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Minutes

**Meeting of Stirling Third Sector Leaders Forum**

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| **Venue:** | Forth Environment Link, Balallan House, 24 Allan Park, Stirling, FK8 2QG |
| **Date and time:** | **Tuesday 6th February, 9.30-12.00** |
| **Attendees:** | Angela Barron, Recyke-a-bike; Ann- Marie O’Hare, ACE Cornton; Arun Gopinath, CSREC; Claire Herbert, St Marks Church; Craig French, Sacro; Emily Harvey, Forth Environment Link; Emma MacGregor, Stirling Commuity Enterprise; Gail Barton, Town Break; John Cameron, Forth Housing Association; May Kirkwood, Stirling Carers Centre; Morag Buxel, Stirling Street Pastors; Rachel Keenan, Home Start Stirling; Rhona Campbell, Hear to inform and connect; Sharon Allison, Stirling Interfaith Community Justice group; Ed Gibbons, Stirling Council. |
| **Apologies:** | Wendy Sharp, Forth Valley Advocacy; Derek Blues, Scottish Health Council; Craig Anderson, Stirling CAB; Robert Dick, SAAP; Katherine Novosel, Dunblane Development Trust; Brian Magee, COSCA; Lynne Wandrum, SFAD; Stuart Ballantyne, Trossachs SAR; Jacquie Winning, Forth Valley Sensory Centre. |

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| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| 1. Welcome and Introduction | Natalie Masterson, Chief Executive of SVE, began by welcoming everyone and all attendees introduced themselves.  **Approval of Minutes:** The previous minutes were approved by Claire Herbert, St Marks Church. |  |
| 1. A Focus on: Employability   Forth Valley Delivery of Fair Start- Ed Gibbons | Ed Gibbons spoke about the Forth Valley delivery of Fair Start. A copy of his powerpoint presentation will be sent out with the minutes.  Fair Start is the first fully devolved employability service. It has an open procurement process with nine contract package areas across Scotland. The Forth Valley Fair Start is the only successful local authority led bid and will be delivered in collaboration with NHS Forth Valley and the Third Sector Approximately £1.2 million has been allocated towards third sector services in the delivery of Fair Start in the Forth Valley area.  The full service commences on the 1st of April. Referrals will be expected from mid- March. Local voluntary service may refer people to the service through the Stirling Council Employability Team. |  |
| 1. A Focus on Employability:   Employability and Community Justice- Emma MacGregor | Stirling Community Enterprise help people on their journey to employment, through the provision of community based training opportunities. They offer a variety of supported training opportunities for people aged 16 – 64 years from across the Stirling Council area that are experiencing unemployment and aim to increase the skills, knowledge and experience that are vital to secure and sustain employment.  Emma MacGregor from Stirling Community Enterprise provided an overview of the work of their new project supporting clients who have had experience of the community justice system with their employability needs. The project started in October, with staff beginning employment from January onwards. The team are already seeing early successful results and people are being linked to the next step of their employability journey. |  |
| 1. Partnership updates   Stirling Council Priorities | Stirling Council priorities have now been published and can we found [here](https://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/council-and-government/council-information-performance-and-statistics/key-priorities?theme=MyStirling)  Wide ranging discussion followed which included the following points to be raised with Stirling Council.   * Recognising the expertise of partnership needs to be reflected throughout the priorities. * Increasing the living wage to £10 is a good aspiration although it is difficult to see how this will be made viable in the current financial position. It was also acknowledged that third sector providers are unlikely to be able to pay this and recruitment may be an issue in the future. * More emphasis needed on hate crime, Carers, Violence against Women. |  |
| 1. Getting to know the Sector   Forth Environment Link- Emily Harvey | A copy of the Forth Environment presentation will be included with the minutes.  Forth Environment Link are a Scottish Environmental charity covering Stirling, Clackmannanshire and Falkirk. They aim to give the world a greener future and connect people and communities. The work of Forth Environment Link centres around;   * Active Travel * Circular Economy (waste) * Food and Growing Projects   Emily Harvey from Forth Environment shared the organisations plans for 2018– 2019   * Active travel hub * Food Assembly Scotland role * Scotland first taste school * E-bike share and school bike share * NHS link workers (Falkirk and Stirling) * Big Lottery- Forth Environment Link Falkirk * Dig in Falkirk two * Reuse and revive Falkirk 2 |  |
| 1. Getting to know the sector:   Sacro- Craig French | Craig is the service manager for Sacro. The aim of Sacro is to reduce conflict and offending. Sacro provide a range of services in the Forth Valley Area including;   * The Caledonian service, two year programme in partnership with Falkirk Council. It is a fully integrated woman and children service for victims of abuse. They have a holistic approach and advocacy for children. * Shine - national mentoring service for female offenders. It is aimed at females serving a community payback order. It is a self- referral process and they are given one-to-one support. * The Fearless programme is for any man, LGBT or ethnic minority person who has suffered abuse. The service provides one-to-one support. They refer to other organisations and work with LGBT Scotland.   Sacro works in partnership with other organisations on all the projects. Let Craig know if you would like to refer someone. Craig’s email address is [cfrench@sacro.org.uk](mailto:cfrench@sacro.org.uk) |  |
| 1. Conclusion of the Scottish Government Review of TSI’s | Natalie provided an overview of the Scottish Government’s Response to the Review of Third Sector Interfaces. |  |
| 1. AOCB | The Forth Valley Conference is being held on the 13th of February from 9am- 4pm at Forth Valley College Falkirk. |  |
| 1. Date of next meeting | 15th of May 2018 9.30am- 12 noon |  |