotland who will notify home care providers.

**Action** – SM to find out more information about the true call device.

#### **4.4 SACRO**

KA started in post recently as Service Manager with SACRO. KA will oversee the Youth Justice services in Falkirk, as well as work alongside Falkirk Community Justice and social work to deliver domestic abuse services in Falkirk. KA informed forum members SACRO will be moving premises at the beginning of August to Grangemouth Enterprise Centre, Falkirk Road, Grangemouth, FK3 8XS.

#### **4.5 Families Outside**

SMcH informed forum members there has been a temporary suspension of through care workers in the Scottish Prison Service. The Through care workers role is to support people by working with those serving short term sentences to prepare for and make the transition from custody into the community. SMcH noted the temporary suspension of through care workers is a concern for families and communities.

SMcH informed forum members Families Outside are currently looking for volunteer befriender's in the Falkirk area. The role of the Volunteer Befriender is to provide a supportive, confidential service for family members who are affected by imprisonment. To find out more information please visit the [Families First](#) website.

**Action** – SMcH to contact SM regarding putting volunteer opportunity in e-bulletin.

SMcH informed forum members Families' Outside have been looking at the impact Vigilante "*Pedophile Hunters*" have been having on perpetrators families in the Falkirk area. They are going to raise this issue at the next Cross Party group, if you have any input or suggestions please email Sarah McHardy: [sarah.mchardy@familiesoutside.org.uk](mailto:sarah.mchardy@familiesoutside.org.uk)

#### **4.6 LGBT+ Youth Scotland**

LGBT+ Youth Scotland aim to build a safer Scotland for their users. AY informed forum members he was recently feeding information back from young people into a third party reporting centre working group, the purpose of this was to give young people a better understanding of third party reporting.

#### **4.7 Committed to Ending Abuse (CEA)**

CEA formerly Women's Aid, is a service which provides support and advice to males and females who are victims of domestic abuse. CEA offer a range of services including support for children and young people who've been affected by abuse.

#### **4.8 Cyrenians**

Cyrenians have moved into new premises Arnotdale House, Camelon, FK1 5SQ. LRH informed forum members they have recruited new staff and are hoping to be open by September.

Cyrenians have currently been focusing on raising public awareness about making communities safer and the work that goes on within Cyrenians. Cyrenians work with vulnerable members of the public through their Fairstart and employability programmes, also clients who are referred as part of their community payback orders.



LRH continued to speak about The Walled Garden within Dollar Park which is maintained by people who have been sentenced to complete Community Payback Orders, offering them the chance to gain new skills and give something back to their community. On completing their Community Payback Order some people have continued as volunteers in the garden.

Cyrenians have launched a new project, Camelon Connect. MF informed forum members she will be working within the Camelon and Tamfourhill area. MF will be working with people who have had an experience of community justice to create a safer and more connected community. The aims of the project are integrating people back into the community through volunteering, employment and training.

MF noted she would like to establish a link or referral pathway with through care workers and the local prisons to provide support with convictions and the impact it'll have on people's lives.

Cyrenians are holding a free Summer Fete at Walled Garden in Dollar Park on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 12pm-3.20pm. There will be live music, Martial arts, floral crafts, rock painting, a vintage bike display and much more.

LRH noted she was looking for someone who could help to water the Walled Garden and Floral Clock.

#### **4.9 Falkirk Council**

LRH gave an update on behalf of Nicola Lockwood from the Community Justice Partnership as she was unable to attend.

The Community Justice Partnership has been working with partners to complete the Falkirk 2018/19 annual report. The Community Justice Partnership has been receiving input from organisations. LHR noted there are restrictions around their annual report as it's got to be part of the Community Justice Improvement Framework.

The partnership is undertaking a self-evaluation exercise and have sent out emails to relevant partners, LRH noted if you have received an email to take the opportunity to complete it.



LRH and Claire Bernard from CVS Falkirk are the third sector representatives on the Community Justice Partnership the next meeting is at the end of August.

## **5. Update from CVS Falkirk**

### **5.1 Prevent E-Learning Module**

This is a free e-learning module regarding awareness of extremism and is particularly relevant to organisations working with members of the public, particularly in service user homes.

It is a really simple module aimed at building people's awareness to the signs of extremism and how to report if signs are noticed.

Also, for those working with vulnerable groups it shows how vulnerable people are recruited and how to spot signs of this.

For statutory partners this online module is mandatory.

<https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/edu/screen1.html>

### **5.2 Neighbourhood alerts**

Neighbourhood alerts is a service which posts warnings of scams and doorstep crime locally and would be great for service providers to be aware of. Particularly those working with vulnerable groups.

Sign up for neighbourhood alerts here

<https://www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/>

### **5.3 Friends against Scams**

Friends against scams is an online training resource designed to raise awareness of scams.

<https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/>

## **6. AOCB**

The forum discussed and agreed that the key message from this meeting was the importance of fire and smoke alarms in homes.

## **7. Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 10am – 12pm at CVS Falkirk and District offices, Unit 6, Callendar Business Park, Callendar Road, Falkirk, FK1 1XR

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**Actions List**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Person</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Notes</b>
BM to link in with SM regarding presenting at next Safer Communities forum	Scott Malcolm	Complete	
SM to find out more information about the true call device	Scott Malcolm		Send info regarding Trucall out to forum Mailing List
SMCh to contact SM regarding putting volunteer opportunity in e-bulletin	Sarah McHardy		