

**Minutes**

**Third Sector Leader’s Forum**

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| **Place:**  | Stirling Court Hotel, University of Stirling, Airthrey Road, Stirling, FK9 4LA |
| **Date and time:**  | Monday 4 November 2019 09:30 – 12:00 |
| **Apologies:**  | Robert Dick - , Brain Magee - COSCA, Gill Wilson **- Epilepsy Connections Fieldwork Service, Graham Harvey – FVDS, Mike Milne – Rock Talk TN,** Ricky Kujawa **-** Central Scotland's Impact Centre,  |
| **In attendance:**  | Willie Clark – Neighbourhood Watch Scotland, Alistair Seaman – Keep Scotland Beautiful, Calum Irving – Scottish Government, Ann-Marie O’Hare – HSCP, Elaine Shepherd – Stirling University Students Union, Gail Barton – Town Break, Susan Fullerton – Plus Forth Valley, Rachel Keenan – Home - Start Stirling, Sarah Murray – Royal Voluntary Service, Alan – Home Energy Scotland, Martin Fotheringham – CSREC, Duncan Hearsum – Dial-A-Journey, Liz Rowlett – SVE, Rachel Johnston – SVE, Kirsty Banks – Forth Valley Sensory Centre, Jennifer Ferguson – Families Outside, Natalie Masterson – SVE, Tracey Nicholson – SVE |

| **No**  | **Details of Discussion** |  | **Action** |
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| **1. Welcome and Apologies** |  |  |  |
|  | Natalie Masterson welcomed everyone to the third sector leader’s forum and thanked everyone for coming to new venue on short notice. Natalie went over the fire exits in event of the fire alarm going off. |  |  |
| 2. **Minutes of last meeting and Approval** |  |  |
|  | The minutes from the previous Third Sector Leaders Forum were approved.  |  |  |

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| **3.A. Third Sector Exchange**  |  |  |  |
|  | Alistair Seaman from Keep Scotland Beautiful gave a presentation and spoke about the organisation. Alistair done a presentation on climate change in the Third Sector. Keep Scotland Beautiful are the charity that campaigns, acts and educates on a range of local, national and global issues to change behavior and improve the quality of people’s lives and the places they care for. They are leading the way on improving Scotland’s environment, tackling a wide range of environmental issues, from reducing the amount of litter on our streets to cutting the carbon emissions that threaten our planet. Having been part of the environmental landscape for over 50 years, they draw together government, local authorities, businesses, community groups and individuals in this common cause.  They are present in every village, town, and city in Scotland, and their activities are estimated to make a difference to 1 in 5 people living in Scotland. Climate change is an issue, over the last 12 months’ climate change has moved up the agenda. Potential impact;* the health and wellbeing of people and the occurrence of pests and diseases.
* The way we, as people produce the foods and farming, increasing incidents of drought and floods. Future certainty of harvest is less certain.
* The health of our environment and the health of our marine environment.

We, as people currently have issues of too much water in a short space of time e.g. flash floods. The resilience of businesses will give some positivity back into society. There will be cleaner air, less traffic, more active travel, healthier diets, reduced fuel poverty and warmer homes. Keep Scotland Beautiful offer training for third sector leaders and training for organisations. For Third Sector Leaders, the training is 4 half day workshops over a 6-month period. For organisations, it is only 1 days’ worth of training in the Stirling Office. This has been running for 5 years. More information will be circulated in due course. Alistair took questions from attendees. For more information, please see <https://www.keepscotlandbeautiful.org/> |   | Circulate presentation |
| **3.B .Third Sector Exchange**  |  |  |
|  | Willie Clark from Neighbourhood Watch Scotland, gave a presentation and spoke about what they do and what the organisation are about. They are a Scottish Charitable Cooperated Organisation. Neighbourhood Watch is a community led initiative to bring local people together to address crime and other community safety issues. Neighbourhood Watch groups often liaise with the local police, the local authority and other agencies. ‘Rural Watch Scotland’ is an extension of the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland movement and a product of the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) aimed specifically at the rural community of Scotland and aims to bring all the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch to your community irrespective of its location, size or demographics.Neighbourhood Watch Scotland operate an alert system in which you can register for crime alerts in your area. The alerts are in “real” time. Communities need to be informed. The correct information message goes through by email, texts or voicemail. The key providers are Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue and local authorities. There are currently 22000 direct registrations and 1850 community groups registered. To register, you can go to Neighbourhood Watch Scotland’s Website and sign up for the alerts/. You do not need to set up a watch to receive these alerts. There is a pilot scheme in the Forth Valley area that Neighbourhood Watch Scotland set up. They have created a list of key providers that can send out alerts to care providers and the care providers can circulate the information to their clients. Willie took questions/feedback from attendees. For more information, please see <https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/> |  | Circulate presentation.  |
| **4. Stirling Community Planning Partnership Update** |  |  |
|  | Natalie Masterson, CEO SVE, gave a presentation on Stirling Community Planning Partnership. Natalie thanked everyone for their patience on the last year on the Community Planning Partnership. Natalie gave the background to the Community Planning Partnership group. Natalie took questions from attendeesAttendees went into small groups and had a discussion on the Stirling Community Planning Partnership. Attendees gave feedback. Attendees were happy to know what is going on and being part of a charity/volunteering network. They expressed that they are busy but also need to know what is going on. Some attendees wondered How do you get involved? It is tough as people do not always have the time to attend meetings, training and have capacity to be involved in things that are more strategic. Some of the other items that were discussed were:* How do you get the fairness in local authority areas? The notion of a small independent charity in a bigger world.
* Trying to keep afloat.
* Time to reflect is good and trying to get the balance of what is more worth the time. Important to network so the voices can be heard.
* Share minutes with everyone and not just people who attended the meetings. To try get views fed in beforehand and also afterwards. How can we make this happen?
* Try to balance what you need to do and what needs done.
 |  | Circulate Presentation |
| **5. Calum Irvine**  |
|  | Calum Irving, Head of the Third Sector Unit from the Scottish government spoke about his role of the unit and how they support the third sector. He has only been in post for 9 weeks. Calum spoke about his background in the third sector. He leads 3 teams and supports ministers and senior civil servants to try to help make decisions. The Third Sector Unit has relationship with OSCR and are working on charity law reform. Calum hopes to contribute intra-government, intra-public services and better public policy making. Calum took questions from attendees.For more information, please see <https://www.gov.scot/policies/third-sector/> |  | Circulate presentation |
| **7. AOCB** |
|  | There will be a general election on 12th December. Registration will close on 26th November. SVE have been doing work for the need to for our organisations who need to be registered. To register you can go onto gov.uk. Organisations can campaign on policy issues related to your charity.  |  |  |
| **8. Close** |
|  | Natalie thanked everyone for attending the Third Sector Leader’s forum.  |  |  |
| **9. Next Meeting** |
|  | Tuesday 11 February 2020 – The Barracks Conference Centre |  |  |